

Area musicians offer online summer music camp for kids

Local musicians Jason Wood and Sheena Moore are teaming up to create “Music in Motion,” an online summer camp that will run Aug. 3-27. The camp is geared to-

ward children ages 5 to 8 years old, but older children are also welcome. “I’m really excited about this and can’t wait to explore movement and music with you,”

Moore said. People can sign up now through Aug. 1. The \$40 package includes four pre-recorded sessions, four show-and-tell sessions and materi-

als for a DIY instrument. For more information, or to sign up, contact jasonbrettwood@gmail.com or sheenamooorevocal@gmail.com.



Pet Tips ‘n’ Tales

By Mary Ellen “Angel Scribe”

The Dog Who Saved Herself. Twice.



Being born on different continents did not stop Maria from finding her ‘perfect’ dog, Marley.

Life is fascinating. How does a beautiful Swedish woman, Maria, who moves 4,600 miles from home, adopt a dog, Marley, from the Caribbean, an additional 4,000 miles away? It was not easy, yet, their love and devotion are evident in their photograph.

Marley, a very-smart Cunucu (countryside dog) ‘rescued herself’ in Aruba, which is off the coast of South America.

“For three years, I watched ‘Sgt. Pepper’s Friends’ rescue before I found Marley,” said Maria. “Volunteers flew her to Boston, then shipped her to Seattle. I made a six-hour drive to pick her up. After 12 hours on a flight, you would think the dog’s first concern would be to relieve herself, but not this dog. Once you have been starved, food becomes your life-long motivation.

“Marley is the same,” said Maria. “She would not move until I gave her food, then she agreed to relieve herself.”

Maria created an Instagram account for her new pup (@marleythecunucu) and unbelievably, a woman in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada recognized the dog! The woman and her husband were driving in Aruba when Marley suddenly jumped into their car. They drove her to their Airbnb and the host agreed to re-home the dog. That’s when its cruel owner arrived demanding his dog back.

He took the dog away, then, again, Marley wisely ran away back into the streets where Sgt. Pepper’s Friends found her. The man was charged with animal cruelty and Marley became available for international adoption.

Being from a hot climate, Marley had no idea what she was in store for. Her new mother loves hiking and skiing and she was hoping that the dog would too.

“The first time she saw snow, she wouldn’t get out of the car,” said Maria. “She stood frozen, staring out the window wondering what had happened to the world! When she finally jumped out and experienced the snow, she went crazy with joy. The more powdered the snow is, the happier she is, and she loves chasing my tobogganing friends down hills.”

You never know what traits a rescue arrives with and this Caribbean canine was about to show off her best assets.

“She’s gentle and patient,” said Maria. “She’s amazing with children and puppies, a real ‘mommy’ to them, and if there’s another dog that isn’t being nice to a pup, she defends the pup right away. She goes up to the kids to give them kisses and then she steals their crackers. It’s all about love and food with her.”

But the dog also has her wild side intact.

“When she really wants to play with another dog, she turns into Usain Bolt (world record holder sprinter),” laughs Maria. “She’s so fast that she outruns most dogs. Once she caught up with a whippet and she’s outrun an alpha-Husky. She’s known to steal food and hearts. If she sees an open door, she happily walks into any home and searches the entire house for food. No wonder she survived on the streets, she’s cunning and a real hunter. Her best friend is a 160 lb. Newfoundland who she desperately tries to flip while playing.

“She succeeded once, but he wisely discovered her method, so it hasn’t happened since,” said Maria. “Also, the couple from Halifax still keep in touch with their car-jacking rescue.”

Imagine the power to change a life and give an animal happiness. A rescued animal has a memory, they know where they have been and what they currently have. Now you understand Marley’s face in the above photograph.

“I have the perfect dog,” said Maria. And, obviously, her dog has the perfect life.

TIPS:

Animals love massage and it’s healthy for them. Maria is a massage therapist and after she’s finished a client Marley jumps up on the table and waits for her to start giving her Reiki and massaging her.

“She feels the healing energy coming out of my hands,” explains Maria. “Massage helps us connect and bond with our pets, on a deeper level. It opens them up their trust, releases tensions and experience a peaceful calmness.”

Share your fur-avorite pet memory or adventure at angelscribe@msn.com.

New DMV online scheduling allows customers to set appointments

The Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has replaced its online appointment request form with a new system that allows customers set appointments themselves.

