



Pet Tips 'n' Tales

by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

Small town springs to action to help injured pet

"Cottage Grove's visitor center enjoys helping residents and tourists discover our beautiful area's seven covered bridges, lakes, rivers, hiking and biking trails, restaurants, hotels and wineries, etc.," said the Chamber of Commerce's Executive Director, Travis Palmer. "When asked for help our volunteers do whatever is possible, and they receive some unusual requests!"

This spring, we were called by a woman who was desperately trying to reach the vet clinic for a pet emergency, but their phone line was not working so she called us for help.

Our volunteer, Suzy Kanich, answered the call. The pet's owner, only identified as Linda, frantically asked, "Do you know if the vet clinic has another phone number or anyone who can help find one?" Suzy promised to help and began calling around town until she connected with Gail, co-owner of the Bookmine.

Gail promptly closed her and her sister, Birdie's, store and drove to the vet clinic to relay Linda's message. They then phoned Linda, who rushed her injured pet in to the clinic.

"When my eight-year-old cat, Biscuit, arrived home after an unexplained week absence, she was weak and thin. She couldn't eat or drink and she made a



Selfie by Linda and Biscuit

Linda discovered it "takes a village" to save a pet! Biscuit and Linda want to thank Cottage Grove's loving and caring people.

smacking lip noise, like my Grandma did when she left her teeth out. I was not sure Biscuit would last the night without medical intervention.

I desperately tried phoning Forest Valley Vet Clinic, but their phones were not working. I also called a few other businesses to see how far reaching the phone problem extended. Being a strong supporter of the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce, I called them for help. I identified myself as Linda and said that I was urgently trying to reach the vet clinic with a pet emergency.

The volunteer, Suzy, responded, "Let me work on it and I'll call you back". Now I know Cottage Grove is a small town, but what happened next was, to

my way of thinking, unbelievable!

After several failed attempts to find an alternative number for the clinic, Suzy called Gail at the Bookmine, who promptly closed her store in the middle of the day! Gail then drove to the vet clinic to relay my distress call. They immediately contacted me and I rushed Biscuit to the clinic.

The vet discovered that Biscuit was missing a front tooth, which had dangerously abscessed, and she also had a cracked tooth. Biscuit spent the better part of a week in their ICU, 'Important Cat Unit'. Due to her weakened condition, they kept her, watching and waiting, for her to stabilize. Luckily, she gained four ounces and her blood work improved. My 'sweet' Biscuit is one tough 'cookie' who is well on her road to recovery. Our best guess of how she sustained her injuries was that a deer had kicked her in the mouth. Ouch!

I believe that when you adopt a pet you take them for life, good or bad. I have four rescue cats, each with their own purrs-onalities and habits and wouldn't change them for, well, no...not for anything. They are family, and most families come with odd idiosyncracies.

Thank you to Suzy, the Chamber, and Gail who went above and beyond the call of duty. All they knew was that a pet was in distress and needed help. Neither knew that I am Linda Schmale, Past President of the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce! They would have reacted the same no matter who was on the other end of that call. I will never forget them and their eagerness to help. I wish to bestow on them an official "Hug" of thanks!

Surprisingly, Biscuit and I met Gail on a return vet visit while she was picking up one of her pets. So I formally introduced them. Small world! Our small town has great benefits!"

"In our community of 9,850 residents, each member is important," adds Travis. "Bookmine owners and sisters, Gail and Birdie, opened their unique store in 1975 after graduating from college. Their quaint and friendly store has been a downtown centerpiece for four decades. As residents, we need to support and care for our neighbor owned businesses because they care for us - in ways that few people could ever imagine. What we support supports us, and shopping locally also saves a gasoline-investment trip to Eugene!"

TIPS

"After a missing pet returns home," said Linda, "inspect them for subtle injuries and watch for subtle changes in their usual habits. Do your other pets treat them differently? Animals are sensitive to changes in those around them. Watch, listen and act accordingly to help."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

London School Kindergarten Round Up

Area students and parents expected to enter school this fall are invited to London School's Kindergarten Round-up on Wednesday, April 22 from 4:45-5:30 p.m.

As a K-8 school, London focuses on hands on learning in a family centered environment.

The school has openings next year in its middle-school Classroom as well.

