

# Cottage Grove Historical Society to present 'Cottage Grove and the Titanic'

The Cottage Grove Historical Society, in conjunction with the Cottage Grove Museum, is hosting a presentation on the RMS Titanic, a wool coat and their role in local history.

The presentation will share the history of a local artifact that has been featured in both the Ronald

Regan Presidential Library and Museum in California and the National Geographic Museum in Washington DC.

Those who appreciate history will enjoy this local tale of love, disaster, hardship, war and triumph that has captured the hearts of fans on both sides of the Atlantic

and across the country.

This presentation is part of the Cottage Grove Historical Society's monthly series featuring local historical topics.

Presentations take place the third Saturday of each month and the public is encouraged to attend.

There is no charge, but do-

nations are always welcome.

The public is invited to attend this free presentation at the Cottage Grove Community Center, 700 Gibbs Street, beginning at 10 a.m. this Saturday, Feb. 16.

Coffee and refreshments will be available.



## Pet Tips 'n' Tales

By Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

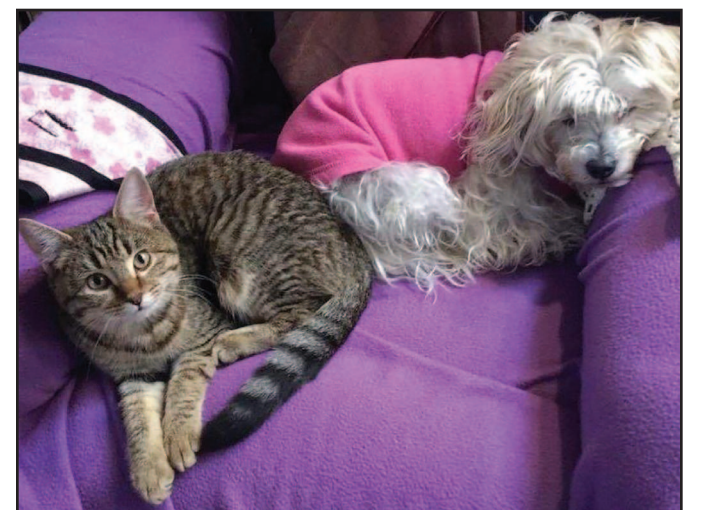
### Aby the TABY-ssinian

What fun! As a "cat expert" (having owned cats my entire life qualifies me), my friend Lynda asked me to accompany her to a shelter where she was thinking of adopting a four-month-old tabby kitten.

We were led into the "family" room where the kittens were playing. It did not take long to see how intelligent they were, who the boss was, who had nerves of steel, who was shy and who the most playful. Then, there was the kitten Lynda fell in love with. She picked up the fur baby and the little one wrapped its body around her neck, swished its tail happily in her face, then settled down onto her lap and did not move for the next hour.

Could this be how cats claim owners? Staking a claim on a lap while telepathically telling their siblings, "Paws off!" Even when Lynda tried standing up, the kitten locked itself deeper into her lap.

No other kitten came to investigate Lynda, so I had the joy of playing with the active bunch, evaluating their health and temperaments. They each passed with flying colors — or was that flying toys and cats? Well, both!



Believe it or Not! Silky just adopted her new sister, Aby, sight unseen, the afternoon of this photo.

Everyone who already has a pet is concerned how it will adjust to a new pet. Will there be fighting? Barking? Hissing? Attacks?

Well, on the drive to her new home, Aby sat peacefully on my lap as she gazed out the window. Her body language was as cool and relaxed as Happy Days' "Fonzie" and was astutely aware of her surroundings. She did, however, want to jump onto the back seat and visit Lynda's 11-year-old rescued poodle, Silky.

There was no doubt about it — Silky was put out. No one had consulted her if she needed a baby sister. She let her feelings be known by facing the door and pouting, not moving her gaze one iota.

Once home, the cat jumped out of Lynda's arms and began calmly investigating as if it knew it was home. And as for Silky? She was ignoring the cat, sulking and trying to hide behind Lynda's leg.

Not having a cat-baby name book, Lynda asked her Facebook friends for suggestion. "Miss Mew" was a close winner until Lynda, being an observant mother, came up with Aby. The kitten's soft fur has the characteristic cinnamon color of an Abyssinian. She also has the classic tabby "M" on her forehead and the little white spot on her chin — so Aby the Taby-ssinian is the purr-fect name.

