

UCAN News Articles – November 2017



Friday, November 3, 2017

Enroll for Medicare now while you can (RSVP)

By Rebecca de Greyt for the Daily Courier

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COME AND KNIT. Many Josephine County families come through our doors in crisis. Many of them do not have the proper winter clothes to survive the cold nights. Sometimes all it takes is a hat and a scarf to make their day and to see a smile on their face. Every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. the UCAN Knitters come together and knit for an hour in the break room. Come join the UCAN knitting club and be a part of making warm hands and smiling faces at 125 N.E. Manzanita Ave.

BE AN ADVOCATE FOR A CHILD. Nobody longs for a safe and loving family more than a child in foster care. As a court-appointed special advocate (CASA) volunteer, you are empowered by the courts to help make this dream a reality.

You do not have to be a lawyer or a social worker to be a volunteer. We welcome people from all walks of life. We are simply looking for people who care about children.

As a volunteer, you will be thoroughly trained and well supported by professional staff to help you through each case. You must pass a background check, participate in a 30-hour pre-service training course and agree to stay with a case until it is closed (a year and a half on average).



Saturday, November 7, 2017

SHIBA volunteers offer free help for seniors during Medicare open enrollment

There is less than a month left for those applying for Medicare for the first time or those who are on Medicare and want to make changes in coverage.

The annual open enrollment for Medicare goes through Dec. 7, the last day to make any changes until the next open enrollment.

The Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) program in Douglas County is available to help seniors navigate through the Medicare options to find what best suits their needs.

Any Medicare Advantage or prescription drug plan (Part D) changes must be made by Dec. 7, so that coverage begins without interruption on Jan. 1, 2018. Those who are late to enroll may face a lifetime of premium penalties.

SHIBA provides free health insurance counseling to explain how the Medicare program works, additional insurance options that work with Medicare, and help with reducing out-of-pocket costs.

To make an appointment with a SHIBA volunteer, call 541-492-2101 or visit their offices in the UCAN complex on Kenneth Ford Drive next to Costco.



Saturday, November 7, 2017

Vol Ops for Nov. 12

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Those who are on Medicare may be scrambling right now to find a better provider for next year. There are several options, but they may be confusing. Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) is a free program that helps Medicare recipients find the right choice for their needs. The program is in immediate need of volunteers 18 years and older. Training is provided by field officers from the state, and mentoring is done by local volunteers. If you want to join the team call the Volunteer Hotline at 541-492-3526.

Seniors Escorting Seniors in Myrtle Creek is looking for volunteers on weekdays to provide transportation to seniors and individuals with disabilities to the Riddle dining site, medical facilities or to assist with shopping, banking or post office needs. Call Caroline at 541-643-1801.

UCAN Food Bank needs volunteers 18 years and older to sort and repack food donated from local stores in the early afternoon to be distributed to local food pantries. Call Sarah at 541-492-3518 for more information.

Dillard-Winston Food Pantry at 131 4th St., Dillard wants help on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to noon and on first and third Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Call Rene at 541-430-7535.

Senior Companion Program volunteers provide companionship, escorted transportation and a helping hand to seniors or individuals with disabilities. Applicants must be 55 and over and receive a tax-free stipend, meal and mileage reimbursement. Call Colleen at 541-492-3520.

For the following dining sites, all of which give mileage reimbursement to drivers, call Senior Services at 541-440-3677.

Winston dining site needs a meals-on-wheels driver Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and a kitchen helper Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Glendale dining site needs one kitchen helper Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and one back up meals-on-wheels driver.

Glide dining site is in search of two meals-on-wheels drivers Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and two kitchen helpers Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Reedsport dining site is looking for two kitchen helpers Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and two back up meals-on-wheels drivers Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Friday, November 10, 2017

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Wednesday, November 15, 2017

A project to warm the hearts



Aspiring Eagle Scout Dallin Coffoed coordinated a large volunteer effort to make 200 fleece blankets for the local homeless and needy population. The blankets were donated to the United Community Action Network on Saturday.

By Troy Shinn of the Daily Courier

The needy population of Josephine County will sleep a bit warmer at night this winter.

Thanks to the efforts of aspiring Eagle Scout Dallin Coffoed, the United Community Action Network has more than 200 fleece blankets to hand out to those less fortunate.