The Round-up offers a chance to meet school staff, tour the campus and stay after registration to be a part of Title 1 Science Fair Family Night.

Cemetery assn. to meet

The Sears Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove. All lot owners and interested persons are welcome to attend.

Beds for rent

The Bohemia School Community Garden has raised garden beds for rent. These are four-foot by 10-foot beds that are equipped with drip irrigation on timers. Fresh compost has been added this year. A deer fence protects the gardens. The cost is \$15 per bed per year, and those interested can call Suzanne at 541-505-2163.

Choir concert

The University of Oregon Chamber Choir will give a concert at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Sunday, April 19, at 3 pm with a program of sacred and secular music, both old and new. The concert is free, but there will be a free-will offering to help with the choir's expenses when they go to a festival in Germany. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

912 meeting

Caleb Huegel, Chairman of the Oregon Federation of College Republicans, will be speaking at the next meeting of the Cottage Grove 912 Project on Monday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant, 401 E Main.

Sunshine sale

The third annual Sunshine Club Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 2. There's space available adjacent to the Bazaar that will be held that same day—or participants can just have their own sales

at their own places and be part of the Community Sale. Those interested can contact Linda Sexton for more information at 541-946-1750.

The twice-annual Sunshine Club Bazaar takes place all day May 2. Both the Bazaar and Community Yard Sale are held near the little white church in Dorena, Row River Christian Fellowship.

'Proof' auditions

Cottage Theatre will hold auditions for David Auburn's 2001 Pulitzer prize-winning play "Proof" on Monday, April 27 and Tuesday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m. rather than the previously scheduled date of Sunday, April 26. Auditions will be held at the theatre, located at 700 Village Drive in Cottage Grove. This story of love, genius and instability is the third production of Cottage Theatre's 2015 season.

A small cast of two men and two women is needed for this production directed by Alan Beck. "Proof" will run for 11 performances from June 12-June 28.

These auditions are open to any interested actors and no appointment is necessary.

Welch book signing

Local author, speaker and award-winning columnist Bob Welch will be at Cottage Theatre Friday, April 17 autographing copies of his latest book, "52 Little Lessons from Les Misérables," before Cottage Theatre's 8 p.m. performance of Boubil and Schönbergs Tony award-winning musical "Les Misérables."

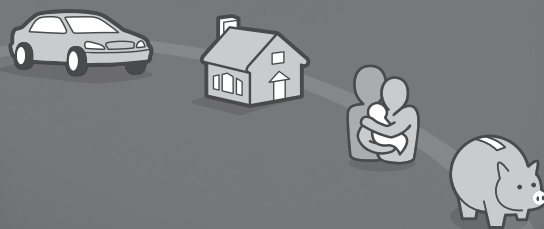
In his most recent published work, " . . . Welch walks readers through Victor Hugo's masterpiece, extracting dozens of uniquely spiritual reflections from this enduring portrait of poverty, social injustice, mercy, and redemption," according to the book's jacket.

Square dance party

The Boots and Sandals Square Dance Club is celebrating its 62nd birthday with a dance and potluck at the London Grange, 72746 London Rd., on Sunday, April 19. PreRounds begin at 2 p.m. with Squares at 2:30 p.m. Lenny Ludiker will be Caller and Neil Koozer will be Cued. Admission is \$5 at the door. The potluck will be at 5 p.m. and guests are asked to bring a dish to share. Square-dance attire is admired but not required. There will be easy mainstream, split the pot, door prizes and cake and ice cream provided. For more information, call Elaine at 503-320-1255 or Abby at 541-914-6197.

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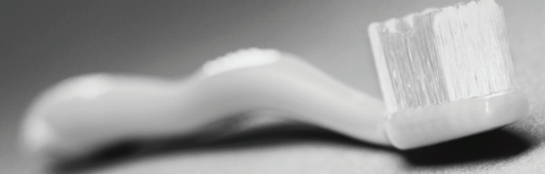
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541.942.7934

Worship Directory

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6th & Gibbs Church of Christ

195 N. 6th St. • 541-942-3822
Pastor: Aaron Earlywine
Youth & Families Pastor: Seth Bailey
Services: 9am and 10:30am
Christian Education
Nursery for pre-k - 3rd Grade
www.6thandgibbs.com

