



SARAH CORSON CHILD CARE & LEARNING CENTER

June 2019 Newsletter

Welcome Judith

We extend a warm welcome to Judith, our new Toddler 2 Aide. Judith comes to us with prior experience working with children, both as a nanny and having worked at Kids Unlimited. Welcome, Judith.

Choo Choo

It's time for our annual Family Day at the **Medford Railroad Park, Saturday, June 29 from 10 a.m. to noon.** Two trains will be running. We will provide snacks and cold beverages. This is a FREE event to all current Sarah Corson Center children and their families. Please join us.

Save the Date

Our annual **Pre-K Graduation** ceremony will be **Friday, August 2 at 9:30 a.m.** We will be graduating 10 AMAZING kiddos, who will be headed off to Kindergarten in the fall. More details to come.

Reminder – Summer Closure Dates

We will be **CLOSED Thursday, July 4 AND Friday, July 5** in observance of Independence Day. We will be **CLOSED Thursday and Friday, August 15 and 16** for our annual Staff In-Service Days. We will be **CLOSED Monday, September 2** in observance of Labor Day. Please mark your calendars. Thank you.



A Pre-K student shows off his creation

Immunization Rates

We are required to make public both county-wide Immunization rates, and our Center's immunization rates. For 2019, our Center is 96 percent fully immunized. A graph is posted on the wall at the front of the Center.

2019-2020 Sarah Corson Center Calendar

Our calendar for the upcoming school year has been released, both in electronic and paper form. Please see Jaime if more copies are needed.

Water Play

We begin Water Play this month. Please make sure your child has a swimsuit (girls), swim trunks and shirt (boys), water shoes, and sunscreen. Water Play will be on Monday and Thursday afternoons.

—Jaime Snider, director

Bluebirds and oil



Audrey Berry gets a visit from her deacon

Long-time member Audrey Berry found herself in a very busy place last year when she moved from Medford to Williston, North Dakota to be near her daughter and family.

“It is the fastest growing county in the United States and there are some (people) very unhappy about it,” said Audrey in May as she showed visitors from Medford up to her trim apartment in a senior living complex.

Audrey was co-manager of our Food Bank, and Deacon Barbara Moore brought a written report on what’s happening from current manager Jim Foucault.

The growth at Willison is part of the Bakken oil play liberating billions of gallons of crude oil from fractured shale beneath prairies of the Dakotas, Montana, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Pump jacks are everywhere out of town, there are oil service supply companies on the outskirts and row-upon-row of manufactured housing warehoused in vacant fields for transport to the next area where crews will drill.

Last summer, North Dakota averaged nearly 1.3 million barrels-a-day in crude oil production.

Besides the boom of an oil play that’s been unfolding since 2017, Audrey experienced her first Dakota winter which included the second coldest February on record. That said, Audrey is no stranger to her farming family or their community.

“I’ve been coming here for years, so I know lots of people,” she said.

Beside her chair is a guidebook, helping Audrey learn about birds as she looks out the window. Among discoveries: There are lots of bluebirds here, a species that doesn’t frequent Medford.

The family farm is several miles out of town. Audrey goes there several times a week, and worships with her family at a community church where perhaps 20 to 25 people attend each Sunday. Her son-in-law raises cattle, lentils, corn and alfalfa.

Picnic and concert

Everyone is invited to a June 20 fellowship picnic at Medford’s Bear Creek Park amphitheater. The 5 p.m. picnic will be before the city’s free Thursday 6 p.m. concerts. Performing June 20 will be Bishop Mayfield a gospel and jazz singer who’s appeared at our Jazz Vespers. Bring your own lawn chair or picnic blanket to sit on and a picnic dinner. Parking is limited. If you wish to carpool, meet at the church at 4:45 PM. Contact Ruth Engle (541-773-5316) or Kristy Denman (541-772-3259) if you have questions.



Bishop Mayfield

Peanut butter, please

The Food Bank is restocking peanut butter, which can’t be obtained through ACCESS Inc. and the Oregon Food Bank. Not just peanut butter, says Marg Funch, but creamy peanut butter. That’s the favorite of the folks who depend on our weekly Food Bank to fill their families’ larders.

Please bring your contribution to worship any Sunday in June and place it in the basket that’s in the Narthex. Thank you.