



## Pet Tips 'n' Tales

by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

### Bottles for Dogs - Cans for Cats

Bottles change lives. Depression is easy to fall into and some people escape into a bottle. But imagine bottles opening doors to a new life, and the reason for getting up in the morning heralding it in with rewarding smiles.

Thirteen years ago, after Nan retired as a crew dispatcher for a tugboat company, she was wondering what to do with the rest of her life, when she heard about an animal shelter looking for volunteers. Soon she was helping in their cats' quarters two days a week.

"It is rewarding," said Nan. "Anyone can find a niche and make a difference in the world. We feed the cats, change litter pans and wash floors, etc. The shelter is their home, and what you have to do to keep a home clean we do for the cats. I enjoy the social interaction of helping, the physical activity and knowing that I am making a difference."

Eight years ago, while out walking, I saw some bottles



Photo by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

**Nan and Fluffy, her 16 year-old rescued dog, have collected an unbelievable (purr-pair to be shocked!) amount of money "paying it forward" to animal shelters and wildlife rescue centers.**

and cans tossed under bushes. Knowing that each was worth five cents, I picked them up and donated the money to the animal shelter. A bottle pro-

gram evolved and it became my responsibility. When people donate recyclable bottles/cans I drive to the shelter and bring them home for sorting. You should see my home and garage! The bottles have taken over! I work like a 'dog' keeping on top of them! Each morning, I make a trip to the bottle-depot station to recycle them. My car's back and front seats and trunk are filled with huge bags of bottles.

I have gained a new respect for the homeless/street people who used to ask me for money at the recycle station. Once they understood my mission, they never asked again. Instead, they chat with me while helping unload my car. I consider them friends. They are polite and I appreciate them. What surprises me is that the 'normal' folks, with homes, are the rude ones!

My neighbors support my

endeavors. They set their bottles out early, so at 5:30 a.m. I begin my work day. The bottles are left at their curbs, in huge bags on my driveway, or they phone revealing the bottles' secret-hiding places on the sides of their homes.

Who would have thought this would evolve into a 'fun' social life? I have met wonderful people, some have stopped me on the street and handed me checks for the animals. One dark morning, a young man zoomed by on his bike, waved and yelled, 'Hi Nan'... I still have no clue who he was.

I used to sit outside my favorite coffee shop with just my two small-elderly-rescue dogs, Fluffy and Goldie. But since the recycling program began others have joined us. I am 78 and recently had hip replacement surgery, so we couldn't go for coffee for three months. People were concerned about my absence. When Fluffy, Goldie and I returned, it was like a big party with all the customers. It was nice to be missed!

The greatest reward is writing various animal organizations checks for their neuter/spay programs, guide dogs, orphaned 'babies' and wildlife rescue. The donations to the race track for neutering/spaying feral cats worked wonders! This year - no new kittens!

Over eight years, by proving that 'every little bit helps' it is not the \$82,000 raised but the feeling of doing it that is the reward. Neighbors, friends, and family have helped make this paw-ible. Collecting cans and bottles is a community effort for my animal fund."

Does Nan collect cats like she does cans?

"No!" laughs Nan. "I only have two cats! Twenty years ago, a relative gave me Posie because she was not getting

along with their new kitten. I have no idea what they were talking about because Posie is a gentle and loving cat. Their kitten passed 15 years ago, and I never offered to give Posie back!

Nine years ago during the Christmas holidays, while volunteering at the closed shelter, a woman arrived with a cat. I took 'Frankie' home for the holidays, fell in love with him, and he is still here! We were each other's holiday gift!

I miss volunteering at the shelter, but as soon as my hip heals, I will be back helping."

### TIPS

"When I adopted Fluffy," said Nan, "she had separation anxiety, so every time I left the house she'd start a high-pitched barking. A dog book suggested to gently spray her from a little water bottle to stop her barking. When I'd put on my coat to leave the house, she would start barking, so I'd give her a little spray and say, 'Stop barking.' She is so smart, it only took a day and a half and she quit barking. But now, at age 16, she prefers to stay home and sleep. Sadly she is in a state of decline (dementia), but she's been the best little doggie I've ever had. Goldie, her best friend, and I will miss her terribly when the time comes to release her to heaven."

