

Obituaries

Celebration of Life Service for Michele Colbert Saturday Feb. 8, 2020 11 a.m. at Bridgeview Community Church

Come and join us as we celebrate the life of our dear sister and friend!

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Can you spot 12 differences between these pictures?



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Solution: 1. End of girl's hair braid is hidden. 2. Part of horse's rein is hidden. 3. Pocket on girl's pants is colored in. 4. Tuft of hair on tail is missing. 5. Puddle on cow's back has moved. 6. Hole in wooden barrel has moved. 7. Tuft of grass on cow's back is different. 8. Spot on cow's back has moved. 9. Spot on cow's back is different. 10. Spot on cow's back is different. 11. Pattern on cow's back is different. 12. Puddle is larger.

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‘News & Views’ tackles the fables of vaccines

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Immunizations were the hot topic during the KXCJ “Valley News & Views” radio program Jan. 21 hosted by Station Manager Keeeth Withirees. Director of Josephine County Public Health Michael Weber, Lead Medical Director at AllCare Health Dr. Kelley Burnett and Josephine County Public Health officer Dr. David Candelaria, spoke about the timely topic of child immunizations. A main takeaway was that there is a Feb. 19 exclusion deadline approaching in Josephine County. The three guests took turns going over vaccine basics at the beginning of the show. Vaccinations help the body to develop antibodies to fight a specific disease in an entire population, creating “immune memory” using organisms similar to the organisms responsible for the disease. When asked if parents don’t vaccinate their kids out of ignorance or if it’s more of a mindful decision, Burnett said, “It’s typically a very mindful decision.” Ways to opt out of vaccination programs were discussed with exemptions made for pregnant women, infants, and people with compromised immune systems as well as non-medical exemptions. Informational resources for non-medical exemptions

can be found on the Oregon.gov website complete with downloadable documents which can be submitted to schools. Dr. Burnett suggested that approximately one half of exemptions are due to medical reasons and the other half are opting out for religious or philosophical reasons. Herd immunity, defined as the resistance to the spread of a contagious disease within a population that results if a sufficiently high proportion of individuals are immune to the disease, especially through vaccination, proves to be an integral part of vaccination program planning. For the Josephine County Health Department the herd immunity goal is to have 93-95% of the total population vaccinated. This protects the health of people who are unable to be vaccinated. Dr. Burnett surmised that current generations of people don’t remember the health scares and tragedies that were common before many vaccinations for diseases such as polio, chicken pox, small pox, influenza and measles were available and that this can lead to misunderstandings about the role of vaccines. The host asked about general mistrust of ‘big pharma’ companies which are sometimes perceived to be more powerful than governments. This point was acknowledged by all three guests but they were quick to point out that all vaccines are

tested rigorously and are thus safe. Dr. Burnett referred to vaccines as “sinkholes” because of the high administrative costs physicians bear in providing immunizations. She stated, “Reimbursements aren’t commensurate with costs and cost risks.” One caller wanted to know why flu shots are less efficient than other vaccinations and it’s because producers are forecasting and predicting which flu strains are going to be a problem a year in advance so their efficacy can be less than the 93-95%. Flu shots are still recommended as getting one can still make the flu less intense and last a shorter period of time if you do get the flu. Another call put out a question about Thimerosal which is a form of mercury found in some vaccines. There are two types of mercury, ethyl and methyl, one toxic and one not as toxic. Weber stated that there is about, “...15 times the mercury in breast milk than in a flu vaccine and that it and other additives occur in very small amounts. For example there is more formaldehyde in our bloodstream, produced by our own bodies, than in a shot.” Go to jocochild.org for more information. Tune in to the “Valley News & Views,” broadcast Tuesdays 6-7 p.m. at 105.7 FM or listen live streaming on www.kxcj.org.

Environmental film fest readies for 18th year

The largest and longest running environmental film festival in Southern Oregon, Siskiyou Film Fest, will celebrate its 18th anniversary Sunday, Feb. 9 at 2 p.m. All are welcome to this family friendly event, which has become a Southern Oregon tradition celebrating the environment and inspiring activism through the heart of film. KS Wild’s Siskiyou Film Fest focuses on the activism, science and history of the environmental movement and features award-winning films about people creating real world solutions to today’s environmental challenges on a local, regional and global scale. Whenever possible films produced in or near Oregon or the Klamath-Siskiyou region are offered. These films are meant to inspire you to action. This year the lineup of films is wilder than ever with a special tribute to Grandma Aggie and a Q&A session with some producers and filmmakers. Chef Kristen with Jefferson Farm Kitchen is back for the fifth year minimizing waste with locally sourced organic street food! The new silent raffle will be filled with amazing gifts and adventures. Don’t forget to stop by and take action with the community showcase, where local organizations will be tabling before the films start and during intermission. The event will also be chock full of local nonprofit groups giving back to our community and earth. Siskiyou Film Fest

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Save the date

Jan. 29

Point in Time Homeless Count at I.V. Family Coalition, 535 E. River St. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29. All confidential! Free supplies and a warm meal provided.

