

# Greetings from Cottage Grove...



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The Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce Greeters Committee has awarded Kevin L Pillow LLC Business of the Quarter- Q2 2018. Kevin was nominated for his consistent excellence in customer service, providing professional and knowledgeable financial services to the Cottage Grove Community for over 25 years. From left: Greeters Valerie Nash, Susan Jeppesen, Cindy Widener, Cassandra Barrong and award recipient Kevin Pillow.

# Pet tips 'N' tales

By Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

## Cats Mandu and Katcat

"... the only true religion consists of having a good heart."

—H.H. Dalai Lama

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Anna, a Buddhist nun, was ordained by His Holiness Dalai Lama. She divides her time between her homes and cats in Eugene, Ore., and its sister city, Kathmandu. Anna takes the Dalai Lama's words to heart, "Having a pet teaches service, compassion and kindness" so for 19 years, she has rescued trafficked Nepalese children.

During Nepal's civil war, impoverished families sent their children, as young as 4-years-old, with strangers who promised to educate and protect them. But, instead they innocently handed their child to a trafficker who would inflict fear, hunger and disease on their child. The now "owned" children were forced to beg, serve their "master," become domestic help, break rocks or worse.

When Anna learns of enslaved children, wearing her nun's robes, she takes a taxi to their location and announces that she has, "Come for the children." Once in the care of the "Next Generation Nepal" organization, their parents are located and the children returned home. Donations allow for these rescues and reunifications, making her acts of humanity paws-ible. ([www.NextGenerationNepal.org](http://www.NextGenerationNepal.org))

In Kathmandu, street cats are considered one step above rats. The felines traverse the 15-foot brick walls that surround buildings, seldom touching the ground in their search for food. Oddly, these "pests" are rare Bengal cats.



Anna and her cats, Mandu and Katcat

In Eugene, Anna has two Oregon rescues: a Bengal named "Mandu" and a Manx named "Katcat." Her cats are so beautifully marked that she calls them "house art."

"After adopting Mandu," said Anna, "I wanted a second cat, so I introduced him to two different cats, but he intimidated the frightened 'intruders'."

Then she brought home a long-hair-grey Manx, Katcat. This time the reception was jaw dropping! Mandu purred around the cat's carrier and rolled next to it like it was soaked in catnip.

When Anna let a fearless Katcat out, Mandu patiently watched his new friend explore their home. It did not take them long to become best friends.

Bengals are an amazingly intelligent breed. Mandu has 15 different tones to his voice so Anna can differentiate them and understand what he is saying. Three weeks after Katcat's arrival, he must have said something that infuriated Mandu.

"In a demanding meow Mandu announced, 'I have had enough! Katcat is an intruder,'" said Anna. "He clearly stated that it was, 'time for Katcat's stay to end.' He argued insisting, 'His visit is finished!' He made fun of Katcat and said, 'What's with his no tail? He looks like a rabbit not a cat. He has to go!'"

Anna disappointed Mandu by telling him that Katcat was now part of their family.

Mandu retaliated by refusing to sleep with her, and in protest he laid across her bedroom's threshold stretching out, so that Katcat would have to jump over him to enter.

Katcat wisely made a wide turn to avoid a cat-frontation. Mandu then "tailed" Katcat around the house intimidating him for a week making everyone's lives miserable. Finally Anna said, "Mandu! Enough!"

Whatever their hissy-fit was, Mandu got over it and the cats are back sharing her bed and lovingly washing each other!

Every morning, Mandu puts his head on my shoulder," said Anna, "and talks and purrs trying to rouse me. He becomes annoyed if I do not jump up and feed him. So, he swats my head and I bury myself under the covers. He is relentless though; there is no way that I can sleep. He is better than an alarm clock, as long as you are on Mandu time!"

**TIPS:**

Cats instinctually scratch. They need tall cat posts to sleep on, stretch their back, and scratch. If your cat "accidentally" scratches your fur-niture, place crinkly aluminum foil on the corners as a deterrent.

• Editor's note: Mary Ellen will return with a new column next week after a well-deserved break from the keyboard!

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## News from Lorane

- It's less than two weeks until the Lorane Community-Wide Sale on Saturday, Aug. 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There's still time to get your place on the map: Mail your request to Mina Knittle, P.O. Box 71, Lorane, Ore. 97451, or call Jeri Porter at 541-952-2448 to rent a table at the grange. Map or tables, it's just \$10.

- Also on Aug. 4, take in the Art In The Country on Central road at the old Central School. There will be a variety of authors, including Pat Edwards; musicians and numerous artists, including locals Margie McNutt and Michael Matchulat, who share will share a booth.

End your day at the Crow Grange "Chicken 'N' Picked" from 4 to 7 p.m. The grange is right next to Applegate Elementary on Territorial Rd.

- The following weekend on Aug. 12, there will be a full day of activities in Lorane. Start at Lorane Grange for the Lorane Community Potluck. Lunch starts at 12:30 p.m. but come early to visit. Doors will be open to receive food by 10 a.m.

Schedule for the day:  
 — Lorane Community Potluck: 12:30  
 — Lorane Volunteer Fire Department Ice Cream Social: 1 to 5 p.m.  
 — Lorane Family Store Mural Unveiling: 3 p.m.

Lisa Livelybrooks will be the emcee and there is a western theme for the day.

- NOTE Someone vandalized the grower's market donation box. Produce will still be available but donations can be given to the Lorane Deli for now. Any changes will be posted at the grower's market.

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