

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

# Pet Tips 'n' Tales

by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

Loving pets — even the ones that drive us crazy!

It does not matter if you are two or 100-years-old, if you loved a pet, its memory lasts a lifetime.

I asked 91-year-old Nellie for her pet memories and a familiar theme ran throughout the conversation. Love. Then tears at the loss of pets loved 60-80 years ago. Nellie can easily speak of relatives who have passed, but talking about her long lost pet, Smokey, still brings her to tears.

"Our parents had an 18 pound Persian, Smokey," said Nellie, "who claimed the front shelf of our corner store for his 'office' to supervise the customers' comings and goings. If a customer arrived with a dog, it did not bother Smokey. He knew who the boss was.

One customer arrived with a dog that would not stop barking at Smokey. Smokey showed the patience of a saint. The lady said, "That cat should not be in your store." I told her, "This is his workplace. He has a job making sure there are no mice. BUT, it is illegal for you to have a dog in our store."

Smokey took my comment as his cue; he stood up and jumped on the back of that big black noisy dog like a jockey riding a horse out of the store. The dog howled as he ran down the road with the cat on his back. An hour later, Smokey sauntered back into the store, jumped up onto his office perch and continued his afternoon nap as if it was just another normal day. He sure had gumption! Apparently, he thought it was his job to get rid of unwanted mice AND dogs!"

When I was a young wife, the front door's screen was slightly torn. I heard a noise and watched as a tabby kitten climbed up it, crawled through the hole and plopped into our home. What could we do? She



Photo by Ariel Mam

**If you love pets as a child, you will love them your entire life. Angel Scribe's grandson, Yossa, is "playing cat" with his rescue kitties, Mambo and Cecil on their cat condo, as they train him to grow into a kind and loving purr-son. Yossa is upset that this is not a "boy toy" but a cat toy.**

had chosen us and it was her moving-in day! We named her Sheila. She was so smart. She would sit under the magnolia tree and hunt birds. I enjoyed feeding the birds so there was only one thing to do. I had to train Sheila that these were "our birds" and to leave them alone. As soon as I saw Sheila stalking them, I tossed my broom in her direction to distract her (never to hit her). The flying broom training only lasted 10 days. After that she would sit under the tree with the birds eating on the ground around her.

Sheila had two kittens. We kept Rover because he was so dog-like. Sheila was a tiny-five pound delicate cat but Roger was HUGE! He was tall, black and at bedtime when we went

to the back door and whistled for him, he came running like a dog. One day, he did not come home."

Nellie stopped, took a deep breath, her throat tightened, tears fell from her eyes as she slowly whispered, "I was devastated. I searched for weeks and weeks. I still miss his sweet spirit.

We adopted Brandy, a Boxer puppy that my sister had seen tossed out a car window. He was adorable with his big brown eyes and appreciation and dedication to us. He loved sitting next to us on the coach, but he was a wild-uncontrollable teenager when not in our presence!

The next day we had to go to work, so we locked him safely in the laundry room. After

work, we returned to excitedly greet him. We opened the door and stopped dead in our tracks! It looked like a tornado had ripped through the room. The curtains were torn and shredded right off the three windows! Our string clothesline was in shreds and so were all the clothes that once hung on them. I had to replace the bamboo curtains so often that when I returned to the store for a new set, the clerk automatically handed me a set without a word.

We took Brandy to our summer cabin with the same results. Returning home we found he had ripped into a 100-lb. sack of potatoes, took a bite out of each potato, spit it out, then continued with his new game before shredding all our laundry — and luggage.

Also, when the scale model train that our son had saved for arrived he 'safely' put it in the storage room. Somehow Brandy opened the door and bit that train in half before it even saw a set of tracks!

Another time Brandy broke out of our home. There I was with curlers on only one side of my head, perm goop dripping down the other, running down the road calling for him. I heard a commotion on the beach and in the middle was Brandy, held by irate parents. Apparently he had recreated his 'potato trick' running from child to child licking each of their ice cream cones!

It broke our hearts when Brandy became a senior citizen and died. He was part of our family and contributed to many of our memories."

## TIPS

From the mouths of babes, "Angels are in charge of helping sick pets. And if the animals don't get better, Angels help the child get over it."

Tell us your pet's story!  
angelscribe@msn.com

## Psychology, spirituality to be discussed

On Thursday, May 21, Eugene psychiatrist Dr. Joseph Arpaia, MD will share tips from his books "Real Meditation in Minutes a Day" and "Tibetan Wisdom for Western Life" beginning at 6:30 p.m. at South Lane Mental Health, located at 1345 Birch Ave. in Cottage Grove.

