

# Dorena Grange receives second 'Distinguished' award

"Those recognized as Distinguished Granges make up less than 2 percent of the total number of Granges across our nation, and are truly the cream of the crop," National Grange President, Betsy Huber, said. "Every Grange works to improve its community and educate others about agriculture and food issues, but these Distinguished Granges are truly beacons of

light in their hometowns. Many of them serve some of our nation's most rural communities and their efforts are vital in raising the quality of life for the local residents." The National Grange, which celebrated its 150th birthday last year, will recognize Dorena Grange No. 835, along with 33 other community granges and six state granges, at a reception during

the 152nd Annual National Grange Convention in Stowe, Vt., this month. To qualify for this recognition, Dorena Grange submitted a recap of activities from July 2017 through June 2018. Highlights include Barrel Food Gardens for Cottage Grove, Creswell and Drain; a Fire Wise fire prevention presentation for the Dorena Community; 150th Grange Anniversary event featuring an Open House and Spaghetti Feed; and holding a cake walk at Earth Day in Coiner Park.

Dorena Reservoir" said Bill Anthony, Dorena Grange's vice president. Located at milepost 4 on Row River Road, Dorena Grange holds a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Meetings are on the fourth Mondays at 7 p.m. For more information about Dorena Grange, visit its Facebook page at Dorena Grange #835, email Erika Bartlog at dorenagrang@gmail.com or call 541-623-0515.

Since 1867, the National Grange has brought individuals and families together to support their communities and advocate on behalf of rural America and agriculture. The nonprofit, nonpartisan, fraternal organization has more than 150,000 members throughout the country. The history of the Order is rich with stories of generations of Grangers across more than 40,000 communities serving others and developing leadership and other personal skills. Today, the Grange is a major benefactor to more than 2,000 communities in which local chapters reside, and members provide millions of hours of service and dollars in funds to support the needs of their hometowns identified through grassroots process. For more information, visit [www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org).



## Pet tips 'N' tales

By Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

### Harnessing your dog!

Well, that was the last thing I expected to see at Costco: a traveling road show of pet harnesses and leashes.

The impressive fit of the brightly colored products and the widely added reflective material to the leash left me wondering who the genius was who designed these products. Intrigued, I phoned Woof Concept Products president and entrepreneur Andy Song. Here is his story on how Pedro's adoption created wonderful dog products, all due to a rescued-immigrant dog.

Pedro, a French bull dog, was discovered injured and unable to walk in Taiwan by an international animal rescue group. They saved the lucky dog from certain death and had him flown 10,000 miles to his new home with Andy and his wife, Tracy.

"When Pedro, Tracy and I went to pet stores, all we saw were aisles of boring collars, leashes and harnesses. We visited 20 stores and did not resonate with a single design. We wanted fun and unique ones constructed from quality materials. So, we solved the problem by leveraging our design and manufacturing experience creating Woof Concept's first prototype.

As pet parents, Song explained they treat their dogs like kids, so the two went to the drawing board to create something that was eye-catching and fun.

"It's like putting cute clothes on your children," said Song. "Who wouldn't want something cute and colorful on their puppies? We did! So, our core designs were geared towards fun while maintaining our mission statement that Woof Concept is committed to building amazing pet products that are uniquely designed without compromising quality."

Song said he and Tracy drafted the products using their "puppy parental instincts," keeping safety paramount and added a nighttime reflective material to their leashes.

"We created a step-in harness for day-to-day walks or a front clip harness for training (directional steering when the dog pulls)," explained Song. "We use premium graded nylon and polypropylene webbing, so the leashes are softer to hold. At dog

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### Aegis Asphalt Sealcoating

Brian Sugg, owner and operator of Aegis Asphalt Sealcoating and Pacific Extruded curbs, is now officially a two-business man on a mission. Backed by 20+ years of experience Brian brings a personalization and sophistication that is rare in the paving industry today.

As a young man, Brian spent his summers on asphalt paving projects with his Grandfather in the Willamette Valley. This experience inspired Sugg to further his knowledge of this trade in college. After graduating Central Washington University with a BS in Construction management Sugg set out with a vision of owning and operating a company that was dedicated to customer service and cooperation. After a few years of working and managing multi million dollar projects Suggs vision and dreams were becoming a reality.

Aegis Asphalts Sealcoating was started in 2008 and in 2018 Brian purchased Pacific Extruded Curbs, creating a new opportunities and service to existing clients. Focused on developing and maintaining client relationships remains one of Brian's core values.

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## 6-day weather forecast

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<p><b>SATURDAY</b> 62°   37°  <b>Sunny</b></p>	<p><b>SUNDAY</b> 59°   38°  <b>Sunny</b></p>
<p><b>MONDAY</b> 58°   39°  <b>Sunny</b></p>	<p><b>TUESDAY</b> 58°   41°  <b>Partly Cloudy</b></p>

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## Historic talk on Opal Whitely set for Saturday

Did Opal Whiteley leave any diaries besides those in her bestselling childhood book?

