

Local schools receive grants



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Local educators with check issued as part of the Northwest Community Credit Union's annual Project Community

Northwest Community Credit Union (NWCU)'s annual Project Community mini-grant award program recently issued a cumulative total of \$4,850 for instructional support in featured projects. Among them:

- Cottage Grove High School — Ricardo Florez will purchase new headphones for his computer lab so students can access college-level classes.
- Cottage Grove High School — Sheila Ghelfi will be using her Project Community funding to purchase Chromebooks for students in special education classrooms.
- Harrison Elementary School — Sarah Parsons will be purchasing listening centers and CD book sets to help kindergarten students with literacy.
- Lincoln Middle School — Lisa

Sherman is using her grant to purchase books for students with reading disabilities.

- London Elementary School — Bill Bechen is using his funding to buy curriculum to teach kids handwriting proficiency.

"Every school year, teachers are taking money out of their own pockets to supplement their teaching tools, or meet other instructional needs — and that seemed to us like a perfect opportunity to serve," said Northwest Community Credit Union President and CEO John Iglesias.

"Project Community was designed to boost the work of educators who create meaningful learning experiences for kids. We want to help inspire learning, by supporting the innovative ideas of teachers who just need a little

assistance to implement a great lesson plan," said Iglesias.

Educators submitted requests in Fall for classroom supplies, technology, books, special classroom projects, programs or field trips. The credit union grants, awarded throughout December, will be used in the academic year 2019 to support creative curriculum and classroom experiences varying among elementary, middle and high school levels.

A total of \$60,000 will be presented to schools throughout Oregon. This is the fourth year of the Project Community mini-grant program.

By December 31, 2018, a new grand total of 253 educators were awarded over \$224,000 in funding. The next application period for grants will begin in Fall 2019.

Pet tips 'N' tales

By Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"



The 'Miracle Cat' continues

There is definitely something magical about Elaine and Ed's cat. He prayed with Pope Frances in an article last year. Then in another article, he mysteriously healed her ear — and now here is his latest miracle as told by Elaine...

Just before Christmas, I walked into our pharmacy to pick up my 14-year-old cat, Terry's, insulin prescription. Terry is diabetic and needs twice a day injections.

His insulin usually costs \$298, so when I went to pay for the prescription the cashier said it was \$99.

Stunned, I asked her if there was a mistake.

She looked back at her computer and verified, "Yes. It is correct. You have paid over \$200 before, but someone has put in discounts for you."

Shocked, I asked her who had added the discount.

A short, male, on-call pharmacist who I had never seen before, piped up and said he had done it.

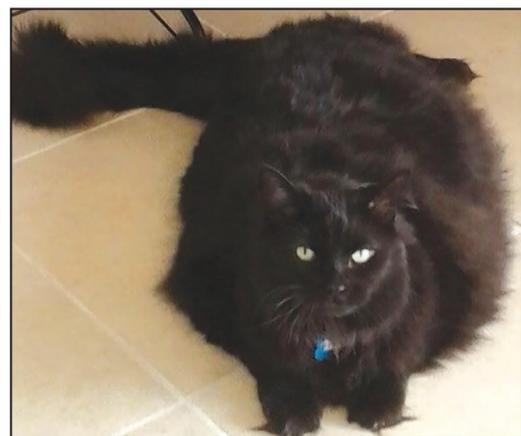
The cashier added, "The discounts are in your account from now on."

I was overwhelmed and could hardly breathe. I love my cat. We are retired and I'm being told that we only need to pay this new amount from now on for his prescription. It was an early Christmas miracle!

Emotions of awe and gratitude built. I thanked everyone behind the counter for the early Christmas gift. They all smiled and I went out to my car.

You would think that was enough shock for one day, but here is what happened next: When I turned on my car the "Sirius-ly Sinatra" Channel was playing; but this time it wasn't Ol' Blue Eyes, but an unknown man with a deep voice singing the prayer, "Our Father."

What? How can this be? I was surprised because the sta-



Terry the "Miracle Cat"

tion never plays prayers, only songs. The man sang every word of the prayer during my two-mile drive home. I parked and just before I turned off the engine, the man sang the last word, "Amen."

I was tearing up, overflowing with gratitude.

Curious, I looked up the playlist for the channel and it listed another song, not the prayer. How was it possible to have heard a strange man singing "Our Father?"

I realized that indeed, it was angel music. The last time I heard angel music was 30 years ago. This is the second time this has happened.

I'm still in awe with what happened and why me? The experience gave me confirmation that there are other spirits in another realm; and if we believe in them, they are there to guide us and help us. They always show up when we need them the most. I feel so blessed. It is nice to know that God and the Angels are looking out for me and Terry's health...

Tips:

- During cold-dark winter days, for your pet's and your safety, buy a blinking light at pet stores or bike shops. The lights are purr-fect for walking in the dark. Hook the lightweight device on your pet's collar and your coat's zipper. Readers' dogs also wear these lights so they can be seen in the backyard.
- When traveling with a pet, know that pet carriers can pop open during a crash. A microchip is the best way to have your lost pet identified as collars and ID tags can get lost in the confusion.
- When your yard/driveway/roof are covered in slippery moss, sprinkle baking soda onto it and within two days the moss begins to dry up. (The baking soda destroys the moss down through its roots.) And best of all, it is nontoxic to pets and humans! Also, you can speed the demise of resistant weeds by pouring boiling water over their leaves and roots. This al-so boils their nearby seeds. Be sure your pets are safely contained before doing so, of course!

Share your fun, amazing or crazy pet tips and tales at angelscribe@msn.com or Follow Pet Tips 'n' Tales on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PetTipsandTales. Adopt loving pets online at www.PetFinder.com. For spay or neutering, call the Humane Society at 541-942-2789.

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LORANE NEWS

• Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and you have a safe and Happy New Year!

• Food baskets and presents were delivered to those families in need in Lorane on Saturday, Dec. 22. Thank you to all who helped, to Marissa and Roberta and the Lorane

Fire Department. Your devotion to others is deeply appreciated.

• Just a reminder to all Grangers: We meet next on the third Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019. For all the community, the next spaghetti and bingo evening is Saturday, Jan. 26 starting at 5:30 p.m.

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