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Lane County Health confirms case of measles

EUGENE — Lane County Public Health has confirmed a case of measles in Lane County. Currently, it is believed that this case is linked epidemiologically to the Disneyland Cluster in Southern California and is the first in Lane County since 2007.

Measles is an acute, highly contagious viral disease that begins with flu-like symptoms

that progress into high fever and a rash that covers the whole body. Symptoms usually take 10-12 days to appear, and an individual is able to transmit the virus from four days prior to four days after rash onset.

Measles is rarely life-threatening, but those with very young children, people who are older, or people with suppressed immune systems are at

a higher risk of pneumonia, brain infection, and death.

"The best way to protect yourself from the virus is to get the MMR (Measles-Mumps-Rubella) vaccine. Most people got it when they were less than a year old, but it is never too late to protect yourself," said Dr. Patrick Luedtke, Public Health Officer of Lane County. In Oregon, two doses of

measles vaccination, given at least four weeks apart, have been required for school children since 1998. People are considered immune to measles if they received these vaccinations or if they have had measles in their lifetime.

Currently, Lane County Public Health is conducting a full epidemiological investigation to determine the potential

reach and contacts of this case.

If you think that you may have measles, stay home and call your health care provider from there. Don't go into the doctor's office or clinic, because you may be putting those around you at unnecessary risk.

For more information, call Lane County Public Health at 541-682-4041.

IN BRIEF

British Car Club meets today

The Central Oregon Coast British Car Club will hold its first monthly meeting for 2015, rain or shine, on Saturday, Jan. 24, at 9 a.m., at Kozy Kitchen Restaurant, 820 Highway 101.

Plans for electing officers will be forming. Anyone interested in British vehicles is welcome to attend.

For more information, call 541-997-7354

Learn to bowl better

The Central Oregon Coast Bowling Association is sponsoring a bowling clinic for new or beginning bowlers on Saturday, Jan. 24.

Instructor will be John Vansickle, a certified level one USBC coach. Location will be Holiday Bowl, from 2 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$5.

For more information, call Norma Parry at 541-997-9491.

Biondi to celebrate birthday with bash

Big Biondi's Birthday Bash will take place Sunday, Jan. 25, at the Travelers Cove Restaurant, 1362 Bay St., where he has been performing for 15 years. The celebration begins at 9 p.m. and will include other birthday celebrations. Biondi is also celebrating that his second bout with cancer is in remission.

Luncheon to benefit Mapleton Food Share

An annual luncheon and game party benefitting Mapleton Food Share will take place Jan. 26, beginning at 11:30 a.m., at the Florence Elks Lodge.

Admission to the event will be \$12, with lunch provided by the Elks Lodge's chefs promptly at noon.

There will also be door prizes, a raffle and table games.

Any non-perishable food items will be accepted at that time for Mapleton Food Share.

All proceeds will go to Mapleton Food Share.

For more information or to register, contact Jan Naylor at 541-997-9396.

Community Chorus begins Jan. 26

Anyone who likes to sing should consider joining the Community Chorus of Florence Oregon.

Registration for the spring session is 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 26, at Cross Road Church on 10th and Maple streets.

The registration fee is \$60 with financial aide available for those who qualify. Rehearsals are every Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Cross Road Church. For more information, visit www.communitychorusflorenceor.org, or call 541-902-8567.

Women in Transition registration to begin

Free orientations previewing the Women in Transition program at Lane Community College will be held Tuesday, Jan. 27, from 1:30 to 4 p.m., and again Wednesday, Feb. 4, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Women's Center, Building 1, Room 202, main campus in Eugene, 4000 E. 30th Avenue.

Interested participants are invited to come learn about the

courses which empower women to become economically and emotionally self-sufficient through access to education and training.

For more information, call the Lane Women's Center at 541-463-5353.

Make a Difference Day Jan. 28

On Wednesday, Jan. 28, all five Roby's Furniture locations will be closed to allow all employees to participate in the fourth annual Make a Difference Day.

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This year, the Florence location is at Siuslaw Outreach Services to help with interior painting and landscaping.

Humane Society hosts event Jan. 31

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