As part of his qualification for the rank of Eagle Scout, the 15-year-old Grants Pass High School student had to organize a volunteer effort to help his community. After doing some research online, he decided to aim his efforts at helping the homeless.

"I started this around the time that cold season was happening (last year)," Coffoed said. "I thought, this would be a nice way to help people stay warm at night."

With 69 other volunteers, including family members and his church community, Coffoed led the effort to make approximately 210 blankets for both adults and children.

The task took a lot of time, energy and patience, Coffoed said.

"The whole process took about a year and a half," he said. "The hardest part was at the beginning. I found that no one really knew about it and it was hard to find the money and the materials."

Coffoed said he used social media and word of mouth to get more people on board, and from there, the project snowballed into a larger community effort.

Local businesses chipped in. Jo-Ann's donated some of the fleece for the blankets. Roe Motors, Oregon Swiss Precision, Napa Auto Parts — the list goes on and on of other organizations that provided money, materials and time for the project.

Once the project got off the ground, it was then a matter of where to donate the blankets once they were finished.

UCAN was notified about five months ago and happily accepted.

"For our organization this means a lot," said Rebecca de Greyt, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program coordinator for UCAN. "For us it's about winterization, keeping people warm in the house."

Coffoed's donation will be a huge help toward that goal, particularly because adequate materials don't typically start to come in to the organization until well into the cold months.

"Normally we don't start receiving supplies until well into January," UCAN Housing and Homeless Support Services Coordinator Di Bradley said. "Our goal is always to meet the need when it's needed."

The blankets range in size, and there are several dozen for both adults and children — and in many different colors and patterns.

"We're always in need of materials: tarps, tents, coats, socks," de Greyt said. "But this may be the first time we've ever had blankets available for adults. And it's great for the kids, too, because it's not only providing that warmth but there's a sense of security that comes with a blanket."

The blankets won't just go to the homeless, either. They will be given to all kinds of families in need that UCAN and its local partners assist.

They help with youth, seniors and everyone in between. Some families who live in a motor home, for example, and can't adequately heat their home, will benefit from the donation of blankets.

Coffoed, who began his scouting in Cub Scouts at 8 years old, has had his sights set on Eagle Scout rank for years.

He got all the way up to First Class rank in Boy Scouts by the time he was 11 — no small feat for a preteen. And he knew that if he was going to get to Eagle Scout rank, sooner was better than later as he takes on more schoolwork at Grants Pass High School.

As hard working as Coffoed is, he's the first to acknowledge how he couldn't have done this alone.

Friends and family and dozens of other volunteers helped put the blankets together — a simple enough process of cutting tassels into sheets of fleece and then tying two pieces together. Simple, yet daunting with the 200-plus volume of blankets.

Members of Coffoed's church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Williams Highway, were a huge help, too.

Beverly Wellington was one of them, and she says she was very impressed by Coffoed and the work ethic he exhibited.

"I think he's great and very deserving of the recognition," Wellington said. "Just a truly hardworking young man."

If that's the reaction of an onlooker, imagine what Coffoed's family feels.

"I'm very proud of him," his mother, Elisha, said. "I think the experience has taught him a lot about how to see things through."



Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Advisory council helps Douglas County CCO care for Oregon Health Plan members



Umpqua Health Alliance, Douglas County's Coordinated Care Organization, which swerves patients on the Oregon Health Plan, has a Community Advisory Council that advises it.

Kat Cooper, marketing manager for Umpqua Health and Melanie Prummer, chair of the Community Advisory Council for UHA, talked about how they work together during a recent Talking Health program on News Radio 1240 KQEN hosted by Lisa Platt.

The following is an edited version of the program from Oct. 23.

Lisa: Melanie, would you explain what the Community Advisory Council is?

Melanie: The Community Advisory Council, which is often referred to as the CAC, is an advisory council for the Coordinated Care Organization, which locally is Umpqua Health Alliance. I am currently the chair of the CAC, which is a volunteer position, and I also serve on UHA's board of directors.

Lisa: Why did the state transition to a Coordinated Care Organization model?

Kat: It began as a movement to try to change the way health care was delivered in Oregon. Before CCOs came, about 80 percent of Oregon Health Plan costs came from treating chronic and mental health problems, which often resulted in treatment in emergency rooms and hospitalizations.

