



Betty Kaiser

Betty Kaiser: Chatterbox Why I Chose the COVID-19 Vaccinations

I hate being sick! So, I was surprised at the controversy over the prevention of this horrible

COVID-19 virus by vaccination. "Just do it and get it over!" was my thinking. So, as soon as it was available, my husband and I did.

Why? Because I have had mumps, measles, chicken pox, yearly colds, chronic bronchitis and every seasonal flu that came around (until the flu shots). But not everyone feels the same way. It was immediately controversial.

In fact, wherever I go, the vaccine is the biggest topic of conversation. Many people still don't find it acceptable for reasons that range from "it won't happen to me" to "I don't believe in the science."

I agree that science is not always perfect. Sometimes things don't work but this is a dangerous, worldwide virus we're dealing with — over 700,000 people have died from this virus just in the United States. And no problem can be solved if it's ignored.

Fortunately, there's been a lot of trial and error to get this vaccination to the public. Labs have done due diligence in their research and decided that this will save lives.

Now, we have a choice to trust them or not. I chose to believe the scientists are correct. The main reason is because over 6.6 billion shots have been given and lives saved. Amazing!

I grew up in an era when my grandparents and parents, watched loved ones die from health issues that are now treatable. They knew some illnesses were transferrable, often non-curable and the only way to protect themselves was to stay away from those who were sick. Hard to do!

My mother didn't talk very much about her childhood illnesses. My

grandmother, however, often told the story of her only child catching whooping cough in the 1920s from neighbor kids. Some died. There was no treatment and mom coughed violently for weeks.

She eventually recovered and today there is a vaccine. But not everyone takes it. In 2019, there were an estimated 21 million cases and 160,000 deaths worldwide.

Another example is my dad. He was born in 1908. He was a Missouri country boy, the firstborn in a family of six that included him, mom, dad, one sister and two brothers. He was still a bachelor during the early 1930s when his mother and sister both died of tuberculosis.

Later, he met my mother when she was visiting relatives in Missouri. They fell in love, eloped and got married! They then got on a train and came to California where her parents (my grandparents) lived.

A year later, a baby boy was born to them but dad was very ill. One day at work, he was found sitting on a curb, unable to move during the 1933 Long Beach earthquake.

Soon, he was hospitalized, diagnosed as having tuberculosis and sent to a sanitarium! The lung with tuberculosis was collapsed. He was hospitalized and isolated for three years.

During that time, mother and dad's little 3-year-old boy died of tubercular meningitis. It was a heartache from which they never recovered. Today, there is a vaccine for it but in some countries, it is still a problem.

Many of you remember the dreaded Polio paralysis epidemic of the 1950s. History will tell you that President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was crippled by it as well as thousands of others. Thankfully, science came to the rescue in 1955 with the polio vaccine.

However, polio still roams the world. I personally, knew a woman who was disabled by it in the late 1960s while a missionary in Africa. The natives kept her alive in the jungle by peddling a makeshift contraption that helped her breathe. She lived but she never walked again.

So, dear readers, I hope that you make the right choice in this life-or-death situation. The decision to invest in a COVID-19 vaccination is yours.

God bless you all and stay healthy!

Pet Tips 'n' Tales: Everything's coming up 'Daisy'



By Mary Ellen
"Angel Scribe"

had let them down or died. You know that 'hungry look' like 'I haven't eaten in a week' that a pet gives you while you are eating? Well, the shelter pets had that look, because they were hungry for a home.

"I knew that the perfect dog was 'out there', but finding him/her was not in my hands. I also thought, 'What if the purr-fect dog is looking for me?' This sounds like a 'God-job!'. So, I prayed, 'Please send me the dog of my dreams; one who needs me, is fun, intelligent, and makes me laugh!'"

Once saying his prayer, Fred relaxed knowing that their mutual search to connect was active in the universe.

"Then I noticed little daisies all over my meadow," said Fred, "I laughed visualizing a dog named Daisy with flowers in her hair."

Not long after, Fred was poking around in Petfinder.com when he saw an adorable, shaggy dog. He knew he had found his dog. He began reading her history and then saw her name drum roll "Daisy".

"I looked at her eyes, and knew she was the one for me," said Fred. "I drove over to her shelter. For your readers who understand that our dogs pick us, they will understand what happened next. I watched the dogs playing and Daisy walked over to me as if I was the answer to her prayer and she had been waiting for me. She enthusiastically licked my face sealing the shelter's fastest adop-



PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN "ANGEL SCRIBE"

Daisy's rescue spans the city's back alleys to new adventures in the countryside.

tion in their history.

"They kept asking me, 'Are you sure you want this dog? Want to see others?' and I said, 'I am as sure Daisy is mine, as she is sure I am hers.'"

"Prayer is powerful. On my search for a new furry-family member, I learned that there are many-many homeless purebreds,

all breeds, as well as lovable mixes at shelters. Also, that no microchip meant these animals would not be reunited with their 'parents'.

"Daisy is everything I prayed for: fun, intelligent, and her playful nature makes me laugh every day." I learned from her that dogs teach more love and loyalty than

any human I have met. I hope I am all she prayed for."

TIPS

-Water is life. Everything and everyone thrive on fresh water, including you and your pets!

Nourish your heart! Adopt a loving pet for the holidays!

-How to wake a deaf pet without frightening it: Blow on them, or gently touch them not to startle them.

-Make plans for your pet rehoming should you be unexpectedly hospitalized or pass," suggests Janetta Overholser, president of the Humane Society of Cottage Grove. "On your fridge and in your wallet include the names of someone who will foster your pet until your return or who can permanently adopt it if you don't come home."

-Why is it that dogs feel so strongly that they should always go with us in the car, just in case the need should arise for them to bark violently at nothing right in your ear," asks comedian Dave Barry.

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LORANE COUNTRY NEWS

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FOR THE SENTINEL

• Lorane Grange had a small turnout at bingo on Saturday, but everyone had fun laughing and winning prizes. The big blackout Jackpot was not won, so it will go up again next month. Hope to see everyone back next month on Friday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m.

• Plan to attend a community celebration event with the Territorial Rd project on the realignment at Stoney Point. It will be held on Monday, Nov. 8 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at Lorane Grange. Mark your calendars.

• There is a Lane County Bicycle Plan virtual open House on Nov. 3 from 4 - 6 p.m. A proposed county

network will be presented after much thoughtful public input and project team analysis. Mark your calendars.

• Lorane Grange meets next on Thursday, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. A decision will be made on if there will be a Christmas Dinner and Open House in December.

• Fall sports in the CAL District are coming to close. Football at Crow HS will be involved in the first ever six-man football playoffs and their volleyball team is heading to their league tournament in high seed with an excellent chance of going to State. Go Cougars!

• The Lorane Christian Church Trunk'n'Treat will be held on Oct. 31 from 5 - 7 p.m. Keep safe just like last year.

6-day weather forecast

FRIDAY 57° 48° Showers	SATURDAY 55° 47° Showers
SUNDAY 55° 44° Showers	MONDAY 52° 45° Showers
TUESDAY 55° 47° Showers	WEDNESDAY 54° 44° Showers

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