

Longing to see Italy? This is a good way to go



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Grants Pass resident June Morrocco has a special connection to Italy and a love for all things Italian.

Starting at the age of seven, Morrocco, who grew up in Bristol, Connecticut, began visiting her grandmother's sister in the central Italian city of Fondi. That's when she began learning the language and the culture.

Morrocco's great-aunt was a midwife from age 19 to age 87. "The locals still call her the Godmother to this day," she laughed.

Subsequent trips led to Morrocco moving to Italy at age 19, where she lived for 11 years.

Her passion for Italy has never wavered. Eight years ago, she decided to lead a guided tour of Central Italy, because she wanted to find a way to take her kids there.

"I'd only planned on taking the one trip," she laughed.

Today, Morrocco operates "To Italy with Love Tours," and in the last eight years has taken



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The city of Fondi, Italy, as seen from the top of the castle.

over 100 travelers to Italy. She always schedules at least one trip per year and sometimes two, back to back.

The demand has been so great that Morrocco is taking deposits now for four guided trips to Central Italy in 2018, two in spring and two in fall.

Her trip planned for September is sold out, when she will be guiding a group of 17.

The two-week tours are based in Sperlonga, a quaint village on the Mediterranean,

half-way between Rome and Naples.

Accommodations for 14 nights are at the Hotel Marconi, an ocean-front bed and breakfast, which is third generation family-owned and operated. Sperlonga is known as the pearl of the Mediterranean, and all rooms have private balconies with sea views.

The itinerary includes day trips to villages, castles, cemeteries, ruins, shops, outdoor markets, greenhouses, Pompeii,

the Amalfi Coast, Rome, group lunches, dinners and plenty of free time. The group meals are optional, as are many of the day trips.

Morrocco spends a lot of time planning the meals for the tour, and said that every day is a new culinary experience.

"Nothing is caught or grown more than 10 miles away from where we eat it, it never hits a shelf or refrigerator. Italy is all about the food."

Morrocco's guided tours are

personalized, intimate and relaxed. "Guests get to visit the town my grandparents, great-grandparents and great-aunt lived in."

The spring trips are scheduled for April 30-May 15, and May 14-29. The fall trips are scheduled for Sept. 4-19 and Sept. 18-Oct. 3.

The trips cost approximately \$4,500 per person, which includes airfare, transportation, lodging, meals and guide fee. Some of the day trips are extra,

such as Rome and Pompeii. Travelers may make their own air arrangements or Morocco will assist.

Travelers are met at the airport in Rome for the van ride to Sperlonga.

For more information visit ToItalyWithLoveTours.com or call June at 971-706-9328.

• **VENUTI ADDS TWO BROKERS.** Licensed real estate brokers Derek Cox and Ilene McCoy have joined the Venuti Group.

Derek has been a personal trainer and a coach at Grants Pass High School, and lives in Grants Pass with his wife and new daughter. Ilene and her husband live in Rogue River and she has been a regional manager and business owner before entering the world of real estate.

The Venuti group is located at 1012 N.W. Sixth St. and can be reached at 541-476-9616.

• **RE/MAX INTEGRITY ADDS BROKER.** Christina Combs-Bull, licensed real estate broker, has joined RE/MAX's Grants Pass office.

Christina has lived in Grants Pass for 17 years and currently volunteers at Women's Crisis Support Team.

RE/MAX is located at 1830 N.E. Seventh St., Suite 100. Christina can be reached at 541-761-2551 or cbull@remax.net.

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AllCare Health celebrates 'Don't Fry Day' to benefit children

By Lisa Whiting
of the Daily Courier

AllCare Health celebrated national "Don't Fry Day" with sun safety events to benefit children across the region Friday.

Set up in the parking lot of AllCare's former headquarters on Southeast Seventh Street, company representatives handed out lip balm, sunscreen, sun and skin safety information cards, coloring books, crayons, sunglasses and flying discs.

Oregon has the fifth-highest melanoma rate in the country, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This was the third year AllCare has hosted the event in Grants Pass and the first time four events were held concurrently in Brookings, Cave Junction, Grants Pass and Medford.

The free event was open to members and the general public, and within the first 30 minutes more than 25 visitors left with kids happy to receive "fun in the sun" gifts.

AllCare Health encourages everyone to follow these sun safety tips this summer:

- Do not burn or tan
- Be cautious during peak sunshine hours, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Two-year-old Leon Webb tries on his new sunglasses with the help of mom Julia at AllCare's "Don't Fry Day" event held Friday.

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- Seek shade when possible
- Wear sun protective hats and clothing
- Regularly apply sunscreen (30 SPF or higher)
- Be cautious around water, which reflects sunlight and intensifies solar rays

AllCare Health is an integrated health organization serving more than 50,000 members in Southern Oregon. For more information visit allcarehealth.com.

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We would also like to thank all of the people from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Arkansas, Nevada, Texas, Montana and California, who attended and made this event such a success. Because of every one who attended, sponsored and donated, we were able to present the Asante Women's Center with a check for \$2,645!

Judy K. Black, MD

Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine

A graduate of University of Illinois, Chicago, Dr. Judy Black completed her residency at Oregon Health and Sciences University in Portland, Oregon, and is board certified by the American Board of Pediatrics.

Her special interests include caring for children with chronic medical needs, developmental pediatrics, and breastfeeding support. She began her practice at the Grants Pass Clinic on March 2, 2015, and is an asset to our community and community partners.

New Offering: Early Intervention Autism Evaluations

With one in every 68 children in the U.S. having autism, primary screening is important. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends screening all toddlers for autism at ages 18 and 24 months.

Dr. Black has recently partnered with Early Intervention to do autism evaluations for children ages 2-3.

While there is no cure for autism, early intervention can help. Contact our offices today to learn more about our Early Intervention Autism Evaluations at 541-476-6644.