

From the mayor’s desk:

by Meadow Martell



Week 1 Phase 2. It has been a relief to see some rain and the Illinois River come up closer to the average for

this time of the year. My garden loves it. Then so does the grass and that is a different problem. Josephine County, and 28 other counties, entered Phase 2. This phase has added: some indoor and outdoor entertainment; non-contract sports like tennis and pickleball; venues like arenas, theatres and churches; indoor and outdoor seating at restaurants, wineries and bars; and youth clubs. Maximum indoor and outdoor numbers have also

increased. Of course, all these sectors have guidelines that include gathering size and physical distancing requirements. Although things are slowly starting to come back online, it still will not be business as usual. Here is a tool you can look up that shows all the phases and types of activities and events allowed- OHA 2689 Reopening Guidance Tool. It is helpful to see it clearly laid out. Oregon has seen increases in the number

of new confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases, some of this can be attributed to more widespread testing, increased contact tracing and some workplace outbreaks. Although the number is higher, the overall rate of infection in Oregon remains among the lowest in the United States. Dr. Dean Sidelinger, the Oregon state health officer and State epidemiologist, has stated that once in Phase 2, even if we have an increase in cases, we will not move

back to Phase 1. All counties in Phase 2 have the capacity to trace contacts of new positive cases and ensure that they quarantine at home. I know everyone is tired of hearing about COVID-19 and the “new norm”. The reality is that Phase 2 will likely be with us for a long time, at least until September and possibly longer. It all depends on the availability of a reliable treatment or vaccine. Until then face coverings, regular handwashing and distance

seating will just be part of our daily lives. Please respect businesses and the guidelines they have in place to keep employees and customers safe. Recently, “We are all in this together” has taken on a whole new meaning in our country. We are a nation of many colors and it is sad and criminal to see that the color of a person’s skin still determines how they are treated. Change is not “out there” somewhere. It starts with each of us individually.

~ Poets portion ~

Infectious Love

Could kindness be contagious?
How could Love for Humanity
spread from one human heart to the next like a
communicable ease,
infecting one heart, then another, then another;
with compassion for the suffering of others?
What would a pandemic outbreak of kindness look
like?

C P Gardiner

rattlesnake

there’s the rattlesnake
again
this time in my waking
dream

yesterday a dead branch
latching onto my foot

today, submerged in dry
leaves,
the eroding bungee cord

I’ve been holding on to
the coiling image, the
actual

rattlesnake I saw last
week, carefully

in a glass aquarium I
formed in my mind

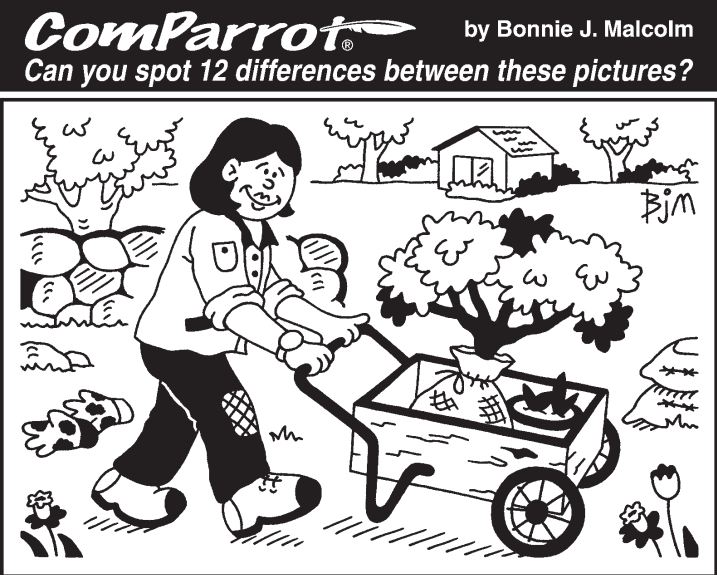
I’m tired of timidly
studying
its movements and
reactions

I smash the glass
allow the snake to pour
forth

and follow the stream of
muscle –

the flexible scales
feathering light

Michael Spring



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Solution: 1. Branch on bush is missing. 2. Frame on window is missing. 3. Cuff on glove is missing. 4. Rock beside wall is missing. 5. Cuff on glove is colored in. 6. Rock at bottom of wall is colored in. 7. Lady's watch is colored in. 8. Grass behind lady has moved. 9. Shirt tail is different. 10. Handbag on cart is different. 11. Leaf on flower is reversed. 12. Corner of sack is wider.



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Save the date

June 13
Fallen Firefighter Fundraiser, endorsed by IVFD and Chief Holmes - Saturday, June 13 at the Lions Club Building, 110 N. Redwood Hwy., Cave Junction All proceeds go to the Fallen Firefighters Fund. Food Trucks, Bake Sale, Car Wash, Can and bottle Drove. Bring your own masks, hand sanitizer provided - Information/Vendors/Donations - Call Richard Milner 541-659-8355.

June 15 - Aug. 14
Summer Feeding site for 2020 Meals are available FREE for children 1-18. (closed July 3) Breakfast and Lunch from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Monday - Friday, Evergreen Elementary School, 520 W. River St., Cave Junction. (Weekend meals will be handed out with Friday’s meals.)

June 17
CEEN has scheduled the Helicopter Survey for Alyssum for June 17. We will be searching

in areas where Alyssum has been found or suspected, and following Rough & Ready Creek and the Illinois River. The survey is scheduled when Alyssum will be in peak bloom so it can be seen from the air. Alyssum murale and Alyssum corsicum were planted in the Illinois Valley by Viridian, a company from Texas, in a failed experiment to pull nickle out of the soil. Plants escaped the fields and is now listed as a A rated weed in Oregon. Alyssum is toxic to wildlife and livestock due to the accumulation of heavy metals. The survey is funded by a grant from the Oregon State Weed Board.

June 25
Blood Drive Illinois Valley Community. Illinois Valley Senior Center, 520 E. River St. Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. To schedule you appointment or for more information, contact American Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit www.redcrossblood.org.

****Notice of Cancellation: AARP TAX SERVICES** at I.V. Family Coalition (IVFC) has opted to cancel the season entirely due to COVID-19. So there will be no taxes done this year by AARP at the IVFC.

JOE’s Place Cave Junction is Open!
We are so excited to announce that JOE’s Place Ministries is opening up for food service, personal activities and socializing.

NEW LOCATION: On Tuesday May 19, 2020 we will be at our new location behind River Valley Restaurant on Hwy 199 at East River St from 3 - 5 p.m. for youth ages 12 - 20 years old. We cannot use the school district property until they reopen.

The youth will definitely see a change in how we offer our services. We will be practicing social distancing, sanitizing of tables, chairs and equipment. We will also limit the number of youth to 25 per state guidelines. All staff members with be giving out food and snacks on an individual basis. I pray that our youth return for

a hot meal and fellowship. Any questions, please email me at roger@joesplaceministries.org.

Ongoing
***The Food Bank at Doug Hoskins’ Resource Center/** Assembly of God Church is still open at 481 S. Junction Ave. in Cave Junction Mondays from 2-4 p.m. The new procedure is to line up in your car and a box will be brought out to you. (Directions are available on site.) If you are vegetarian or other special needs a specific box will be brought out to you in your car.

***The Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance** after-hours Crisis Line 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.

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