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“One thing I’ve noticed - sometimes even with the shyest students - seeing them play music or bringing their own voice to it, they light up,” he said. “Watching kids struggle, working hard and practicing the same phrase over and over again, but then, seeing constant improvement over time, and when they get it right they feel great. They really accomplished something.”

About performances Dargavell said, “We can get the pregame jitters before we perform, but putting that work in and getting up in front of people is a tremendous confidence booster. And in band or choir, like in any sport, it’s all about team building. It’s not just about becoming a better musician individually, but more about being this one piece of a huge puzzle coming together. It’s a great way to meet others who are all striving toward the same goal, because everyone wants everyone to do well, for the sake of the ensemble.”

Dargavell said the band this year is “really small” but that he expected this to be the case, with the transition of a new band director. Though he said all his students are “super motivated and exceptionally cooperative. “It’s also my first year teaching, which has its stresses, but overall I’ve enjoyed it a lot and I’m excited to see what I can do with the program. And, the faculty here have all been incredibly welcoming. Everyone is always asking me if they can do anything to help. I’m looking forward to getting to know the area better and call this place my home.”



Joshua Dargavell

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The council went on to discuss raising revenue for the city through a cannabis sales tax. Earlier this year, the council opted not to refer this same sales tax to the voters based on the fact that the city was still involved in the aforementioned lawsuit. Many councilors felt it was unethical to approve of a sales tax while simultaneously banning cannabis businesses. Now that the city is out of the lawsuit, the sales tax is back on the table. Councilor Margaret Miller pointed out that if a sales tax passes, the revenue raised could be used to hire an ordinance compliance officer to make sure that cannabis businesses are operating within the law.

As to the time, place and manner of cannabis businesses, the council decided to look at the liquor stores for guidance. Council John Gardiner said, “Looking ahead, I just wonder whether the whole time, place and manner rule that applies to alcohol shouldn’t be applied to cannabis.” He suggested that the city start with the same regulations that apply to alcohol

and cigarettes, and then lighten the rules as needed. State agencies already dictate how far away cannabis businesses must be from schools. Councilors briefly debated whether or not to limit the number of cannabis retail stores within the city, with councilor Dan Bosch saying, “It needs to be free market enterprise without being a free-for-all.” The council did not reach consensus on this issue.

Comments from the public came largely from cannabis business-people with suggestions about how the city could move forward in a business-friendly manner. The council welcomed these suggestions, and it was decided that another workshop would be planned to go more in-depth on specific topics that were brought up. At the end of the workshop Gillette noted, “This conversation has opened my eyes that this could be a whole production, from soil on up to store, all within city limits. I think it could generate a lot of income for us.” No date was set for the next workshop, but when it is, it will be posted on the city’s website and announced in the *Illinois Valley News*.

The next city council meeting will be held Monday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, which is located at 222 W. Lister Street. The public is welcome.



Amy Tripp, EPDH, Dental Prevention Program Coordinator at Siskiyou Community Health Center

Improving oral health, one child at a time

Dental disease, if left untreated, can cause pain, infection, loss of teeth, and can lead to chronic health problems later in life. According to the 2012 Oregon Smile Survey, more than half of children ages 6 to 9 have had a cavity and 40% of them go untreated.

Siskiyou Community Health Center’s dental prevention program, **Kids Smile**, offers children the opportunity to receive FREE preventive dental treatments at their school. Started in 2005, the program reaches children kindergarten through second grade at Grants Pass school district and all grades at Three Rivers school district. Already this year, 1,345 kids have been screened.

Kids Smile provides a visual dental health screening and may apply preventive fluoride varnish and/or sealants to teeth when appropriate. These practices reduce tooth decay and help children develop good dental health habits. Services are provided by a professional

Expanded Practice Dental Hygienist with a special permit allowing them to work outside of a dental office. Offering these services at school are not only convenient but also means less time away from the classroom.

Along with school visits, Siskiyou Community Health Center’s dental prevention program provides services for the Women, Infants, and Children program and education and screenings at local events like:

- Kids Dash
- Kids Care Fair
- North Valley Community Safety Fair
- Illinois Valley Pet Parade
- Illinois Valley Health & Wellness Fair
- YMCA Healthy Kids Day
- Saturday Parkways

In February, to celebrate National Children’s Dental Health Month, Siskiyou Community Health Center offers FREE child

“Grants Pass School District 7 is proud of the ongoing partnership we have with Siskiyou Community Health Center. We increased our connection this year as they offered to provide dental screenings for all Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade families. They worked seamlessly with our schools to provide this service and the benefit to kids and families was amazing.”

– **Susan Zottola**,
Director of Elementary Education
at Grants Pass School District 7

dental screenings and cleanings at the Grants Pass and Cave Junction clinics.

Siskiyou Community Health Center is a patient-centered primary care home with locations in Grants Pass, Cave Junction and Medford. They offer primary medical care for the whole family, a Walk-In Clinic, Dental Clinic, Pharmacy, Laboratory & X-Ray services, Behavioral Health and a Healthy Families program.

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