- Wild animal shelters created from recycled bottles  
<http://inhabitat.com/the-diy-pet-house-lets-you-transform-used-bottles-into-animal-shelters/>

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## LORANE COUNTRY NEWS

BY LIL THOMPSON  
For the Sentinel

There are two big events this week and more the following week:

There will be many items available at a huge garage sale this weekend on Friday, July 31 through Sunday, Aug. 2 on 5225 Fox Hollow Road. The sale is from 8 am - 5 pm each day. There are a variety of items to interest everyone. The proceeds go to the Michael Matchulat medical fund.

Lorane Grange will host a pancake breakfast fundraiser this Saturday, Aug. 1 from 7-11 a.m. Michael Matchulat has stage IV rectal cancer, and the event will help with his bills. Crow Grange will also have its chicken-picken BBQ that evening.

Those who have any metal they want to recycle can go to Crow High School and find a metal recycle bin, which helps support the students.

Lorane Grange will hold its next meeting on Aug. 6 at the regular time of 7:30. Then on Aug. 8, there is a "Cruz into Granges" starting and ending at Crow Grange from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds from the Cruz and half of the basket raffle benefit Oregon Paralyzed Veterans; the other half of the raffle proceeds benefits the granges. Each Grange has an activity. Lorane is also hosting the Lane Pomona picnic that same day at noon! There will also be a basket from each Grange to raffle off, displayed at Crow Grange, and winners will be announced around 3 p.m. at Crow. Lorane is a destination Grange. Tickets can be purchased from any grangers.

It's Lorane Community Potluck time on Sunday, Aug. 9. Everyone may come anytime after 10:30 a.m. to visit and get reacquainted. Eating will begin at 12:30 pm to allow those attending church to get there on time. After enjoying a delicious meal, wander over to the Lorane Fire Hall for the annual Volunteer Fire Department Ice Cream Social from 1-5 p.m.

I hope everyone is planning on taking part in the Lorane Celebration 2015 all day on Sept. 12. Tables are still available and there is a sign-up sheet at the Lorane Family Store, or those interested can call Lil at 541-942-5701 to get on the list or to have a home listed for garage sales in the area that day.

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## Middlefield Estates Open Houses August 2, 2015 • 12-3pm GOLF AT MIDDLEFIELD!

### 131 Chad Drive

New paint inside and out, new carpet. Additional amenities include bonus room/office, covered deck, side yard for extra parking. Located on a corner lot. Golf course surrounds the subdivision. Easy freeway access, community theater, and hospital nearby. *Listed by Frank Brazell of Rain Country RE 541-953-2707*



### 131 Village Drive

Beautifully situated right on the golf course with views of pond and valley. Light and bright with skylights, vaulted ceilings, den w/ French doors, huge master with walk in closet & private bath. Large deck. *Listed by Patty Keene, Windermere RE 541-517-0995*



### 140 Village Drive

Well-cared for 3bdr/2bath home, 1688sq ft, large kitchen with skylight. Great layout. Large 3 car garage for storage, shop or golf cart. Low maintenance yard with sprinklers! *Listed by Robert Minges of Mountain View RE 541-554-2989*



### 152 Village Drive

Meticulously upgraded and maintained this lovely home on the 12th fairway of Middlefield Estates. Vaulted ceilings, open floor plan, master suite w/walk-in-closet & bath, 2+ bed rooms and an office/den with built-ins. Covered deck overlooking the golf course. Remodeled Kitchen, dining nook, so much more. (not on Freeway) *Listed by Sharon Malcolm of Windermere RE 541-517-8222*



## Church Dedication

Victory Country Church will celebrate the Dedication of a New Worship Center, located at 913 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street on Sunday, August 2, at 10:00am

The Victory congregation held their first service there on February 1, 2015. After extensive remodeling and restoration on what was originally the Free Methodist Church. They had conducted services previously for eleven years at the Community Center.

Pastor Barbara Dockery and the congregation cordially invite everyone to join them for this joyous occasion. They would also like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" and their sincere appreciation to those who assisted with labor, materials, and donations.

Rev. C. J. Reaves, currently of Puyallup, Washington, Former Pastor of Evangel Temple, and New Visions Church of Cottage Grove, will officiate, along with special Choral presentations.

Psalms 100:4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and bless His name!!



## GIANT YARD SALE

Delight Valley Church of Christ  
33087 Saginaw Road E.  
Exit 176 off of I-5

Date: Saturday August 1, 2015  
Vendor set up: 8am - 9am  
Sales from: 9am - 3pm

**Bring your stuff, sell it, and make a buck!**  
**No Charge to vendors, bring a table or two!**

Please remember we are a Church, so bringing old Playboy magazines would be un-cool...Thanks

Phone: 541-942-7711 or 541-517-8493

