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## Agnes Hite

Cottage Grove High School

Born: August 10, 1998

Parents: Gerald & Lisa Hite

Grandparents: Steve & Earleine Allen



## Klickitat the Puddy Tat

We've heard about the clickers used to train pets and TV clickers, but how about Klick the cat?

Klick, a 15-year-old farm cat was named after Oregon's scenic Klickitat River that runs through the Cascade Mountains.

Russ Owens, owner of Automotive Specialties, located at 424 South Pacific Hwy. 99, is Klick's dad. In a way, cats are like car transmissions. They may look similar, but you have to study them to see how they tick! They both need "fixing" (cats need neutering/spaying, often re-furred to as "fixing") and once everything is up and running, the engine purrs and everyone is happy.

Russ has learned valuable lessons from Klick that help him better understand people.

"Sometimes people, like cats, get so focused on one thing that they lose perspective of the larger picture. My job is helping bring order out of chaos when vehicle problems interrupt peoples' lives. I am still not exactly sure what Klick's job is."

Klick does not accompany Russ to work. Even though you will find Russ beneath vehicles fixing them, "work is 'beneath' Klick," he admits. "She thinks she is Queen of the universe. She invented the term 'Paws-ive Aggressive' and demonstrates it by showing great disdain for the lowly humans who are late filling her food bowl. We, apparently, in her eyes are constantly NOT living up to her expectations."

To Klick, the only form of life lower than a human was Murphy, their dog, and that's "... probably because he didn't have an opposable thumb and couldn't feed her or let her out." Klick is a thinker and a stinker and Russ is still trying to diagnose her catitude.

Poor Murphy! Klick continually 'steered' him into play paws-ition by sliding up to him all sweet and purring and when he let his guard down, WHAM!

You might say, faster than a set of windshield wipers on high, Klick smacks Murphy with her furry front tire, pussy-pawing him in the kisser! She's been seen to smile,

# Pet Tips 'n' Tales

by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"



Courtesy Photo

**Russ may be the boss at work, but at home, Klick is the boss. Klick is a demanding employer, expecting food, shelter and a lap on request. And as you can see by her photo, this all takes place for the recompense of the glory of her presence.**

as she nonchalantly saunters away!

A year ago Murphy passed and the family is still adjusting to his loss. "Now Klick no longer has anyone to beat up," said Russ, "but Murphy was family and it is apparent to us that even Klick misses him."

"She didn't come to us as a lap kitty," admits Russ, "but, with age her perfect evening is on an obedient human's comfy lap having her head scratched in all the right places. She shows her gratitude by revving up her little engine and purring."

A comfy lap to a cat must be as awesome to us as sitting in a luxury car's heated seat!

Here is the Klick twist to her tale! Just like Murphy, even Russ can't relax because, "She bites you when you try to get up!" laughs Russ.

This makes one wonder if all the cat's brain's "nuts and bolts" are screwed on tight!

Cindy, Klick's pet mom, calls the cat her "gardening buddy." Klick considers herself the expert garden snooper-visor and follows Cindy around the yard making sure everything is done to a feline's finicky expectations.

"Klick, as with all animals we live with," said Russ, "teaches us a lot about being human - about ourselves, about forgiveness and tolerance. About love and respect - and we all need more of that."

An important thing Klick has taught me is to recognize that, like many people, she only sees the world in one perspective and that is limited by the size of her universe and her absolute certainty that her view is the yardstick by which normal should be measured; arguing is completely unproductive. I've thought a lot about that and it has improved my interaction with people. And, like all humans and cats, no two are alike, so we've learned to love Klick just the way she is."

## TIPS

Safe products to kill weeds and grass.  
1 back pack sprayer.  
1 gallon white Vinegar,  
2 cups Epsom salts  
1/3 cup liquid dish soap (I use Dawn Blue stuff.)  
Warm the vinegar and dissolve salts in it. Pour into sprayer with dish soap and rest of Vinegar.

Spray on any growing weed, grass, etc. that you want to kill (in sun after dew has dried). Warmer the day, the better it works.

The second option is to pour boiling water on weeds, which kills the surrounding leaves, roots and seeds.

Third is sent in by Denise in Ohio, "We sprinkle weeds with baking soda because it doesn't affect the animals. An added benefit of baking soda on roofs and sidewalks is that it simply and cheaply kills moss."

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## NOTICE TO CUT OR REMOVE TALL GRASS - HAZARDOUS VEGETATION - COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL

Notice is hereby given that property owners or persons in control of property are required in the City of Cottage Grove to cut or remove tall grass, hazardous vegetation and combustible materials during the fire season from **June 15<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>** (CGMC 8.12 Nuisances).

Tall grass and hazardous vegetation includes wild blackberry bushes; weeds & grass more than 12 inches tall anywhere on your property including public lands out to the street. Vegetation that is likely to endanger buildings or other property should it catch on fire must also be cut or removed.

