



Pet Tips 'n' Tales

by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

Crows And Their "Crow-knees"

Following are three "for the birds" stories.

Our friend, Syd, prized his trucks as proudly as a cow-boy did his prize steed.

Forty years ago, Syd began tossing food out to the crows because their "presents" kept the insect population down in his garden. "Birds eating bugs," said Syd, "is a safer method for controlling insects than exposing pets and children to toxic sprays!"

Crows fly 40 miles a day in search of food and Syd's yard was a favorite treat of theirs! Over the years, the black bird group's population grew as they were socializing and cawing on his telephone wires. Crows are intelligent birds who can recognize a human by its face. And they sure knew Syd! Each morning, a devoted noisy feathery crew serenaded his arrival.

The busiest bird waiting area (the wire) ran above Syd's vehicles' parking spot. One day, a bird pooped on his new truck. Syd marched out, looked up at the birds and announced, "I will feed you, BUT you have to promise not to mark my truck!" They both kept their promise. Not one mark was left by the trapeze swinging birds above a succession of shiny trucks.

When Syd was 78-years-old, he went to the hospital, so his family fed the birds. The crows held their morning vigils and kept their promise of keeping his stationary truck clean.

The morning that Syd died, when his daughter returned to his house, she saw that the birds had acknowledged his passing with a huge white plop on his black truck. They knew! They never returned to his home again.

A second crow story is about an English Duke, who was building a condo across from Christine's condo in Canada. "Shortly after the Duke died," said Christine, "75 crows descended, in black clouds, from all directions onto the arm of the construction's crane. They held a vigil for 30 minutes before flying off. Then, adding to the mystery, not one crow has been seen atop the crane since!"

A third crow story happened to Lewis at a race track, while he was marking race cards with a pen. A crow flew in the room,

marched over to his table, snatched up the pen and flew out. Lewis ran after the bird and pen, but the crow flew up onto the roof, caw-laughing down at him. (Crows are intelligent, curious and love sparkly things, just like women are with jewelry!)

The apologetic race track staff gave Lewis another pen. He had his head down, studying his race card again, and guess who silently flew back in?!

The crow grabbed the second pen and jumped off the table with Lewis and the staff in hot purr-suit. The crow remained one hop ahead of them and took off - with the pen - giving him something to crow about!

The crow was obviously preparing his emergency plan and earthquake proofing its nest with pen reinforcements! And, yes, crows and their "cronies" have knees called elbows!

Video

Watch Canuck, the crow, who car surfs and stole the knife from a crime scene!

<https://www.thedodo.com/canuck-rescued-crow-canada-1822831628.html>

TIPS

- Birds keep insect populations down safer than pesticides and birds are environmentally safe. For this reason, we always have bird feeders and a bird bath to attract birds.

"Hummingbirds are dying," informs Tips 'n' Tales reader Ila in Hope, BC Canada, "because their feeders have perches. Snip perches off before you hang them up. When a bird stands on a perch, they fill their crops with cold water. It is dangerous on cold mornings, because the cold water shocks their system and they fall paralyzed to the ground, and caught by cats. The effect is the same as your hands not working when they are cold. Without feeder perches, the birds must circulate more, and they can't drink enough at one time to have this effect."

- To prevent crows and raccoons from inspecting trash bags, place the garbage out the morning of pick-up day, not the night before.

Tell us what your pet has to "crow" about!

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Shirley

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Please join us for

Shirley's retirement party!

Saturday, May 20th, 2017

2-4pm

6th and Gibbs

Church of Christ

195 N 6th St, CG

No Gifts Please

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Eugene Symphony

The Eugene Symphonic Band, conducted by Dr. Rodney Dorsey, will perform a Pops Concert on SUNDAY, May 21, 2017, 3:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 3550 Fox Meadow Road, Eugene. Admission for this concert is free! Donations will be accepted.

United Way volunteer options

Work with kids in local parks. Every summer, Nearby Nature runs a series of week-long outdoor daycamps in local parks. At each camp, an adult volunteer and a youth outdoor leader (13-18 years old) help our staff with games, outdoor science, crafts, music, and more. Volunteers commit to helping with at least one week-long camp per summer, for three-four hours per day. Call 541-687-9699 about current volunteer needs.

Senior meal volunteers needed

Café 60 volunteers are needed to prepare and serve meals at various sites. Volunteers assist in kitchen, help serve, set-up and then clean-up after meal is served. For more information call Heather at 541-682-4268 or go to www.laneseniormeals.org.

Bicycle club ride

GEARs Cycling club will be doing one of our club rides starting at Mosby Creek Trail Head and riding up the Row River trail. on Saturday, May 20th beginning at 10:00 am. We were hoping you could list it on you calendar page next week. Members and non-members are welcome. I have attached our ride schedule which has more information. Let me know if you have any questions.

LCC budget meeting

The Lane Community College Budget Committee and Board of Education have set additional meetings for Wednesday, May 17, to further discuss the 2017/18 budget. The Budget Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. and the Board of Education will follow with a special meeting at 7:30 p.m. Public comment will be accepted at both meetings. The meetings will be held in the Boardroom, Room 216, Building 3, main campus, 4000 E. 30th Ave., Eugene.

Deaf and hard of hearing committee

The Oregon Deaf and Hard of Hearing Advisory Committee meets Friday, May 19, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Barbara Roberts Human Services Building, Room 473, 500 Summer St. NE, Salem, OR. The meeting is open to the public.

Worship Directory

WORSHIP
WITH US

DRAIN:
HOPE U.M.C.
131 W "A" St. Drain, OR
541-315-1617
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Fellowship & Song: 11:30am
Potluck Lunch: 12:00pm
Worship: 12:30pm

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

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
Center for Spiritual Living
Cottage Grove
700 Gibbs Ave. (Community Center)
Rev. Bobby Lee
Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m.
cslcottagrove@gmail.com

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.cgbible.org

Cottage Grove Faith Center
33761 Row River Rd. • 541-942-4851
Lead Pastor: Kevin Pruett
www.cg4.tv
Full Children's Ministry available
Two Services 9am & 11am

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

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
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Living Faith Assembly
467 S. 10th St. • 541-942-2612
Pastor Rulon Combs
Worship & Children's
Church 10:00 am
Youth 180 Mondays 5:30-8pm

Non-Denominational Church of Christ
1041 Pennoyer Ave • 541-942-8928
Preacher: Tony Martin
Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am
Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm
www.pennoyeravcoc.com

Old Time Gospel Fellowship
103 S. 5th St. • 541-942-4999
Pastor: Jim Edwards
Sunday Service: 10:00am
Join us in Traditional Christian Worship

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
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
tlccg.com

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