The CCO model was designed to focus on prevention and primary care, essentially helping folks get their health care in the community, before it escalates to needing to go to an emergency room.

Lisa: What are some of UHA's goals?

Kat: Umpqua Health Alliance is focused on offering services to help our members, like quit smoking plans or to provide prenatal care. At the end of the day, Umpqua Health Alliance's whole purpose is to help our members find a path to better health, provide better care and do it at a lower cost.

Lisa: There's Umpqua Health and Umpqua Health Alliance, so what's the difference?

Kat: Umpqua Health is the parent organization, the umbrella, and there are several different organizations under that umbrella but their focuses are all on health and helping Douglas County residents. Umpqua Health Alliance falls under Umpqua Health.

Lisa: Can you name some of the organizations that make up the UHA?

Kat: DCIPA and CHI Mercy Health are partners in Umpqua Health. A team of physicians throughout the county provide services, and we contract with many different health care providers including Adapt and South River Community Health Center in Winston.

Lisa: So has anything been enhanced for Oregon Health Plan members under the CCO? You mentioned prevention services, but is there anything else that kind of stands out that makes the plan stronger for the beneficiaries?

Kat: Non-emergent medical transportation is a great benefit. We can now offer rides to medical appointments for any person on OHP at no cost to the member. So if members live in Riddle and have a doctor's appointment in Roseburg we can help with transportation for these members.

Lisa: What does the Community Advisory Council do?

Melanie: The Community Advisory Council has several functions. We can advise the UHA board on health care needs of our members and provide information about issues, whether it's access to health care or navigating the health care system.

This year, we opened all of our meetings up to the public. They are held the second Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m., and the community is welcome. We meet in the former county health department building, on Madrone Street in Roseburg, in a conference room just to the south side of the parking lot.

You can find all the information on our website (umpquahealthalliance.com) including the upcoming agenda for our meeting. And we would really like the public to attend so they can either share stories with us or maybe concerns and things that are going well, so that we can find some resolution, or at least gather information so we can look at trends.

Project funding is also one of the things that the council does. We have a budget where we are able to select certain projects in the community that are meeting priorities identified in the Community Health Improvement Plan.

Lisa: How was the council formed?

Melanie: The council is a requirement for CCOs, and I think it's a benefit to our members to have this council. It's definitely a benefit now that we're open to the public so that the public can more easily share their input with us.

Lisa: What would you say to those that would like to get involved as a member of the council?

Melanie: Coming to a council meeting would be a great way to find out what we do, and who we are. We do have an application process that comes out in the spring and so we recommend members to the councilors in May, so by June or July we have new councilors come on board to start their term with us.

Lisa: Let's talk about the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). What is it?

Kat: The plan is based on a information we get from Community Health Assessment. The CHA takes a snapshot in time, to look at our health in Douglas County to see where the gaps are. The CHIP was created to address some of the needs identified through the Community Health Assessment.

Lisa: UHA has a five-year plan for assessments?

Kat: Yes, our last assessment was completed in 2014, and the next one is due in 2019, so we're actually a little ahead of the game, but it'll be nice to get it done now to use that information from here on out.

Lisa: What all is involved with the Community Health Assessment?

Melanie: We have an independent consultant who helps the council develop questions so we can ask our community about their health. This is not just about OHP members, it's about our entire community.

We are also collaborating with UCAN and Umpqua Community Health Center and we're learning together about the health challenges of our community. In addition to focus groups,

we are also doing a survey for everyone to participate in and give us input about health in our community.

That survey will be available soon online, and we'll have paper copies as well.

Lisa: Tell us how UHA awards the funds?

Melanie: We have a budget for the last couple of years of \$250,000 each year to spend on community health initiatives.

There is an application process, and the application is really focused on our CHIP plan high priority areas. Those areas are access to health, addictions, mental health, parents and children and healthy lifestyles.

So applicants need to include activities or projects that would improve health in one of those areas. This year the application is available through Dec. 15, 2017 and projects can run through the entire year of 2018, from January through December.

Lisa: Are projects only focused on Oregon Health Plan members, or is it all-encompassing?

For more information about applying for grants or the UHA advisory council, visit: umpquahealthalliance.com or call Kat Cooper at 541-229-7022.

