BOISE - Boise police say a 16-year-old boy missing since Sunday night has been found.

Jakub was last seen at about 9 p.m. Sunday in the area of Overland Road and Penninger Drive. Police say Jakub told family members he was going for a walk, but did not return home.

The Boise Police Department sent out a tweet at 3 p.m. Wednesday stating that Jakub has been found and has been reunited with his family.

Officers say they would like to thank everyone who helped locate Jakub.  

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Big thanks to our Boise VA Police Officers and staff who found this young man on our VA campus and went out of their way to check on his well being. Their compassion and service to others helped him be reunited with his family who was very worried about his safety.
Hello’s

The Boise VAMC would like to welcome our new employees who came aboard:

- Roy Rojas, N&FS
- Colton Zamora, Nursing
- Carter Edmiston, Nursing
- Derrick Harris, FMS
- Oscar Johnson, FMS
- Katherine Andersen, Telehealth
- Cassandra Gardner, Nursing
- Jesse Kruis, Telehealth
- Kevin Manning, Police Service
- Travis Maxwell, Nursing
- Jennifer Petersen, Nursing
- Vanessa Potoski, Nursing

Goodbye’s

The Boise VAMC would like to say goodbye to the employees who left us:

- Donald Hord, Psychiatry
- Michelle Norman, Psychiatry
- Nita Kolze, Nursing
- Kristi Lambrecht, Nursing
- Angelia Woodward, Telehealth
- Mistie Rose, Nursing
- William Belau, Pharmacy
- Dawn Jones, Telehealth
- Leslie Holloway, Telehealth
- Devin Wilfong, EMS
- Adeline Noack, Nursing
- David Leatherbury, EMS
Barbara Fultz Had a GREAT CATCH!

Barbara discovered that the addition of a second telephone area code in Idaho would have a direct impact on the ability of the Freedom Alert personal emergency response button (sometimes referred to as a “Help, I’ve fallen and I can’t get up” button) to function properly. Starting this Fall, all new Idaho phone numbers will be assigned a new area code (986). Due to this change, all local phone calls made within Idaho will require a 10-digit phone number.

All “Freedom Alert” personal emergency response systems that contain any local Idaho 7-digit phone numbers must be reprogrammed to include the area code effective immediately. If Barbara had not discovered and reported this issue, a Veteran potentially might not be able to get emergency assistance, as the call to friends or family would not go through.

Barbara notified local leadership of her concerns during Patient Safety Rounds. Then, she began coordinating the tedious process of trying to identify which Veterans had received the Freedom Alert System over the past 5 years. Thanks to her efforts, we were able to identify the Veterans who received the devices and have begun the process of notifying and providing appropriate follow-up to over 250 Veterans.
Boise Veterans Affairs Medical Center
Center of Excellence in Primary Care Education (CoE) presents:
Trainee-Led Quality Improvement Projects Awards

After undergoing 4 workshops on the basics of Quality Improvement, seven teams of interprofessional trainees led by a staff mentor began the process of improving the quality of care provided at the Boise VA. Below are awards for standout projects.

**The Best AIMS Statement Award:**
Stating a clear problem & goal is the start of any quality improvement project.

**Secondary Prevention of Hip Fracture**
Team: Elaine Ding, MD, Caitlin Kinahan, MBChB, & Shelby White, PharmD
Mentor: Moe Hagman, MD

**The Best Process Map Award:**
Understanding the context of a problem is the key to the development of appropriate interventions.

**Improving transitions of care for alcohol use disorder**
Team: Angel Vasquez, MS, Jared Joffer, DO, & Joe Berendse, PharmD, BCPS
Mentor: Mike Krug, MD
Boise Veterans Affairs Medical Center
Center of Excellence in Primary Care Education (CoE) presents:
Trainee-Led Quality Improvement Honorable Mentions

Physiologic Insulin Dosing
  Team: Carla Apezzato, MD, Tasha Quinn, MS, & Lindsay Crawford, PharmD, BCPS
  Mentor: Amber Fisher, PharmD, BCPS

Improving Screening for Cognitive Disorders
  Team: Julia Hammond, MA, Hanna Thomas, MA, & Laura Wetherbee, PhD, Andrea Winterswyk, PharmD, BCPS
  Mentor: Jeff Sordahl, PsyD

Population Management
  Team: Rick Doxey, MD, Kelley Groll, NP, & Lindsey Hunt, PharmD, BCPS
  Mentor: Elena Speroff, DNP-C, WHNP-BC & Bill Weppner, MD, MPH, FACP

Resources for Management of Chronic Pain
  Team: Maxwell Moholy, PhD, Shaye Lewis, MD, & Megan Turner, PharmD
  Mentors: Ann Hansen, DVM, MD, Lisa Inouye, MD, MPH, FACP

Practice Management Lead
  Team: April Heyde, RN, Melanie Jackson, MD, & Bill Loome, MD
  Mentor: Elena Speroff, DNP-C, WHBP-BC & Bill Weppner, MD, MPH, FACP

Interested in being a mentor? Have a project idea suggestion?
  • Email india.king@va.gov

Interested in seeing presentations?
  • Attend June Grand Rounds
Put a Lid On It

Wear. Share. Care
Put a Lid On It is a fun way to show you care about protecting veteran data. So, what can you do to show you care? Put a Lid On It! Wear a lid (hat) to signify that you care about keeping veteran information safe, similar to how you wear a hat to protect your head from the sun. Wear a hat on Friday, July 21, 2017 to show your support. Together, we can all show WE CARE about serving our nations heroes here at the VA.

WEAR: Wear a lid on Friday, July 21, 2017 and take a photo to show how you rocked that hat!

SHARE: Post your photo to the Boise VA Pulse page

CARE: Share a brief statement along with your picture about why you care about what you do here at VA.

For questions contact Erin Martin at ext. 1031 or Matt Biggs at ext. 1560
Kirk Hazen
Behavioral Health Employee of the Month
June 2017

Kirk has gone above and beyond to accommodate therapy and Tele Health requests, complete contract nursing home visits and provide coverage. He consistently offers to help his colleagues and to contribute to the service as a whole. Kirk demonstrates an extremely positive attitude and I greatly appreciate his thoroughness and his work ethic!

Kirk has had several REACH VET veterans now and no one takes the ball and runs with it better! From start to finish, the minute I notify him of a REACH VET identified he follows the process and gets the protocol met in all facets, usually within hours! His documentation is perfect and so is the dashboard. I can’t think of any clinician that is more outstanding in sheer productivity, reliability, and quality.

Thank you Kirk, You are making a difference in veteran’s lives!!
In the past, PALMS had a large number of veteran outpatients arrive at the outpatient draw station with no lab orders. Veteran had to return to their clinic to get a lab order. This was an FY16 LEAD project. We were able to decrease the number of veterans that arrived at outpatient draw station with no orders by nearly 70%!

The current number one reason for outpatients having no lab orders when they arrive at the outpatient draw station is because they just left their clinic and the orders have not been entered yet. The patient gets to the draw station faster than provider can place order!

This is just a friendly FYI reminder to providers to try to place lab draw orders for outpatients ASAP if possible.
Tori Taylor and Jana Iverson show off ‘Rosie’ the Womens Clinic hot rod that was featured in the 4th of July parade in Boise.