The discussion is the third in a series of Thursday conversations happening in May at SLMH to commemorate Mental Health Awareness Month. Admission is free. Requests for more information and for a sign language interpreter or other accommodations can be directed to SLMH at 541-942-3939.

## Firewood permits

The Cottage Grove Ranger District announces that it will begin issuing firewood permits on Monday, May 18. One non-transferable permit will be issued for two cords of firewood at a total cost of \$20. Permits will be issued on a first-come, first-serve basis. Firewood is limited.

Firewood cutting areas are typically on narrow, single-lane gravel roads with an average distance of 35 miles from the city of Cottage Grove. More information on specific areas for firewood cutting will be provided with the permit.

Cottage Grove Ranger District is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (except holidays). Permits are issued from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Ranger District office is located at 78405 Cedar Park Road, Cottage Grove, OR 97424. Contact the office at (541) 767-5000, or email [cgrdinfo@fs.fed.us](mailto:cgrdinfo@fs.fed.us) for more information.

## Era Coda

The Opal Center for Arts and Education presents Era Coda on Friday, May 15 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

The Eugene-based band features original music fronted by lead vibraphone, along with guitar, drums, bass and keyboards. The Opal Center is located at 513 Main St.

## 912 Project

A representative of Parents' Rights in Education will speak at the next meeting of the Cottage Grove 912 Project on Monday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Covered Bridge Restaurant, 401 E Main. The meeting is open to the public and there is no cost to attend.

## The velomobiles are coming

Though the vehicle hides its operator in a small plastic shell, many Cottage Grove residents have no doubt come across local parent, school board representative and chess coach Taylor Wilhour pedaling around town in his velomobile, a human-powered cycle that's enclosed for greater aerodynamic possibilities. Soon, Wilhour won't be alone on local streets in his velo.

Wilhour informed the Sentinel that the Left Coast Velomobile Gathering extension of the Oregon Human powered Vehicle Association Human Powered Challenge will continue in Creswell for day three and four on May 27 and 28.

The Day 3 ride on May 27 will take riders to Springfield's Clearwater Park via road and bike path along the Willamette River bikeways to North Eugene and back to Creswell. The next day, riders will use Sears Road to the Row River Trail around Dorena Lake, then back to Cottage Grove, around Cottage Grove Lake, the back through Cottage Grove with a stop at Velocity Velos and a return to Creswell.

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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](http://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](http://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](http://www.cgbible.org)

**Cottage Grove Faith Center**  
33761 Row River Rd. • 541-942-4851  
Lead Pastor: Isaac Hovet  
[www.cg4.tv](http://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  
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**First Presbyterian Church**  
3rd and Adams St • 541-942-4479  
Pastor: Rev. Bruce Cameron  
Worship: 10:00am  
Sunday School: 10:00am  
[www.cgpresbynews.com](http://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  
Worship: 11:00am Sunday  
Bible Study: 7:00pm Wednesday  
[www.hopefellowshipupc.com](http://www.hopefellowshipupc.com)  
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**Living Faith Assembly Church of Christ**  
467 S. 10th St. • 541-942-2612  
Pastor Rulon Combs  
Sunday School All Ages 9am  
Worship & Children's Church 10:30 am  
"The Bridge" Saturday Evening Service 6:00pm  
Youth ABLAZE: Wednesday 6:30pm  
Children's Breakout Class: Wednesday 6:30pm

**Non-Denominational Church of Christ**  
1041 Pennoyer Ave \* 541-767-0447  
Preachers: Tony Martin & Robert Evans  
Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am  
Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm  
[www.pennoyeravccoc.com](http://www.pennoyeravccoc.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.

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philip Benizi 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 Holbrock Lane • 541-895-8686  
Sunday: 8:30am

**St. Andrews Episcopal Church**  
1301 W. Main • 541-767-9050  
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Worship: Sunday 10:30am  
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**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, 1:00 pm

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
6th & Quincy • 541-942-2373  
Pastor: James L. Markus  
Sunday School & Adult Education 9:15am  
Sunday Worship 10:30am  
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[trinitylutherancottagegrove.com](http://trinitylutherancottagegrove.com)

**United Methodist Church**  
334 Washington • 541-942-3033  
Pastor: Jerry Steele  
Worship: 10:00am  
Adult & Sunday School: 9:00am  
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Mon. 5-6:30pm  
[cottagegroveumc.org](http://cottagegroveumc.org)

**"VICTORY" Country Church**  
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Pastor: Barbara Dockery  
Worship Service: 10:00am  
Message: 11:00am  
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