The entire KQEN podcast of the program may be heard on the KQEN website at 541radio.com.



Friday, November 17, 2017

Medicare class goes over basics (RSVP)

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By Rebecca De Greyt for the Daily Courier

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Monday, November 20, 2017

Wheelchair ramp project: "So they can have a regular life again"



Members of Liberty Watch Josephine County lay boards on a wheelchair ramp that will allow a resident of the Country Estates Mobile Home Park to exit and enter their home independently. The ramp was the 50th ramp to be installed by the group.

Rob Lee stepped back for a break early Saturday morning as he observed fellow Liberty Watch members put the finishing touches on the group's latest creation.

"This wheelchair ramp is for this gentleman's sister, who is in a home in Washington," Lee said as he pointed at the home in front of him, at the Country Estates Mobile Home Park west of Grants Pass. "And the only way she could come down and live with him was if we built a wheelchair ramp."

The wheelchair ramp Lee and his eight fellow Liberty Watch member built Saturday was the group's 50th in the last three years. The effort began when Lee and his colleagues at Liberty Watch Josephine County, formerly the Oathkeepers, decided to build wheelchair ramps for people in need in the community.

The effort was born out of a desire to help disabled veterans, then expanded to help a variety of other residents in the area.

"I can't just say veterans when we have disabled seniors and disabled children who also need them," Lee said. "So we just open the door for everybody. We don't care who it is."

All ramps the group builds are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, or ADA. The act specifies the slope of the ramp be a certain ratio, that the bottom of the ramp be flat and unobstructed and includes handrails, among other requirements.

"With the angles, the ramps, the handrails, it's all built to that standard," said Joseph Rice, another Liberty Watch member.

The cost of an average wheelchair ramp runs anywhere from \$600 to \$1,000. United Community Action Network, or UCAN, helps out with the project by buying materials need to build the ramps.

"UCAN buys materials and then they bring them here and with our volunteers, we proceed to put the ramps in," Lee said. "What this is about is getting these people who are in wheelchairs outside of their homes so they can have a regular life again."

For those involved in the project, seeing someone being able to leave and enter their home unassisted is worth all the work that goes into making a ramp.

"It's one of those community projects that has a direct impact on somebody's life," said Rice. "Just the mobility of being able to get in and out of your home, or getting into your home, is a big deal."

For some wheelchair users, Lee said, the only way for someone to live independently is if they live in a home with a wheelchair ramp.

"A lot of these people cannot come out of the nursing home until they have a ramp. And these people who don't have the ramp really have nobody to turn to."



Wednesday, November 22, 2017

Toys for Tots campaign kicking into high gear

For the 17th year in a row, the Rogue Valley Young Marines are organizing the local Toys for Tots campaign, which collects toys for children in need in time for Christmas.

Distribution day this year is on two days, Dec. 16 and then again on Dec. 20, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Merlin Alternative Center, 345 Merlin Road.

Before they can give toys however, however, the Young Marines need to collect donations of new toys first. Toward that goal, the project's biggest collection day will be this Saturday, when Young Marines will be working the entrances at the Grants Pass Bi-Mart and Walgreens stores.

Donation bins are also located throughout town (see list).

"We're collecting new and unwrapped toys for boys and girls ages zero to 18," said Toys for Tots organizer Celeste Guillory. "We need books, puzzles and gender-specific toys, but anything is welcome except clothes and food."

Around 6.4 million children across the country receive toys through the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. The effort started in 1947.

Last year, more than 1,800 children in Grants Pass and rural Josephine County received toys through Toys for Tots.

The Rogue Valley Young Marines gave out over 7,000 toys, including books and stocking stuffers.

"I'm so happy to see the kids are going to get toys," Guillory said. "There is nothing sadder than a child who doesn't have a toy on Christmas. That's why we do this."

In the couple of weeks until distribution day, the Rogue Valley Young Marines will be collecting donations and sorting them at the organization's local headquarters in Merlin.

Each Young Marine will work a four-hour shift each weekend organizing the toys and other goodies by age range.

"Each Young Marine is involved in this," Guillory said. "We've been doing this since 2001 as a unit, and it's been a focus for us since that time."

Parents who want to receive gifts through Toys for Tots may fill out applications ahead of time at the Merlin Alternative Center.