Feb. 1

JoCo Animal Shelter, \$10 rabies vaccines, \$10 microchips: Saturday, Feb. 1, 1 - 4 p.m. (or as supplies last) At the JoCo Fairgrounds. Dogs must be leashed, cats must be in a secure carrier. Limit 3 pets per person. Pets must be 8 weeks for microchip and 12 weeks for rabies. They will not vaccinate pets that are ill, on antibiotics, in heat, or on cortisone products.

Now till April 15

Tax time! AARP, Josephine County Tax Aid and the Illinois Valley Family Coalition are proud to be working together again this year to bring free tax filing for those with low to moderate income. To schedule your appointment please visit: joco-freetaxes.com or call 541-592-6139 *** The AARP JoCo Tax Aid program is available free to community members with low and moderate income, with special attention to those 60 and older. Tax Aid Volunteers are certified by the

IRS to assist tax payers in preparing Federal and Oregon tax returns.

Ongoing

*Kaleidoscope at I.V. Family Coalition, 525 E. River St., CJ. Free weekly playgroup open to all children ages 0-5 and their parent(s) and/or caregivers (grandparent, aunt, uncle, older brother/sister or friends). Siblings welcome. Fridays from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. For more information call Jenn Searle 541-592-6139 or jenn115@frontier.com

*SMART readers needed! Come read with kindergarteners Tuesday afternoons at Evergreen Elementary-become a SMART Reader! You can make a difference in a child’s life and help them connect with books. People of all ages and abilities wanted. Visit www.smartreading.org or call 541-734-5628 to learn how you can help.

*Cave Junction Homeless Alliance (CJHA) is looking for volunteers. Please contact: Jimmy Evans E-Mail: jevans@cjhaleless.org or Phone: 541-592-2407 (Message) PM: Messenger.

*CJ NEX (Needle Exchange) Mondays from 12-3 at the Immanuel United Methodist Church across from Shop Smart.

Free HIV and Hepatitis C testing as well as needle exchange, overdose response and naloxone training.

*Weekly Community Watch meetings are taking a break for the winter. Look forward to seeing you all in the spring.

*Line dancing in Cave Junction, Free, for more information call 541-415-1410. Wednesday beginners line dancing group from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. meets at the Church of Latter Day Saints, 207 South Junction Ave. Entrance and parking in the back. Saturday beginners group meets at the Healthy U, 535 E. River St. beginners 11 a.m. - noon and more advanced noon - 1

*The Sheriff’s Office Substation in Cave Junction is now open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 to 2. Volunteers are still needed to staff another day and expand hours. Applications are available at the substation or online at http://www.co.josephine.or.us/Files/Volunteer. For information call 541-474-5123.

*Cave Junction Patrol, LLC is looking for volunteers. CJ Patrol is a private citizen volunteer organization dedicated to effectively addressing heretofore-unchecked property crime in our city and neighborhoods. The primary mission of CJ Patrol is to prevent,

interrupt, report and decrease property crime in the city of Cave Junction. Call 541-592-9665 or visit cjpatrol.org.

*The Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance is excited to announce the launch of our after-hours Crisis Line which can be reached at 541-415-9367. The new local crisis line will be answered any hours the Safe House is closed. The line will be answered by an advocate who will be able to respond locally, also recognizing the barriers that may come up due to our rural location. For more information contact the Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance 541-592-2515.

*Public Health Clinic- Location: I.V. Family Coalition, 535 E. River St., CJ, 1st Thursday of every month. Services offered STI Testing/Treatment, Women’s Health Exams (Annuals/Problem Visits), Birth Control (All Methods Available), Pregnancy Testing, Pre-pregnancy counseling. 3rd Thursday of every month: STI testing/treatment, birth control counseling (methods limited), Pregnancy Testing, Immunizations. Call 541-474-5329 for an appointment, and make sure to tell the receptionist to schedule you in CJ. Walk-ins welcome! Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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