Calvary Baptist Church

77873 S 6th St • 541-942-4290
Pastor: Riley Hendricks
Sunday School: 9:45am
Worship: 11:00am
The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm
Praying Thru Life: Wednesday 6:00pm

Calvary Chapel Cottage Grove

522 E Whitaker • 541-942-6842
Pastor: Jeff Smith
Two Services on Sun: 9am & 10:45am
Wednesday Service 6:45 pm
Child Care 10:45am Service Only
Youth Group Bible Study:
Wed. 6:45 pm & Sat. 6 pm
www.cgcalvary.org

Center for Spiritual Living Cottage Grove

700 Gibbs Ave (Community Center)
Rev. Bobby Lee
Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m.
Info: 541-767-0182 (Mrs. "T")

Church of Christ

420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565
Sunday Service: 10:30am

Cottage Grove Bible Church

1200 East Quincy Avenue
541-942-4771
Pastor: Bob Singer
Worship 8:30am, 11am
Sunday School: 9:45am
Youth Group Mondays 6:30pm
AWANA age 3-8th Grade,
Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm
www.cgbible.org

Cottage Grove Faith Center

33761 Row River Rd. • 541-942-4851
Lead Pastor: Isaac Hovet
www.cg4.tv
Sunday Service: 9am and 11am
Full Children's Ministry available

Delight Valley

Church of Christ
33087 Saginaw Rd. East
541-942-7711
Pastor: Bob Friend
Two Services:
9am - Classic in the Chapel
10:30am - Contemporary in the Auditorium

First Baptist Church

301 S 6th St 541-942-8242
Pastor: Steve Johnson
Sunday School: 9:30am
Worship: 11:00am
Come Worship with us

First Presbyterian Church

3rd and Adams St • 541-942-4479
Pastor: Rev. Bruce Cameron
Worship: 10:00am
Sunday School: 10:00am
www.cgpresbynews.com

Grove Community Church

77820 Mosby Creek Rd.
Cottage Grove, OR 97424
541-942-0123
Pastor: Bryan Parsons
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Nursery: Infant - Pre-K
Kid's Church: K to 5th grade

Hope Fellowship

United Pentecostal Church
100 S. Gateway Blvd. • 541-942-2061
Pastor: Dave Bragg
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Bible Study: 7:00pm Wednesday
www.hopefellowshipupcc.com
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Worship & Children's
Church 10:30 am
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6:00pm
Youth ABLAZE: Wednesday 6:30pm
Children's Breakout Class:
Wednesday 6:30pm

Non-Denominational Church of Christ

1041 Penoyer Ave • 541-767-0447
Preachers: Tony Martin & Robert Evans
Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am
Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm
www.penoyeravecc.com

Old Time Gospel Fellowship

103 S. 5th Street • 541-942-4999
Pastor: Herb Carson
Sunday Service: 10:00am
Sunday Bible Study: 6:00pm
We sing the old time hymns.

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Catholic Churches
1025 N. 19th St.
541-942-3420 / 541-942-4712
Pastor: Roy L. Antunez, S.J.
Euch. Liturgies; Sat. 5:30pm
Sun. 10:30am
St. Philip Benizi, Creswell:
552 Holbrook Lane • 541-895-8686
Sunday: 8:30am

St. Andrews Episcopal Church

1301 W. Main • 541-767-9050
Rev. Lawrence Crumb
"Church with the flags."
Worship: Sunday 10:30am
All Welcome

Seventh-day Adventist Church

820 South 10th Street
541-942-5213
Pastor: Kevin Miller
Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am
Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40 am
Mid-week Service: Wednesday, 6:45 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

6th & Quincy • 541-942-2373
Pastor: James L. Markus
Sunday School &
Adult Education 9:15am
Sunday Worship 10:30am
Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue & Thur
5:00pm TLC Groups
trinitylutherancottagegrove.com

United Methodist Church

334 Washington • 541-942-3033
Pastor: Jerry Steele
Worship: 10:00am
Adult & Sunday School: 9:00am
Comm. Dinner (Adults \$5, Kids Free)
Mon. 5-6:30pm
cottagegroveumc.org

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913 S. 6th Street • 541-942-5913
Pastor: Barbara Dockery
Worship Service: 10:00am
Message: 11:00am
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