

From the mayor’s desk: by Meadow Martell



It is time to settle down and realize that the new norm, COVID-19, is here for longer than any of us wanted. Cases in the U.S. are soaring, setting single-day records. Five states, including Oregon, all recorded single-day record highs. These higher figures are not just because we are testing more. The data also shows that the infection rate is also climbing. In Josephine County we are experiencing the same increases.

Since we started reopening, COVID-19 is being spreading more among social activities involving groups of younger people. Fifty-five percent of the total cases now are in the 20-49 age group. This seems to be happening most when people get together to celebrate with family and friends and acting like everything is normal. It is not. While it is difficult not to celebrate these events as we have in the past, COVID-19

is spreading in our communities and people must think hard about altering daily routines that may put people at risk.

We can show we care about vulnerable people in our community and limit the size of our gatherings, keeping our distance, and covering our faces. Yes, I know masks can be uncomfortable, but it is not an excuse to risk infecting other people. Face shields are an option for some people. However, experts are saying face shields have limits to the amount of protection they offer, and their efficacy has not yet been widely studied. For now, face masks are the better option for most people. While wearing a face mask will prevent you from spreading COVID-19 if you have and don’t know it, physical distancing and frequent, thorough hand washing are still the best ways to avoid getting COVID-19.

Thursday, July 16, the Josephine County OEM, and the Family Coalition on River Street will be hosting a mask handout. I don’t have the details yet, but we will put it on the City of Cave Junction website.

Don’t forget that if you are a non-profit or local business in the city limits affected by COVID-19, applications for SRS funding must be delivered to City Hall no later than July 17 at 4 p.m. Emailed or faxed request will not be accepted. Check the I.V. News this Wednesday July 15 for more details.

The City will be doing a regular 15-minute update on any topic, Tuesdays on KXCJ at 6 pm.

I will leave you with this quote that I am using for a mantra: It’s all about finding the calm in the chaos. --Donna Karan

Fish more vulnerable to warming water than first thought

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Global warming looks like it will be a bigger problem for the world’s fish species than scientists first thought: A new study shows that when fish are spawning or are embryos they are more vulnerable to hotter water.

With medium-level human-caused climate change expected by the end of the century, the world’s oceans, rivers and lakes will be too hot for about 40% of the world’s fish species in the spawning or embryonic life stages, according to a study in Thursday’s journal Science. That means they could go extinct or be forced to change how and where they live and reproduce.

Until now, biologists had just studied adult fish. For adult fish, around 2% to 3% of the species would be in the too-hot zone in the year 2100 with similar projected warming. So using this new approach reveals a previously unknown problem for the future of

fish, scientists said.

In a worst-case climate change scenario, which some scientists said is increasingly unlikely, the figure for species in trouble jumps to 60%.

These vulnerable times in the life of a fish make this a “bottleneck” in the future health of species, said study co-author Hans-Otto Portner, a marine biologist at the Alfred Wegener Institute in Germany.

A marine heatwave last year, known as a blob, caused large numbers of migrating salmon to die throughout Alaska’s rivers. It also killed off cod eggs, showing what a warmer future might be like, said study lead author Flemming Dahlke, a marine biologist at the institute.

“With spawning fish and embryos most sensitive to warming waters, it means fish populations won’t be able to replace themselves,” said Rutgers University ecologist Malin Pinsky, who wasn’t part of the study but praised it. “Without reproduction and

offspring, we have no fish, no fishing and no fish on our plates.”

In studying 694 species, Dahlke and Portner found some of the fish likely to be hardest hit by this phenomenon include Alaska pollock — the biggest fishery in the United States and the source of fast food fillets — and well-known species such as sockeye salmon, brown trout, bonito, barracuda and swordfish.

“The more we allow temperature to change ... the more we will lose the natural foundation of human life, including food from the sea,” Portner said.

When it gets too warm for spawning, the species could still possibly move to someplace cooler or spawn at another time, but that’s not easy, Dahlke said. “This could mean a lot of problems to many species.”

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Obituaries



Leila (Connie) Beck,
99, died July 7, 2020 in Cave Junction where she had been staying with

longtime resident and family friend, Sue Robinson Hurtgen. Connie was born to Charles and Lottie Moore Conway March 5, 1921 at the home of her Aunt Lilly in Chico, Calif. and later attended schools in Cohasset and Los Molinos, Calif.

On June 29, 1942, Connie married Richard Beck in San Francisco where they lived before moving to Holland, Ore. in 1945 to a ranch that is now known as Foris Vineyard. She attended the Assembly of God church in Kerby where she had given her heart to the Lord Oct. 1, 1951. She and her family lived in the Illinois Valley until moving to Grants Pass in 1961. After the death of her husband, Connie moved to Chico, Calif. in 1988 to be near her sisters. While there, she volunteered at a local hospital until moving to Tacoma, Wash. in 1993 to be near her children and

grandchildren. She attended the Lake-wood, Washington Baptist church for over 20 years and will leave behind some very dear friends.

After becoming ill in 2019, she returned to Cave Junction to stay with retired hospice nurse, Sue Hurtgen. She improved enough to not only attend church but also get in a few last camping trips, something she really enjoyed.

Connie was preceded in death by her husband Rick; sisters, Donna and Berniece; son Richard; daughter Donna and grandson Josh. She is survived by daughter Sherrylye; granddaughter Ricki; grandson Cameron; great-grandsons Sky and Devin; and many nieces and nephews. A small family service was held Tuesday, July 14 at the Fountain of Life Assembly of God church in Cave Junction with Pastor Mark McLean officiating. Pri-

vate interment at Eagle Point Veterans’ National Cemetery. Hull & Hull Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements.

Macy

Born and raised in Selma, she joined the medical team at Clear Creek Family Practice as soon as she was housebroken. She eventually worked her way up to Human Resource Director, Phlebotomy Supervisor, and Chief Executive Officer. Macy was forced to retire after 16 years last March only because she could not wear a face mask. She was always proud of her well trained staff-pack.

She was always grateful for the opportunity to meet so many nice people. She approached everyone with kindness, knowing people are complicated. Macy enjoyed every-

thing outdoors, from running on the beach, to romping in snow, to exploring lava tubes and redwoods.

She urged us to get outside and have more adventures. Good advice.

In her memory, please be kind to all critters, no matter their breed or number of legs.





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The Laurel Cemetery Association-LCA

Save the date

July 16

JoCo Emergency Management staff to distribute free masks July 16. In the Illinois Valley at Illinois Valley Family Coalition (535 E. River St., Cave Junction), 10 a.m. to noon, More info on A-5.

July 18

ATTENTION: **The Selma Center Food** Pantry is moving to Saturday from 9-10:30Aa. m. starting:

****THIS SATURDAY July 18th.****

There will be **NO PANTRY THIS THURSDAY July 16.**

If you are a volunteer or client, please help us spread the word!

Oct. 9

The 5th annual Upcycle Art & Furni-

ture Cotnest: Time to get busy. Judging for the 5th annual Upcycle Art & Furniture Cpon-test is Oct. 9 at 3:30 p.m. at the Farmers’ Market. Remember – use junk – make something really cool; furniture must be sturdy. Judging and awards will be given at 5 p.m. You can sell your piece if you would like. Judging will be on creativity. You could win \$500 for 1st place, \$300 for second or \$200 for third.

****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!

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.

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.

Letters to the editor on A-5

Eating Crow Corrections

Last week we ran an article entitled “Senior thrift store curbs hours, seek volunteers” and it should have stated that it was the Valley Girls Quilt Club members, *individually* making masks for the thrift store, and NOT the Valley Girls as a group. We regret the error. ~lmm

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