Applications can also be picked up at:

- Grants Pass Department of Human Services Self-Sufficiency Office, 2101 N.W. Hawthorne Ave.
- United Community Action Network at 125 N.E. Manzanita Ave.
- Family Nurturing Center, 411 N.W. E St.

Parents must have Oregon-issued photo identification and proof of public assistance or other qualifying assistance. Toys will be handed out on a first-come, first-served basis.

For further information, call 541-761-3871 or visit josephine-county-or.toysfortots.org.



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Take a class to learn all about Medicare (RSVP)

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Generous community donates to Toys for Tots



SHAUN HALL/Daily Courier

Kirk Thrift, assistant manager of the Grants Pass Bi-Mart store, puts a coin in a cup held by Young Marines member Charlie Kolkow on Saturday in front of the store where Kolkow and other Young Marines members, including Mya Simon (center), were collecting donations for Toys for Tots.

By Shaun Hall of the Daily Courier

Shoppers showed their generosity Saturday outside the Grants Pass Bi-Mart store, where several members of the Rogue Valley Young Marines were collecting donations of

money and toys to benefit hundreds of local children served by Toys for Tots.

For every few shoppers that passed by the youngsters at the store's entrance and exit, someone would stop, usually to make a cash donation, although some gave new, unwrapped toys.

"This is a really good place," said Cora Carino, mother of Young Marine member Molly Carino. "People are very generous. Our community is really generous."

Molly, a high school senior who is in her seventh year of helping with Toys for Tots, said she's learned that some families don't have much at Christmas and that life should not "be taken for granted." Last year, about 1,800 children were served.

Several men who gave on Saturday were veterans, judging by the hats they wore. Army, Navy and Marine Corps were represented.

"Thank you for your service," one of the youngsters told a man who wore an Army hat.

"Hey, I didn't volunteer," he replied. "It was quite an education."

Another donor wore a hat that read, "Once a Marine, always a Marine."

Another man said his son had gone off to Iraq as a Marine.

"I'm glad he came back," the father said. "It was rough over there."

Toys for Tots is sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

Locally, each child served by Toys for Tots will get a book and toys, and each family gets a game.

Distribution days are Dec. 16 and 20 at the Merlin Alternative Center, 345 Merlin Road. The deadline to apply to participate is Dec. 15.

Until then, toy donations can be made at boxes located around town.

Molly remembered serving one family a couple years ago that had a dozen foster children. Nancy Trahern, who was helping the Young Marines on Saturday, remembered one woman who cried last year after being given a bicycle for her child.

Every year, Rural/Metro Fire supports Toys for Tots, and Saturday was no exception. Community Service Officer Charlie Phenix pulled up in a company emergency vehicle, parked at the curb in front of the store and hung a big Toys for Tots banner on its side, which served as a good attention-getter.

Mya Simon was one of the Young Marines at the store. Her father, Shane, is a Josephine County sheriff's deputy. He said the Young Marines was good for her.

"She's had a good time," he said. "She's learned a lot. She's spreading her wings."

Assistant store manager Kirk Thrift stepped outside to chat with Mya and a fellow Young Marines member, Charlie Kolkow. Thrift asked her if there was any place else she'd rather be and she said no. He eventually stepped back and gave them a salute. He's not former military, but his father and grandfather were.

"At ease, officers," Thrift told the youngsters. "Thank you. Keep up the good work."

Reach reporter Shaun Hall at 541-474-3722 or shall@thedailycourier.com.

How you can donate, receive toys

Envisioned as a toy donation event, the inaugural Toys for Tots Concert is scheduled for this Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Rogue Auditorium.

Volunteers will be on hand to collect new, unwrapped toys. The auditorium is located at the Redwood Campus of Rogue Community College west of Grants Pass.

Toys and books also may be donated at a number of businesses around town through Dec. 15 (see list).

That's also the last day for parents and guardians to apply to participate in toy giveaways on Dec. 16 and 20 at the Merlin Alternative Center, 345 Merlin Road.

People wishing to receive toys may apply at the Oregon Department of Human Services office at 2101 N.W. Hawthorne Avenue; United Community Action Network, 125 N.E. Manzanita Ave.; and the Family Nurturing Center, 411 N.W. E St.

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