

# Illinois Valley News

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## JoCo Sheriff responds to shooting death on Waldo Rd.

According to a press release from the Oregon State Police (OSP) Jason George, 25, was found dead from a gunshot wound Nov. 4. The Josephine County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) received a report of a male who had been shot at 595 Waldo Road in O'Brien. Upon arrival of the sheriff's deputies, it was confirmed that the male was deceased due to a gunshot wound. The Josephine County Major Crime Response Team was requested to respond and assume the investigation. The investigation is being led by the OSP Major Crime Division.

George is originally from North Carolina however has been residing in the Cave Junction area for the last couple of years. The investigation is an active homicide investigation and the suspect(s) are still outstanding.

Anyone with information in regards to the investigation is asked to call the OSP Dispatch Center, 541-664-4600.

The Josephine County Major Crimes Team is made up of members from the OSP Major Crime Division, The Grants Pass Department of Public Safety Criminal Investigation Division, The Josephine County District Attorney's Office and the JCSO.

No further information to be released at this time.

## Fall Colors



(Photo by Laura Mancuso, Illinois Valley News)

Not to be outdone by the fall flowers, Illinois Valley foliage gave a show of colors Thursday, Nov. 3.

# Valley rallies for the hungry

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It was "organized chaos" at the Doug Hoskins Resource Center (DHRC) Monday as volunteers quickly unloaded a van filled with food for a line of clients waiting patiently in the cold.



(Photo by Judy Hoyle, Illinois Valley News)

Volunteers Suzanne Vautier (Clockwise from Left), Paul Grad, Bruce Engdahl, David Henry, Don Young, Debbie Taylor and Doug Hoskins Resource Center's pantry manager Tim Leyba thank the community.

By 3 p.m. the numbers of clients had swelled to around 30 as the line started to move through the food bank process.

Things were far different on Halloween following a weekend burglary that emptied the shelves and forced volunteers to turn families away empty handed due to the loss of inventory.

Pantry manager Tim Leyba estimates over \$1,000 worth of food was stolen after thieves broke in and made off with the food using grocery carts. Over \$600 of the loss was chicken reserved for Thanksgiving.

"It's sad that we couldn't feed people because someone was very, very greedy," he said.

He said there's no reason to steal because the burglars could have received free food during business hours. The pantry is only open Mondays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

News of the loss shot through the region following a Channel 10 News report

and donations started flowing in.

Leyba said, "Because of the publicity, people have been sending in donations of food and cash, so, just like last year, we'll be able to sponsor the free Thanksgiving Day dinner from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Jubilee Park."

The event will be co-sponsored by DHRC and the Cultural and Ecological Education Network (CEEN).

The tradition of serving a free Thanksgiving dinner to all comers began with Lynn Boucher, who created the CJ Cares event 28 years ago.

Boucher fractured her hip last year and decided to retire, but a last minute flurry of activity by Eliot Feenstra, Leyba, Vautier and many volunteers resulted in a successful continuation of the annual community highlight.

"We're looking for anyone who's willing to cook a turkey for us, we'll probably have about 10," Leyba said. Volunteer cooks are asked to call 541-291-8860 to arrange pickup and drop off the day of the event. The contact number will also work for those willing to help with the dinner in other capacities.

Leyba made a point to thank DHRC Pantry donors including the Central Point Gleaners, Kerby Market patrons who passed

the hat, Riverside Home Health Care, Table Rock Rood Pantry and Wilbourn Family Farms among others.

"The Turkey Lady gave us a wonderful donation and Lloydeen Davis donated some pies and cakes," he said.

Volunteer Suzanne Vautier said, "We haven't had much food to distribute this past year, so it's great that so many people are willing to help out."

A free Thanksgiving dinner will also be served 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the I.V. Grange located at 3763 Holland Loop Road.

Organizer Roy Barto said, "We're asking those who can to bring potluck dishes to pass. We're cooking two turkeys and all the trimmings."

Bridgeview Church will be providing free rides to the Grange. Those interested are asked to call 541-295-7579 to make a reservation.

The Grange also donated \$400 to the I.V. Baptist Church food bank recently using proceeds from I.V. Haunt, an Oct. 23 spaghetti feed at the Grange and a donation from the Cave Junction Lions Club.

The church distributes food every Monday from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Selma Community and Education Center, located at 18255 Redwood Hwy.

## Don't know who to call? 211 can help you find services

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Health and social services can be found right at your fingertips.

On Friday, Nov. 4 at the Illinois Valley Family Coalition (IVFC) there was 211 training for employees of various nonprofit organizations in the Valley.

The purpose of 211 training was to educate community organizations about 211 Info, which is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) designated Quick Dial phone number similar to the 911 emergency services except this phone number is for getting information about health and social services.

"In Oregon we are very fortunate to have 211 covered

throughout the whole state. One database covers the whole state," said Carrie Prechtel, community engagement coordinator for Jackson and Josephine counties.

Prechtel explained that the resources you can find in the 211 info system include: Crisis situations, shelters, food, bill paying, transportation, recreation, employment, school/GED, housing, renter resources, legal assistance, physical health, dental, adult and youth mental health, addiction, sexual health, abuse intervention, parenting, foster youth, LGBTQ, disabilities and more.

"There are multiple ways to access 211 information," explained Prechtel. You can dial 211 by phone, text your zip code to 898211, search 211.info.org

by website or email questions to help@211.info.org. And currently there is a free Smartphone app sponsored by the Department of Human Services available for iPhones or Androids that you can download by searching for "211 Info."

Prechtel said her favorite ways to use the service would be to call or text.

"The call center is located in Portland and they have wrap-around services," she said, meaning that if someone calls in with one need they can get help with other needs at the same time. "It is easier to call rather than to look up information on-line because you might not know the correct name of a resource and a live technician can help with that. For example if

someone called and was looking for food stamps, a technician would know that is called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) program."

According to Prechtel dialing 211 is confidential and available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. and texting is available Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. She said that at some point the call center would like to be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The only information that is required from callers is their zip code. All other demographic information that is asked for is optional.

During the 2015 calendar year, 432,167 contacts were made in Oregon to 211 and the top five needs of callers were housing and rent; energy assistance; SNAP and

food pantries; shelters; and health clinics and dental care.

Prechtel wanted to assure the organizations that the community information specialists in the information and referral staff were accredited, professional and that they were trained to be very positive and compassionate to all callers. It is also a bonus that they have a bi-lingual staff available.

Some specialty programs now available through 211 are free child care referrals for parents and caregivers; a foster parent support line; and a maternal, child and reproductive health information and referral service.

If you have questions about 211 you can contact Prechtel at 541-210-8631 or visit their Facebook site at 211 info.