

Bob's Corner

It is not entirely true that I have made a few somewhat spectacular threats against the safety of at least one of our four housecats. Neither is it true that I have uttered and muttered some ominous comments about banishing that same critter.



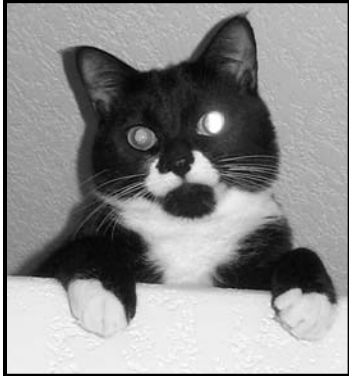
Flint

Of course not. I am a gentle, forgiving person who wouldn't harm a hair of our cats, even though they have no problem leaving their hair around. On our bed. On the couch and all the chairs. On the kitchen and bathroom counters. In the sinks. On the desk and table. Everywhere.

The Fearsome Four also occasionally leave other mementos of their feline lives around the house. Some of these tokens stain the carpet.

Additionally, Crazy Charlie has become adept at escaping from the homestead. He especially is aware when someone comes to the front door who is unknowing about his escapist tendencies. Charlie is quick and difficult to catch when he gets out, and we worry that he'll be hit by a car. He has no fear. He will take on any dog, including our Bingo, who is not a fan of kitty claws, even if they're extended "playfully."

Charlie and Bubba Big Foot went out the back door recently, when Bubba discovered just enough space to



Charlie

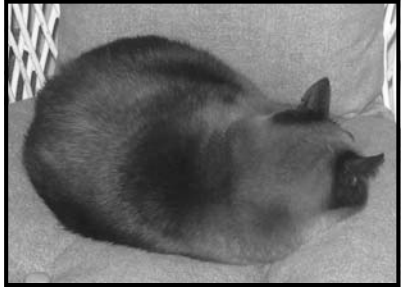
hook in one of his six-toed feet. He opened the door and out they went. He uses the same technique to open our closets and the pantry. Bubba came back in right away. He didn't like it Out There. Charlie had to be caught, which was fairly easy

that time because of the neighbor dogs barking like

madmen. Did Charlie flee? No: He stood his ground like a trooper and was going to fight it out.

Charlie's most recent act of destruction involved a large framed lithograph under glass in a bathroom. The room has a skylight, and apparently the fearless feline was scouting a way to get to it. To gain some height, he leapt from the counter to the top of the lithograph frame, which tilted, which pulled out the nail holding the wire that was holding the frame, which all fell to the floor in a fine smashing and clattering of broken glass.

Some days we have shattering experiences.



Maui

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She's rollin' in the clover with plenty o' leafy luck

By SCOTT JORGENSEN
IVN Staff Writer

If four-leaf clovers are really as lucky as people say, then 87-year-old Cave Junction resident Rey Bucquet could be the luckiest woman on Earth.

Bucquet first began collecting the rare plants in 1946. She was in Indianapolis with her husband, George, who was a race car mechanic.

The car was ready, and the race was hours from starting. But the driver was reluctant to enter the vehicle.

"The owner called him down and found out that the reason he couldn't drive was because he had lost his lucky four-leaf clover," Bucquet said.

Bucquet and her son, Michael, began searching in earnest for a replacement clover. There just happened to be an abundance of clovers in the area, so their mission was a success.

"We picked a nice one and had it set up so he could carry it around and have it safe," Bucquet said.

Ever since, Bucquet has collected four-leaf clovers as a hobby, despite the fact that she is not superstitious.

"I have such a habit of looking at clovers that I can't seem to stop," she said. "I don't really do much with it. I've given a lot of them away to people who are superstitious or who just need one for a special reason."

During the years, the clover collector has even managed to find five-leaf and

six-leaf clovers. Once she finds them, she flattens the clovers, dries them out and places them in a scrapbook.



Rey Bucquet and her clovers

The collection has grown quite substantially since she first started.

"I haven't counted them lately," Bucquet said. "The last time I counted, it was 650. I've found a number of them since then, so it's probably approaching 700."

Bucquet has been an Illinois Valley resident for 35 years. She and her husband moved to Takilma from Southern California, but she moved to Cave Junction after he died in 1998.

Many of Bucquet's clovers came from the area by her house. However, she may have to start looking elsewhere from now on.

"I found a great bunch of them there," she said. "But it's private property, and they mowed it. They mowed all the tops off, so I didn't find any more after that."

Bucquet said that she doesn't tend to find many clovers in the summer, so she may need to find other ways of staying active. That won't be a problem, though.

"I'm both tired and retired," she said. "I still do things, but at a slower pace," she said.

Hunger relief conference to meet Thursday in GP

The Oregon Food Bank Network will host Hands of Hope, a hunger-relief agency conference, on Thursday, June 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Josephine County Fairgrounds in Grants Pass.