During the fire season city wide inspections will be made and property owners notified that they must cut or remove the hazardous vegetation. Failure to cut or remove the grass or vegetation will result in the City having to abate the problem. The cost of abatement will be charged to the property including a \$100 administrative fee and if unpaid will become a lien against the property.

Property owners are reminded that they must keep hazardous vegetation and tall grass cut less than 12 inches until **November 1<sup>st</sup>**. Questions can be answered by the Community Development Department at City Hall, by calling 541-942-3340 or by email: [planning@cottagegrove.org](mailto:planning@cottagegrove.org)

## Lawn and garden tip: Get chickens

*Backyard chickens are a natural way to fertilize, control insects and manage weeds*

Each garden comes with a sense of pride and the joy of sustainability. Imagine if you had a natural way to fertilize, control weeds, manage insects and improve soil aeration. Many of today's gardeners have found this solution through backyard chickens.

"In the backyard, there are few better combinations than a chicken and a garden," says Patrick Biggs, Ph.D., a flock nutritionist for Purina Animal Nutri-

tion. "Along with fresh eggs and family fun, chickens are a natural and simple way to add to a backyard's health and beauty."

### Organic fertilizer

"Chicken waste is an excellent source of fertilizer for both the lawn and garden," Biggs says. "Manure from free-range chickens can break down naturally in the yard, providing valuable nutrients for the lawn. The correct balance for free-ranging is about 250 square feet of space per chicken."

To use chicken manure as garden fertilizer, consider creating a compost area. This process can reduce the nitrogen levels found in raw manure.

"Composting is an earth-

friendly way to turn organic residues like manure, leaves or bedding into a material that can be used to fertilize the garden," he says. "After placing materials into a compost bin, microorganisms break them into fertilizer with the help of heat and oxygen."

When maintaining compost, remember to keep it enclosed. Chickens love foraging for scraps in compost areas, and eating too many scraps can dilute the nutrients in the diet.

Learn steps for composting at <http://bit.ly/1TEDoAE>.

### Soil aeration

Another benefit of adding chickens to your garden is soil aeration.

"Chickens naturally scratch and dig the soil to forage for seeds and bugs," Biggs says. "During this process, mulch and compost are spread, soil layers mixed and the ground loosens. Most importantly, oxygen is added to the soil and particle size is reduced."

Because chickens naturally enjoy digging, Biggs encourages protecting delicate and new or young plants as well as those with ripening produce.

"If there are certain areas you'd like to keep free of manure or if certain plants should be off-limits, add a fence or chicken wire," he recommends, outlining a chicken tunnel as an option. "This can also help ward off predators."

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# Worship Directory

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**DRAIN:**  
**Gateway Family Fellowship**  
Church of the Nazarene  
337 "C" St. Drain, OR  
Sunday School 9:30am  
Worship 10:45am  
Living Hope Free Lunch  
Wed. at 12:30pm  
541-836-7051 [www.drainnaz.org](http://www.drainnaz.org)

**HOPE U.M.C.**  
131 W "A" St. Drain, OR  
541-315-1617  
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen  
Bible Study: 10:45am  
Potluck Lunch: Noon  
Worship: 12:45pm

**COTTAGE GROVE:**  
**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](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**  
1447 Hwy 99 (Village Plaza)  
541-942-6842  
Pastor: Jeff Smith  
Two Services on Sun: 9am & 10:45am  
Youth Group Bible Study  
Child Care 10:45am Service Only  
[www.cgcalvary.org](http://www.cgcalvary.org)

**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 11am  
Sunday School: 9:45am  
AWANA age 3-8th Grade,  
Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm  
[www.cg4.tv](http://www.cg4.tv)

**Cottage Grove Faith Center**  
33761 Row River Rd. • 541-942-4851  
Lead Pastor: Isaac Hovet  
[www.cg4.tv](http://www.cg4.tv)  
2 Sunday Services: 9am & 11am  
Full Children's Ministry available

**Covered Bridge Nazarene Church**  
152 S. M St.  
541-942-4422  
Pastor: Cindy Slaymaker  
Sunday School: 9:30am  
Worship 10:30am

**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 Presbyterian Church**  
3rd and Adams St • 541-942-4479  
Pastor: Karen Hill  
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**  
467 S. 10th St. • 541-942-2612  
Pastor Rulon Combs  
Sunday School All Ages 9am  
Worship & Children's  
Church 10:00 am  
Sat Evening Service 6:00pm  
Youth 180 Mondays 5:30-8pm

**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.pennoyeravecoc.com](http://www.pennoyeravecoc.com)

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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, 1:00 pm

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
6th & Quincy • 541-942-2373  
Pastor: James L. Markus  
Sunday School & Adult Education 9:15am  
Sunday Worship 10:30 am  
Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue & Thur 5:00pm TLC Groups  
[llccg.com](http://llccg.com)

**United Methodist Church**  
334 Washington • 541-942-3033  
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen  
Worship: 10:30am  
Comm. Dinner (Adults \$5, Kids Free)  
2nd & 3rd Monday 5-6:00pm  
[cottagegroveumc.org](http://cottagegroveumc.org)

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