

Prevention from 9A

A 2011 study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated that the financial costs associated with confirmed cases of child maltreatment amounted to \$124 billion per year — more than annual federal spending on education.

Reducing these burdens means addressing cycles of abuse and identifying risk factors.

“The biggest issue is poverty,” said Mann-Heintz. “When adults are stressed, they don’t always use the best parenting practices.”

Poverty consistently shows up as a risk factor in child abuse studies as it’s a lightning rod for a host of other troubles including stress, substance abuse and chaotic housing situations.

Government systems exist to



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On April 2, Florence Mayor Joe Henry presents 90by30 with a Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation, saying, “Preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community.”

relieve some parental burdens and enforce corrective measures, but a great deal of reform efforts start with grassroots organizations and robust community support.

Moreover, studies suggest strong communities raise the tide for all. According to the WHO’s World Report on Violence and Health, strong social cohesion in a community

overrides risk factors such as poverty, violence, substance abuse and parents who lack education.

“Societal support for parents is critical to making kids safe,”

said Mann-Heintz.

Because child welfare services and other governmental entities’ methods can sometimes be punitive, they tend to be among the least trusted sources of aid. As a result, parents or guardians in need are more comfortable reaching out to their neighbors and friends.

On child abuse prevention, ODHS states, “All citizens have a responsibility to prevent child abuse and protect children. An individual can help children in a variety of ways, from simply being a friend to protecting them from abuse.”

In Part II of this series next week, Siuslaw News will explore the programs, options and efforts to reduce the risk factors of abuse and offer support for child abuse victims.

For more information about Child Abuse Prevention Month, visit getinvolved.lanecounty.org.

‘Lives Well Lived’ film comes to City Lights

Award-winning filmmaker Sky Bergman, from San Luis Obispo, Calif., will screen her documentary “Lives Well Lived” at City Lights Cinemas, 1930 Highway 101, on Sunday, April 15, at 3 p.m.

People can view the trailer for the film at www.lives-well-lived.com.

“Lives Well Lived” cele-

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The film features 40 people who share their intimate memories, inspiring personal histories, secrets and insights into living a meaningful life. With collective life experience of 3,000 years, their thoughtful perspectives reveal a treasure of life lessons and a reminder of the greatest role models in our own families.

“It has been a six-year-long

labor of love to see this film to fruition. From the first days filming in my grandmother’s kitchen, to the moment of the final edits, it is a great honor to share the stories of the amazing people featured in the film. It has been a dream come true to share their words of wisdom with the world,” said filmmaker Bergman.

For more information on “Lives Well Lived” at City Lights Cinemas, visit www.citylightscinemas.com.

Spirituali-Tea to discuss ‘absolute repose,’ nature

This Monday, April 9, beginning at 6:30 p.m., people are invited to join a group that enjoys finding the common grounds in diverse spiritual thoughts and paths.

The topic for Monday’s gathering is “Absolute Repose.”

Absolute repose does not exist in nature. All things either make progress or lose ground. Everything moves forward or backward, nothing is without motion.

“From his birth, a man progresses physically until he reaches maturity, then, having arrived at the prime of his life, he begins to decline, the strength and powers of his body decrease, and he gradually arrives at the hour of death. Likewise a plant progresses from the seed to maturity, then its life begins

to lessen until it fades and dies. A bird soars to a certain height and having reached the highest possible point in its flight, begins its descent to earth,” Bahá’i writings say. “Thus it is evident that movement is essential to all existence. All material things progress to a certain point, then begin to decline. This is the law which governs the whole physical creation.”

Bring your thoughts on the subject for open discussion.

The gathering will end at 8 p.m. with prayers for the requests left in the Prayer Pole in the garden of the Florence Playhouse and those shared by the group.

Meetings are held at 875 Seventh St. in Florence.

For more information call Suzanne Mann-Heintz at 541-590-0779.

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