

LORANE COUNTRY NEWS

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FOR THE SENTINEL

• Lorane Grange meets next Thursday, May 6, at 7 p.m. A date will be set for Lorane Grange Cemetery clean-up day. Men will be serving at the meeting in honor of Mother's Day. With the new protocols set by our governor, they may not schedule a bingo night for May.

• Everything seems to be going well in the district schools. The Crow Middle/High School principal says the students are doing well observing the COVID protocols. He asks parents and students alike to please continue with masks and distancing so everyone can stay in school.

• Only a little over a month until our high school seniors graduate.

• The construction on Stoney Point is going well. Please remember to SLOW DOWN and be careful driving in the area. Watch for flaggers.

• Also, be careful everywhere else as roads are wet and can be slick.

Risk

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improve their COVID-19 metrics will have the opportunity to move to a lower risk level. Counties will remain in extreme risk for a maximum of three weeks.

“The fastest way to lift health and safety restrictions is for Oregonians to get vaccinated as quickly as possible and follow the safety measures we know stop this virus from spreading,” Brown said. “I recognize the burden these restrictions place on Oregon businesses and working families. My goal is to lift these restrictions as soon as it is safely possible, and keep Oregon on the path for lifting most health and safety requirements by the end of June so we can fully reopen our economy. But we will only get there if enough Oregonians get vaccinated. There are appointments available right now all across the state.”

\$20 million for immediate aid to businesses in Extreme Risk counties
Brown is partnering with legislators on the \$20 million emergency relief

package to provide immediate aid to impacted businesses in extreme risk counties through the state's commercial rent relief program.

In addition, the governor announced that outdoor capacity limits for bars, restaurants, and other sectors will be raised from 50 to 100 people in extreme risk counties, with health and safety measures, including physical distancing, in place.

She added, “We know that the risk of COVID-19 transmission is lower outdoors. I am urging all Oregonians, if you choose to gather with others, keep it outdoors. Indoor transmission is a key driver in the COVID-19 surge that is making renewed health and safety restrictions necessary.”

The Oregon Health Authority will also be working to align Oregon's outdoor mask guidance with the CDC guidance announced today.

Three-week limit placed on 'Extreme Risk' level

Under the Risk Level framework, counties move to (or remain in) extreme risk when they meet the county

metrics for case rates and percent positivity, and Oregon meets statewide hospitalization metrics: COVID-19 positive patients occupying 300 hospital beds or more, and a 15 percent increase in the seven-day hospitalization average over the past week.

Counties will stay in extreme risk for a maximum of three weeks, and will be able to move to a lower risk level sooner if their COVID-19 case rates are brought down in the intervening weeks, or if Oregon moves below 300 statewide hospitalizations or the seven-day hospitalization average percent increase goes below 15 percent.

The governor has also worked in partnership with Portland metro-area hospitals to ensure systems are in place to closely monitor and manage hospital capacity. Health systems in the Portland area are using the coordinated system developed at the beginning of the pandemic to manage hospital surge capacity, bed space, essential services, and non-urgent procedures as needed over the next three weeks in order to preserve hospital beds and critical care capacity.



By Mary Ellen
"Angel Scribe"

Thankfully, this dramatic and emotional tale has a

Pet Tips 'n' Tales: A 'Rebel's' Dramatic Tale

happy ending. Marcia and her husband, Carey, rescued Rebel twice. The first time, he was a young feral "golden bundle of joy".

"He was found waiting at our neighbor's mailbox," said Marcia. "I asked him, 'Hello beautiful, do you need a mommy?' and he walked straight to me."

The feral kitten quickly grew to trust his new parents, spending life safely indoors, staring out at the birds. He brought them joy, sleeping on their bed with their 'not impressed' senior dog and made them laugh as he chased tennis balls.

"One day, Rebel escaped into 'bird world,'" said Marcia. "He barely knew his name, Rusty, and rain had washed away familiar scents to bring him back. I placed food and water on the patio hoping to 'remind' him. The Angels led him home! I opened the door to find him eating. I said, 'Oh! You are back, you little Rebel' and the name stuck. He raised his beautiful-orange-flag tail and marched into 'his' house. We now were parents to a Bonafide house cat and champion mouser."

He was nine months old when the Holiday Farm Fire exploded and savagely disintegrated their McKenzie River town.

"When we went to bed there was no wind or smoke. We were unaware that we were in harm's way," explained Marcia. "Our pets were sound asleep beside us, until 1 a.m. when our neighbor's son pounded on our front door.

"He and his family were in

a caravan of cars lining our driveway. He urgently yelled, 'Fire! Out now! Right now!' as his flashlight illuminated

Behind the fleeing families, the Holiday Farm Fire ravaged the McKenzie River Valley; of the 520 families



This 'Rebel' is home after surviving a terrorizing tale!

the hot ash falling like snowflakes. The smoke was thick and wind gusts were 35 mph, taking our breath away.

"We couldn't find Rebel. Tears streamed down my face as I called and begged for him to come out of hiding.

"We and the dog jumped in our vehicle and followed the bumper-to-bumper lineup of cars out onto the highway. I prayed, 'Please God don't let there be an accident. Keep everyone and the animals safe.'"

evacuated, 267 lost homes.

The wildlife, domestic animals and pets were also in peril.

No one was allowed to return for seven weeks because of the landslide, power lines and trees across roadways, and the smoldering homes and ranches. Rebel never left their minds.

"We lost everything. We asked an animal rescue group on their way to save horses if they would video our property. Their video showed our home smoldering including the shop and three car garage. We wept for poor Rebel.

"Three months later, we moved a 32-ft trailer onto our property still hoping and

searching for our little 'Rebel'. We even shifted through ashes hoping to find his bones. Finding none gave us hope. I prayed we would find him, then, we heard a neighbor's cats had been rescued giving us more hope."

People were leaving food out for wildlife and pets as all food sources were burned. Rebel was spotted at two feeding locations.

"We were also leaving food and water out for the wildlife and missing pets in our area," Marcia said. "Toni Ray of Holiday Farm Fire Animal Rescue phoned soon after, that they had Rebel in a live trap."

Rebel is miraculously home.

"When, I speak softly to him and call his name he kneads his blanket," Marcia said. "Our wild boy has let me remove a few fur matts. He has a small-healing burn mark on his nose. I have the patience to remind him how safe and loved he is. Its working! He is calming down and his beautiful amber eyes show he recognizes us."

TIPS:

Adopting a kitten or cat? "Purr-chase every toy and bed that you think they will enjoy," emailed Colleen. "Then throw them all out, keep their boxes, and you will have the happiest kitty!"

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