The Hands of Hope conference will feature workshops, networking opportunities and keynote speaker Matt Newell-Ching, western regional organizer of Bread for the World.

The Hands of Hope conference is free for member agencies of the Oregon Food Bank Network. The event is co-sponsored by Oregon Food Bank and its regional food banks in Southern Ore-

gon: Josephine County Food Bank, Klamath Lake Counties Food Bank, South Coast Food Share, UCAN Food Shares, and ACCESS Food Share.

The event will kick off with attendees being given "hearts and hugs" from the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors.

"We are thrilled to be able to have this conference," said Gayle Daniel, of the Josephine County Food Bank. "In our county alone, these wonderful volunteers donate an average of 2,500 hours each month to get food to those who need it."

For more information: (800) 777-7427, Ext. 207.

Letters to the Editor

(Editor's Note: Views and commentary, including statements made as fact, are strictly those of the letter-writers.)

Typed, double-spaced letters written solely to this newspaper are considered for publication. Hand-written letters that are double-spaced and legible also can be considered.

"Thank you" submissions are not accepted as letters.

'Grandmother Aggie' fund-raiser did well
From Susanne Vautier,
Help Your Local
Grandmother Coalition
Cave Junction

The May 26 fund-raiser for Takelma Elder Aggie Baker-Pilgrim was a resounding success. Everyone had fun, and it was a beautiful event because of all the many volunteers.

The raffle had such great artwork, as well as goods and services from the community. And the food for the gourmet dinner came from the generous donations by businesses and individuals. Several volunteers put together the beautiful decorations to make the event special.

Many businesses and groups donated goods and services to sponsor the event: The Dome School, Cabin Chemistry, Frog Farm, Taylor's Sausage, Shop Smart Food Warehouse, Forestry Action Committee, Coffee Heaven, Munchie's, Indian Summer, Gooseberries, Changes Art Gallery, Upstairs Art Gallery, Weeping Spruce Herb Farm, and Dr. Jim Nordal of Cave Junction Family Medicine -- to list a few.

And Darryl Cherney and his band, "The Patriot Act," came all the way from Humboldt County to honor "Aggie."

Plus, there were the many individuals, too numerous to mention, who contributed to the success of the event, and they know who they are. Everyone is appreciated.

Because we all pulled

together to honor our "local grandmother," we raised more than \$1,900 for Grandmother Aggie's expenses as she does her work here and globally.

They appreciate work on 'Valley Visitor'
From Judson Grosvenor
Palos Verdes, Calif.

My wife and I came across your recent publication, "Valley Visitor," and want to compliment you on it.

We have seen plenty of such tourist guides in our travels. Yours stands up well, and we wish you continued success.

The articles and photos are helpful and enjoyable. Plus, we appreciate the size and design.

About the law levy and law enforcement
From Gilbert Zook
Selma

It seems to me that the "officials" of our fair county should not have been surprised when the criminal justice system levy was blown out of the water by the voters, who could see right through the smokescreen.

After all, how many of us in Illinois Valley have phoned the sheriff's office, or read about others, and discovered that there are no deputies in our valley. Where are they? All in Grants Pass?

I think that's why the levy was so soundly defeated. People definitely did not want to pay more tax because they could see no reason to pay for something they're not getting anyway. Now we'll have to see what our "officials" will come up with next when they run out of funds again.

One more thing. Why does it cost so many millions of dollars to pay for the sheriff's office? And since I'm on a rant, why are so many of our county leaders paid so much money in such a poor county. I noticed that none of our county "officials" have offered to take pay cuts.

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Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Wednesday, June 6

Clouds proliferating
High--64, Low--40.



Thursday, June 7

Cloudiness early, then clearing
High--71, Low--39.



Friday, June 8

Beautiful and breezy
High--79, Low--48.



Saturday, June 9

Spotty sunshine shifting to showers
High--74, Low--49.



Sunday, June 10

Returning intervals of sun
High--82, Low--47.



Monday, June 11

Early clouds then clearing
High--83, Low--39.



Tuesday, June 12

Sunny with afternoon breezes
High--80, Low--43.



Correction


A page 9 photo caption in the May 30 issue incorrectly identified Jim Wittington, a public information officer for the Bureau of Land Management, as forester Tom Dierkes.

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, and rainfall, recorded in O'Brien by Cheryl & Harry Johnson.

*Fri., May 25: 88-50
*Sat., May 26: 87-51
*Sun., May 27: 75-52
*Mon., May 28: 84-45
*Tue., May 29: 94-44
*Wed., May 30: 94-50
*Thurs., May 31: 95-52

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, and rainfall, recorded in Cave Junction at Mountain Wind Farm.

*Fri., May 25: 88-46
*Sat., May 26: 88-48
*Sun., May 27: 75-50
*Mon., May 28: 80-45
*Tue., May 29: 94-40
*Wed., May 30: 94-44
*Thurs., May 31: 93-49



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