Historian Steve Williamson will present over 180 mostly overlooked diary entries of Opal Whiteley's buried within her first book, The Fairyland Around Us, a science textbook for teaching young people both nature and spirituality. These "Fairyland Diaries" describe her life growing up in the Oregon woods and the wonders of nature that she found.

The Cottage Grove Historical Society will host Williamson's talk on Saturday, Nov. 17, at 10 a.m. in the Community Center at Seventh and Gibbs streets.

Admission is free. This event will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Opal's publishing of The Fairyland Around Us and her nature diaries.

Williamson's research will show that many of these entries date from when Opal was nine and 10-years-old, on

up to her teenage years.

These diary entries are a gold mine of new, perhaps controversial information about her early life.

Biographers have mentioned a few entries but, no one has collected them in their original diary form.

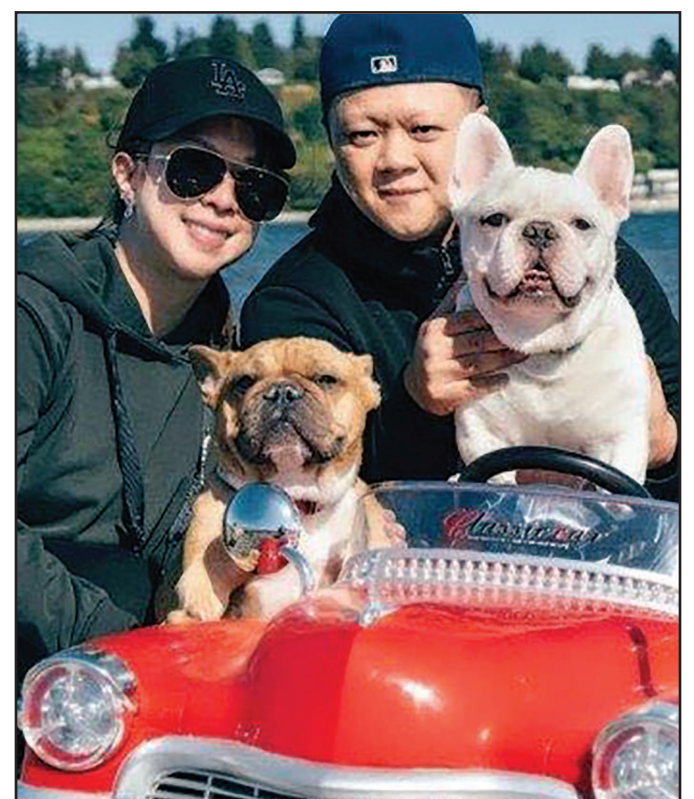
Over 30 new pets are introduced in the "Fairyland Diaries" such as a deer named Maurine, her pet skunk Julius Caesar Napoleon and a chipmunk called Pandora.

His talk will also answer questions such as if her childhood diary was really torn up by an angry sister as Opal said, and what later happened to its fragments.

Williamson will show the complete "Fairyland Diaries" online with his research notes at [www.opalnet.org](http://www.opalnet.org).

These diary entries will open up a rich vein of her writings for researchers, fans and even critics.

Schools will also find this website helpful in teaching about Opal Whiteley or diary writing.



**Andy and Tracy Song, with their rescue dogs Pedro and Marjori.**

parcs, our design quickly caught people's attention."

Song said the journey has been rewarding, garnering positive feedback from customers. Some love their products so much, said Song, that they bought the entire collection for their dog's wardrobe closet.

"They say that they have never seen such unique patterns and designs before. We also consistently receive appreciative comments on our reflective leashes," said Song.

So how is four-year-old Pedro today? He is in full health, can walk and living the dog-trepreneur's dream. He has a younger sister now named Marjorie who is a three-year-old French bulldog rescued from a Taiwan puppy mill.

"I grew up with my family adopting dogs from shelters and international rescue organizations," said Andy. "Therefore, rescued dogs hold a special place in my heart. Adopting an older dog is by far one of the most memorable moments of my life and I encourage those who are looking for a dog to consider a senior, no matter where it was born."

If you have an idea for a pet product, remember that you too can create something to help the pet population while following your dreams.

**TIPS:**

"Collars are for displaying a dog's visual identification tags," advises leash expert Andy. "We do not recommend using collars for walks. When a dog pulls, a collar damages their delicate trachea putting tension, and results in putting pressure around their eyes. Instead, use a front, step-in, clip harness for even distribution of pressure around the dog's chest."

The H-Harness or Front Clip Harness (used for training) are attached to the leash by a front ring at the dog's chest. When the dog pulls, it redirects them towards the owner."



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