Starting this past Monday, July 6, the new appointment scheduler at OregonDMV.com came online, letting Oregonians choose the time, date and office for their appointment — without needing a call-back from DMV.

Customers can also reschedule or cancel an appointment with this new service.

In order to catch up with call-backs for the thousands of requests already submitted, DMV will stop taking appointment requests from 5 p.m. on Friday, June 26, through the Fourth of July weekend.

Currently, someone who submits an online appointment request gets a call-back within four or five business days — so if DMV were to open longer, people would be getting calls back after the new system was up and running, delaying their appointment scheduling.

How DMV is catching up

As of the morning of

July 3, DMV had received 120,535 requests for appointments since June 1 and had 15,593 customers awaiting a call to set an appointment.

“The first online appointment request form gave us a head start in catching up with the COVID-19 backlog,” DMV Administrator Tom McClellan said. “The pause in taking appointment requests won’t delay the appointments themselves.”

DMV continued calling customers through July 2 in response to submitted request forms.

During the holiday weekend Friday-Sunday, the agency replaced its driver licensing system with a new one that offers many new capabilities, including the self-service appointment scheduling.

“This pause gave most customers who have submitted an appointment request a choice of available slots before other customers start setting appointments themselves as of July 6,” McClellan said.

DMV will not take appointment requests by phone until further notice. Call centers will be very busy responding to other questions, including helping customers get DMV services by mail.

“If you can get what you need from DMV by mail or online, or delay your visit a bit longer, please do so,” McClellan said. “That will help us catch up with services that were unavailable for nearly three months, mainly around identification cards and driving privileges.”

New online services available at DMV2U.Oregon.gov

- Replace your driver license, instruction permit or ID card
- Pay your reinstatement fee
- Order your driving record
- Schedule an appointment at a field office
- Need just a VIN inspection? No appointment necessary.

If you just need a VIN inspection of your vehicle, you won’t need an appointment at all. Since Wednesday, June 24, DMV has been offering drive-up VIN inspections at 20 of its field offices. You won’t need an appointment or to even get out of your car.

After the inspection, DMV staff will give you the paperwork to complete and mail in.

Find the nearest office offering drive-up VIN inspections at OregonDMV.com.

On the first day of this service, DMV did 843 VIN inspections at 20 offices across the state, opening more appointment slots for other in-person services.

Offices limited at least through summer

The customer backlog is so large that DMV will continue through the summer accepting appointments only for these services:

- Driver license, permit and ID card issuances
- Driver knowledge tests
- Disabled parking permits
- Farm endorsements
- VIN inspections at some offices — find the nearest office where no appointment is needed for a VIN inspection at OregonDMV.com

“For this summer at least, DMV offices will be limited to the few services that must be done in person so that we can serve customers safely during the COVID-19 crisis,” McClellan said.

“To help customers continue driving while we catch up, remember that Oregon’s law enforcement grace period for expired licenses, ID cards and registration is in effect at least through Oct. 1.”

LORANE NEWS

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As we continue on into July, it looks like we will be wearing masks into all businesses and keeping social distancing of 6 feet apart.

Let’s try to be nice to all store owners, especially our locally owned. It keeps each of us safe and follows the state mandate.

For now, Lorane Grange will still meet later this month on Thursday, July 16, at 7 p.m.,

using social distancing. If anything changes, all Lorane Grangers will be notified.

Lorane Christian Church is continuing their drive-in services at 10 a.m. No inside services for now, but the outside service is equally inspirational. Something about the clouds and / or sun, birds chirping, slight breeze and honking “Amen” is very uplifting. All are welcome.

Not many events taking place in Lorane now, but the Lorane Family

Store and Lorane Deli are open, of course our Lorane P.O., and our fire department is ready whenever needed.

And, we live in the country where we can social distance easily.

Please continue to drive safely and slowly around Stoney Point. Workers are there. The county made a temporary fix of the problem in the road by paving that section.

They will keep monitoring the road as they work.

6-day weather forecast

FRIDAY 80° 54° Partly Cloudy	SATURDAY 82° 53° Sunny
SUNDAY 75° 55° Partly Cloudy	MONDAY 78° 56° Sunny
TUESDAY 80° 57° Sunny	WEDNESDAY 80° 55° Partly Cloudy

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