

199 closed for death investigation



(Photo by IVFD Media)

On Nov. 19, near 3:22 p.m., Oregon State Police (OSP) and emergency personnel responded to a two-vehicle crash on Hwy 199 near milepost 30.5, south of Cave Junction, that took the life of Cave Junction resident Evelyn Parmerlee, 89.

According to a press release from OSP, the preliminary investigation revealed that the white 1993 Chevy S10 Blazer operated by Parmerlee, was traveling south on Hwy 199. Parmerlee attempted to turn left onto Pinewood Way when her vehicle crashed head-on with a brown 1988 Ford Bronco II,

operated by Michael Finley II, 54, also of Cave Junction.

Parmerlee suffered fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene. Finley and his passenger, Rachel Lawson, 44, of Cave Junction were transported by American Medical Response (AMR) to Three Rivers Medical Center with serious injuries.

US Hwy 199 was closed for approximately 3 hours after the crash.

OSP was assisted on scene by Josephine County Sheriff's Office, Illinois Valley Fire District, AMR and Oregon Department of Transportation.

Your critters only have you to depend on!

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Animals, just like people, become accustomed to comfortable summertime conditions; but when winter sets in domestic pets and livestock kept outdoors must burn more calories to stay warm. And when temperatures drop below freezing, these outdoor animals need plenty of good quality feed and open (preferably warmed) water to help fight hypothermia.

While wild animals can usually help themselves, domestic animals locked in enclosures are completely dependent upon their human caretakers to ensure that the cold, wet weather does not cause discomfort, illness or death.

It's illegal to keep animals outdoors without adequate food, water and a way to get out of the rain or snow - but oftentimes neglected animals suffer in silence beyond the view of the public. Some people who bear witness to mistreated animals might think it's none of their business, or, maybe they've become conditioned to the abuse or neglect, so they turn away. But what if one person's observations are the only thing that might keep an animal alive or relieve its suffering? Volunteers and staff with the Josephine County Animal Shelter want people to call 541-474-5458 to report any animal abuse or neglect.

Child psychologists say young children do not distinguish between animals and people, considering animals to be other

living beings that simply have a different shape. Psychologist Matthew Smith said, "When children, especially under the age of six, witness neglected or mistreated animals, the message they internalize is that some beings do not matter. This can sow the seeds of intolerance and racism. It's far better for healthy human development for children to be exposed to kind and compassionate care of all creatures."

One positive example for children to observe is to go around on the coldest mornings and bring all the animals warmed water. And don't forget the wild birds! Wild birds need open water as much as they need food during cold snaps, so when temperatures dip below freezing at night, setting out pans of lukewarm water at dawn

is a great boost for our feathered friends.

Livestock also appreciate warmed water. While breaking ice on the surface of a water trough is crucial, removing the ice and adding some hot water makes an even better difference. In particular, horses don't like drinking cold water. Studies indicate that up to 80 percent of winter colic in horses - especially older horses - can be avoided if their water source is kept warmer. Filling buckets with hot water and pouring slowly into the water trough a few times daily works well.

Hypothermia occurs when animals can't maintain their body temperatures - and this occurs more often in the very old or very young, sick, or in animals who have bad circulation. **SEE COLD ON A-3**

Grocery Outlet Bargain Market to open December 6

Thirty locals will now have employment when Grocery Outlet Bargain Market (GO) opens its Cave Junction location Dec. 6

According to a press release from GO, Ethan Lane, the Cave Junction store's independent owner-operator, invites the community to attend the grand opening celebration Dec. 6, beginning at 8:55 a.m.

According to a release from GO, following the ceremony, a donation will be presented on behalf of GO to Illinois Valley High School College and Career Center at 11 a.m. The amount that shoppers saved on their grocery purchases during the store's first hour of operation will determine the donation amount. The first 200 customers of the day will also receive GO Bargain Bucks gift cards in "mystery" amounts ranging from \$5 to \$200. All shoppers will receive a free reusable bag, while supplies last. Lastly, from Dec. 6 - Jan. 3, customers may enter for a chance to win a Grand Prize of FREE groceries for one year!

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Dead bird do's and don'ts

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Did you know that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has an entire web page titled "What to do if you find a dead bird?"

There are two key reasons this page exists, both centering on health issues. First, the page discusses when to report dead bird sightings to ODFW's dead bird reporting hotline.

However, let's back up and first discuss when NOT to report. Birds die from any number of

things and ODFW doesn't need to know about all of them. Use common sense when deciding whether or not to report. If you know the cause of death, (e.g. window hit, predator, collision with car, etc.) do not report.

When do you call that hotline (888-968-2600)? For now, the hotline is mostly concerned with waterfowl and possible cases of either bird flu (H5N1) or West Nile Virus (WNV) so call only:

- When multiple or clusters of birds are ill or dying.
- If the dead or sick

bird is a duck, goose, swan, or shorebird (sandpiper, phalarope, dowitcher). Call if the incident includes single or multiple birds.

• If the incident is unusual or unexplained (bird acting sick, dies acutely while flying).

If necessary, how do you dispose of a dead bird? **Here are ODFW's tips:**

Birds that died from trauma or predation can be disposed of using the following guidelines:

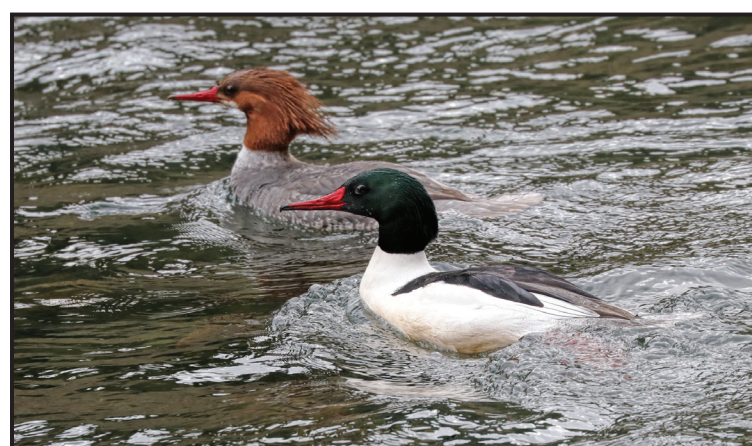
- Avoid direct contact with the bird. Wear disposable rubber gloves while handling the bird or wear gloves that you can immediately put through a hot soapy wash. A dead bird can also be picked up by inverting a plastic bag on your hand and grasping the bird through the plastic.
- Double bag the bird in plastic bags and place in a sealed garbage can or other safe container where it cannot be disturbed by other animals.
- Do not bring the bird into your home.

• Do not eat, drink, smoke or touch your face with the gloves while handling the bird.

• Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after handling the bird.

Last, but definitely not least, **to prevent illness in birds and the spread of disease keep your bird feeders clean by following this routine:**

- Providing fresh seed without mold.
 - Cleaning feeders, water containers and bird baths weekly with a solution of one third cup of chlorine bleach per one gallon of water.
 - Cleaning up old seed below the feeders.
 - Discontinue feeding for at least one month in the event that birds die at your feeder.
- This is especially important as we enter our wet time of year. As we all know too well, things mold and mildew quickly here in Southern Oregon.



(Photo by Christy Solo, Illinois Valley News)

Mergansers fishing on the upper Rogue River.