Granted, most new adoptions won't be this smooth. But that night, Aby and a reluctant Silky slept together in bed with Lynda proving a happy ending for all!

**TIPS:**

- On the drive home, I took off Silky's jacket and rubbed the kitten with it to purr-meate her with the dog's smell. This may attribute to why the animals accepted each other so unbelievably fast! Pets recognize each other by smell, so by the time we pulled into the driveway the kitten smelled like "family."

- Do not rub a cat's belly roughly like you would with a dog's. This gesture puts a feline on the defense, they learn to mistrust you and develop into "ruff" players who scratch and bite hands.

Don't use a scented kitty litter. When Lynda tried that she could barely breath. She started sneezing, her eyes watered and she sneezed. Initially, she was worried that she was allergic to her new kitten. In addition, within minutes, the litter gave me asthma — so Lynda rushed to the pet store and purr-chased a compressed-newspaper litter that can also go onto her garden after use. Imagine that poor kitten with its nose only two inches from the scented litter. It must be hap-py with Lynda's new choice. I know I am!

- Newly adopted pets are emotionally trying to fit into your home. If they become frightened, do not laugh at them. They know you are mocking them and being mammals, it hurts their feelings.

- Neuter and spay your pets. Don't let them "have just one litter." Instead, visit a shelter and adopt one of their "just one litter babies."

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

## Sentinel to host free press release writing workshop

The Cottage Grove Sentinel will be hosting a free workshop on the ins and outs of writing Public Service Announcement (PSA) or Press Release (PR).

The class will be held in the Reception Room at the Cottage Grove Public Library on Saturday, Feb. 16, from 1 to 2 p.m. It will cover

the "Five Ws" of what to include in a press release, the best way to send them, how to format and send photos to include with press releases, and how to utilize the newspaper — locally and beyond — as a resource for sharing information about your organization, club, event or non-profit group or

project.

Press releases are an effective way to inform the community about an event, fundraiser or meeting that is a free service to the community.

The workshop will be hosted by Sentinel managing editor Ned Hickson, lead reporter Damien Sherwood,

and General Manager Gary Manly.

A tips sheet will be handed out, so if possible RSVP by calling the office at 541-942-3325 to en-sure there will be enough materials.

An RSVP is appreciated but not required.

### LORANE NEWS

- The Lorane Grange Spaghetti dinner and bingo is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 23, starting at 5:30 p.m.

There was a Big winner in January. Due to the tremendous attendance, the progressive blackout amount will start higher at \$157.

Let's have another huge attendance, which makes the cash prizes larger, too. Bingo begins at 6:30 p.m.

- If you haven't been to Applegate Elementary lately, you need to stop by. The remodel of the offices and

entryway are complete and amazing.

The secretaries can see the entire parking lot and anyone coming in. After school begins, you go through the office, check in before going on into the school.

- The Oregon Battle of the Books is starting soon. As a school, they will be holding battles and the final is Friday, Feb. 22, at 2:20 p.m.

Regional competition will be held Saturday, March 9, at Thurston High School.

## Dutch Bros. to raise funds for food bank on Valentine's Day

On Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, \$1 from every drink sold at any Dutch Bros. location will be donated to Food for Lane County to benefit neighbors nearby.

With the help of a donor-advised fund through Oregon Community Foundation, every drink pur-

chased will provide 6 meals to someone in Lane County.

The Food is Love grant is matching all donations to FFLC in February up to \$100,000.

"We love this partnership with Dutch Bros., because they understand how important it is to help our

neighbors and they make it so easy to donate," says Stefani Roybal of FOOD for Lane County. "Small donations can really add up, making a difference for the food insecure people of Lane County and we're glad our matching donor recognizes that."

In 2018, Dutch Bros. customers helped provide 945,000 meals company wide.

Because food insecurity is so prevalent, the Dutch Bros. goal this year is to supply 1 million meals to those impacted.

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<b>SATURDAY</b> 40°   33° Rain	<b>SUNDAY</b> 41°   32° Rain/Snow
<b>MONDAY</b> 41°   32° Rain/Snow	<b>TUESDAY</b> 40°   32° Rain/Snow

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