

Adopting support



COURTESY PHOTO

Ellen Hogue (left) recently received a certificate of adoption of a carousel horse from the carousel board president, Don Williams (right). The horse is adopted in memorial to her husband of many years, Gary (Bill) Hogue, and grandson, Justin Simons, who lost his life in an industrial accident. Ellen and Gary were very instrumental in the 1970s and 1980s in working for the community betterment through Bohemia Mining Days and Prospectors and Goldiggers. All components of the carousel are being offered as adoption items to finance the completion of the restoration and create a building fund for a permanent home for the carousel.

Community invited to Father-Daughter Dance fundraiser

The public is invited to attend North Douglas High School's fourth annual Father Daughter Spring Dance this March in support of the school's music department.

The dance will be from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 8, at North Douglas High School in Drain.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and can be purchased at The

Bookmine in Cottage Grove, Exclusively Bridal in Drain and Dickey's True Value Hardware in Yoncalla.

Tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$10. Children 24

months and younger will be admitted for free.

Proceeds will benefit the North Douglas Music Department. For more information, call 541-836-2213.

Yoncalla Library receives late holiday gift

The Yoncalla Library and the community of Yoncalla received a late holiday gift thanks to the Pilcrow Foundation, the Yoncalla Library Advisory Board, Daniel and Karen Halloran of Oregon, Hal Berenson and Laura Ackerman of Colorado, and Mouse Prints Press.

Through a two-to-one matching grant between the Foundation and the Library Advisory Board, the Foundation purchased 73 children's books for the library.

The advisory board used donations in memory of Nancy Hess (a long-time supporter of

the library) for its share of the grant. In addition, the Pilcrow Foundation used funds donated by the Hallorans.

The books were selected by Yoncalla Library librarian Jill Cunningham.

The Pilcrow Foundation provided 23 additional books — all math and science for children — through a donation from Hal Berenson and Laura Ackerman.

Six books in the Maurice's Valises series were donated directly through the foundation by Mouse Prints Press, the publisher of the series.

The Yoncalla Library is open Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursdays from 2 to 7 p.m.; and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Library cards are free to every resident of Douglas County.

Friends of CG Carousel to speak Thursday in Springfield

Willamalane Parks and Restoration District will host a 90-minute presentation on Northwest Carousels (1-5, The Trail of Carousels) during a presentation that will consist of three parts.

The presentation will take place Thursday, Feb. 28, at the Springfield Adult Activity Center, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Darrell Jabin will give the world history and origination of carousels, followed by

Wendy Kirby, originator and curator of the Albany Carousel, who will discuss the successful completion and operation of this carousel. Friends of the Cottage Grove Carousel will talk about the restoration of the 36-foot, 1929 Hershall carousel with menagerie animals.

It is a free presentation open to the public. The adult activity center is located at 215 West C St. in Springfield.



Pet Tips 'n' Tales

By Mary Ellen
"Angel Scribe"

A Purr-fessional Cat

Thirteen-year-old Phillipa's name is Greek for "horse lover," but she's not! Instead, Phillipa is a lover of birds who was selected from many cats for the paw-fessional job of protecting bird's food from mice. She was hired on as a shelter rescue 10 years ago. She had big paws to fill. Her purr-vious feline purr-edecessor, Sox, had "gifted" the Wild Birds Unlim-ited shop with 29 micey-gifts over her working career.

But like humans, Phillipa has her own style. She considers "the gifts" to be her midnight snacks, so her trophy record remains purr-ivate. Oh, and she has catitude and purr-furs to be re-furr-ed to by her nick name Pippa.

Morag, who has worked at the shop as long as Pippa, recalls, "We ran a contest to name our new redheaded employee. Customer suggestions were fun like Mouser and Emilia Mouseheart, and her honey-coloured coat inspired Honey, Ginger and Ginny. Then one day a four-year-old girl came into the shop with her grandmother. The girl took one look at the new mouser and confidently declared, 'I have a nice name. It is Pippa,' and she won!"



Lanaye and Morag are Pippa's staff at the Wild Birds' shop. (Mary Ellen photo)

Most customers, once seeing Pippa sleeping in one of her favorite locations, exclaim, "My goodness — a cat in a bird store! Does it eat birds?" But seriously, hadn't they noticed that there are no birds in the store? Paws-ibly a mouse or two, but the birds are 100 percent safe.

Pippa now has quite a following. As soon as customers enter "her store" they inquire, "Where is the pussycat?" before they look for their purr-chases. Some have dropped in for a word with Pippa, bring her a treat and make sure she has enough attention for the day.

I must admit, I always ask "Where is Pippa?" upon entering the shop for more bird seed. We have three cats and our bird feeders must be stocked to keep their entertaining KBIRD-TV channel on 24 hours a day. In the afternoon, Pippa catches the sun's rays in the window display, but most of the time she naps beside the cash register for maximum customer petting exposure.

Pippa is purr-fectly happy with her full-time job of supervising staff, scaring mice away and saying "Meow" to customers.

"I love my fan club," said Pippa, "especially the ones who bring me treats and catnip toys."

Pippa's Bird Tips

- Birds need water all year round for drinking and keeping their feathers clean. A water fountain or mister attracts more birds than still water (bird bath).

- Bird and feed stores sell heaters for birdbaths to prevent water from freezing. (Birds eat more before flying south in the winter.)

- Forest fires drive birds to new areas for their food source.
- Chickadees stash sunflower seeds in tree bark, under dead leaves, and in the ground, only to dig them up later and eat when it snows.

- Some hummingbirds over-winter here, so keep their feeders filled with a simple white sugar and water mixture. One-part sugar to four parts water is the safest and best ratio. No food coloring. Toss out any cloudy mixture as it harbors fungus. Wash feeders with hot water/soap/vinegar.

- Hummers get their protein from eating insects, insect eggs, and fruit flies, so the sugar water replaces the flower nectar, especially during the winter when flowers are scarce.

- Never feed ducks/swans/birds bread! It expands in their stomach and tricks them into thinking they are full without providing them any nutritional value. Visit your pet/bird/feed store for inexpensive healthy grains that they love.

- Hang bird feeders higher than six feet so cats can't jump up and pull the birds off.

- Purr-chase a colorful "Birds-be-safe" clown collar for your cats so as they stealthily move, the collar's bright colors alert birds. Works better than bells!

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