

**Siuslaw News**  
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# Opinion

## Everyone plays a role in preventing child abuse

*(Editor's Note: Throughout April, Siuslaw News will be featuring Guest Viewpoints, editorials and a special series highlighting Child Abuse Prevention Month.)*

Child abuse and neglect can be prevented. Every child deserves to be safe and nurtured, and there is a role for every single person, neighborhood, group and organization to play in preventing child abuse and neglect.

These are some of the core beliefs of "90by30," a Lane County-wide program, administered by the Center for the Prevention of Abuse and Neglect (CPAN) at the University of Oregon.

90by30 represents the goal of reducing child abuse and neglect in Lane County by 90 percent by the year 2030.

There are certain strategies that research has shown to be effective in preventing child abuse and neglect;

some of them are soon to be implemented in West Lane communities.

Welcome Baby Box is a program that has been implemented worldwide and shown to reduce infant mortality rates. The family of every baby born in West Lane will be given a baby box which can serve as a crib. It will be filled with necessary items, such as baby clothes, bottles, diapers, blanket, toys and sheets.

Also included will be a Resource Guide which lists local support organizations to assist parents.

In addition, a CD, "Period of Purple Crying," will educate parents about the dangers of the "shaken baby syndrome."

The Welcome Baby Box will be a valuable community resource by offer-

ing support to parents when they need it most.

Roots of Empathy is a school-based program that has been delivered internationally. It will be implemented in West Lane in the Fall. It is an evidence-based program that is designed to engender and promote empathy in young children.

An infant and caregiver, along with a Roots of Empathy facilitator, visit first grade classes over the school year. The curriculum allows the children to interact with the baby in such a way that they learn how to be more empathetic to each other and to become more caring individuals.

Healthy Families is a program currently being implemented in West Lane.

It is a home-based program in which trained volunteers visit homes of parents with children aged prenatal to six years old. The program promotes parenting skills, healthy child development, and provides resources to reduce parental stress.

Additional programs will be implemented during the next few years. Meanwhile, to recognize April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, all community members are invited to attend the upcoming a 90by30 open house on Sunday, April 29.

There will be informational material, fun activities, face-painting, a video and refreshments. It will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Siuslaw Public Library.

All are welcome to attend and learn more about how we, as individuals within our community, can play a role in preventing child abuse and neglect.

### GUEST VIEWPOINT

By JEANNE SHANNON  
 90BY30

### LETTERS (Cont. from 4A)

#### BAN ON AERIAL SPRAYING MEETING MANY OBSTACLES

If you were a corporate "person," of the timber industry perhaps, would you leave your financial interests unprotected and vulnerable to the democratic will of the people?

Not if you could help it ... and you can.

No wonder that Freedom from Aerial Herbicide Alliance

is meeting so many obstacles in its attempt to ban toxic sprays in Lane County forests.

Corporations like Weyerhaeuser and Syngenta put significant money and energy in efforts to insulate their practices and profits from interference by individuals advocating for public health, living wage, environmental protections, clean water and air, and democratic power.

These are efforts to influence regulatory agencies to enact protections that support a cho-

sen profit margin. Corporate lobbyists draft industry-friendly legislation to legalize business activities, as well as state preemptive legislation to prohibit local jurisdictions from passing laws attempting to limit or stop harmful activities by corporations.

The legal and governmental systems, entrenched over decades, took root in the fertile soil of the U.S. Constitution's core values: commerce and property.

Join the fight to create real democracy, where the people decide what corporate activities they want in their communities, and where nature's right to exist, persist and flourish is defended above all.

—Katie Geiser  
 Eugene

#### STOP FOR BUSES AND FOR OUR KIDS

Dear Fellow Drivers, when a school bus stops with red lights flashing and little stop signs extended from its sides, the students getting off that bus believe that there is an invisible protective shield extending from both sides of the bus to the curbs on either side of the street.

They believe that all traffic from all directions will stop so they can safely walk in any direction towards their homes.

They believe this because it is the law.

Please share their vision and do not cross the boundaries of that invisible shield.

They are counting on you. Thanks.

—Suzanne Mann-Heintz  
 Florence

#### HEALTHCARE FAR CRY FROM DENTAL CARE

When a person of my age

applies for Medicare he realizes that he or she will need supplemental insurance to cover most things. Over the years, with both Medicare and supplemental insurance, most of our major medical bills from knee replacement and cataract surgery to back surgery, has been covered with little cost to us.

Now when it gets to hearing and eating, that is where everything goes downward or is essentially nonexistent.

First, if you need hearing aids, nothing is covered. Apparently, Medicare or supplemental insurance don't care if you can hear or eat.

My supplemental insurance costs me about \$120 per month. About two years ago I added dental coverage for an additional \$40 per month.

Then I discovered that the bridge on my three lower front teeth need to be replaced. Cost: \$9,000, non of which is covered.

Almost toothless and hard of hearing, I recently purchased hearing aids that I saw advertised and purchased them for \$780. They seem to be working great and I am on my second week of a 21-day trial.

Now, when my teeth fall out, I might have to use Gummy Bears as a replacement.

—Win Jolley  
 Florence

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