

CG Historical Society to present history of Lurch Brothers

Early business owners, believed to be the first to move from the west side to the east-side establishing our current main street, the Lurch brothers have a significant and troublesome history in Cottage Grove. The Cottage Grove Historical Society's March presentation will provide a look at the Lurch

Family, its businesses and roles in Cottage Grove history. Presented by the current owner of Ben Lurch's home, Gerald Santana, this peek into Cottage Grove's past is certain to engage the detectives in everyone as they learn about early businesses, mysterious fires, a trial, a conviction and some unan-

swered questions.

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 donations are always welcome.

This free presentation takes place at the Cottage Grove Community Center, 700 Gibbs Street, beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 16.

Coffee and refreshments will be available.

Submitted Report



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The Lurch Family residence in a photo taken in the early days of Cottage Grove.



Applications for Board of Directors (Central & Row River Districts)

The term of office for one director in the Central District – Jack Billings – and one director in the Row River District – Hugh Buermann – on Lane Electric's board of directors will expire May 28, 2019. **The incumbent directors seek re-election.** The Nominating Committee is accepting applications from any other qualifying members who would like to run for those seats. The committee will develop a strong slate of candidates that will be presented to the members for May's election.

Directors are elected to three-year terms and must live in the district in which they apply. Directors' primary duties include setting policy, approving budgets, working with the general manager, and monitoring the operations of the cooperative.

How to Apply: Download a position filing packet at www.laneelectric.com.

Applications must be signed and delivered to Lane Electric's office no later than 1 p.m. on March 14, 2019.

Oregon Community Trees grant to help celebrate Cottage Grove 25 years as a 'Tree City'

Oregon Community Trees is helping Cottage Grove mark its 25th year as a Tree City USA with a reusable banner drawing attention to the city's Arbor Week celebration, planned for Saturday, April 20.

Cottage Grove Tree Board Member Eric Mongan said the event will provide an opportunity for residents to help plant trees and set a commemorative plaque in Coiner Park. "Local nurseries, tree service providers and master gardeners will be on hand along with the Mayor to help explain proper planting techniques and maintenance tips," said Mongan.

"The event will also help us kick off a citywide street tree inventory project," Mongan added. "That inventory will lay the groundwork for a review of our approved street

tree list and help the city prepare for invasive tree-killing diseases and pests, such as the emerald ash borer."

Grants Committee Chair Morgan Holen said Oregon Community Trees promotes healthy urban and community forests. "We assist community groups, local governments and schools throughout the state with expertise and grants that support leadership, education, awareness and advocacy for urban and community forestry," Holen said.

This year eight cities in Oregon are receiving a combined total of more than \$3,600 in grants from Oregon Community Trees. One criteria for receiving an Arbor Week grant is being a Tree City USA, a status Corvallis has held for a quarter century.

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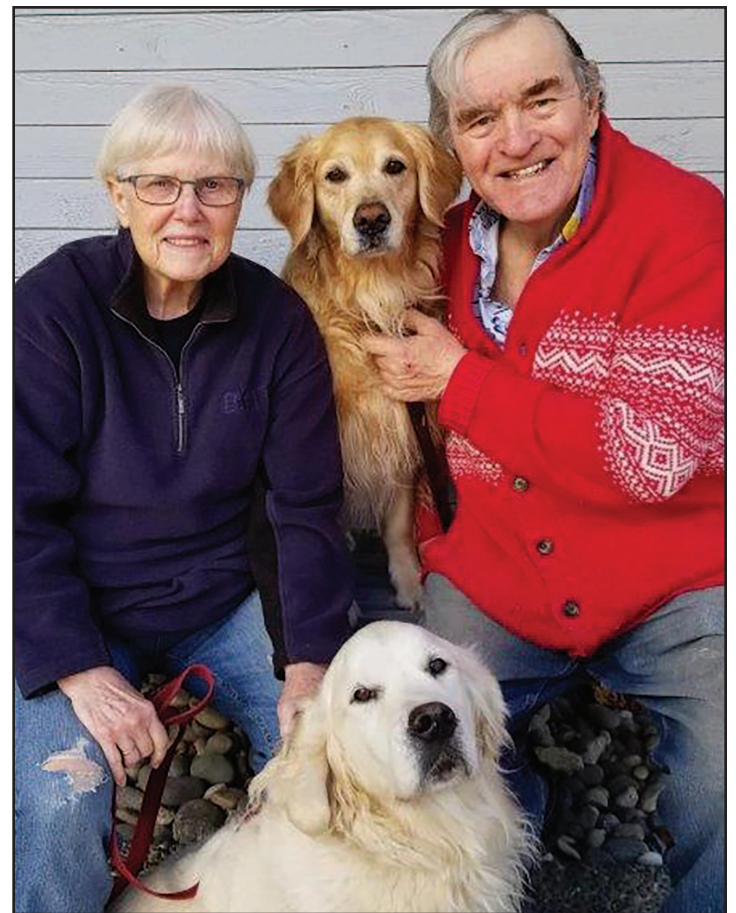
Gabbing 'Gabby': A Sandy Dog!

According to the dictionary, Gabby means a "Chatty Cathy" who talks rapidly. But Golden Retriever Gabby's name is the abbreviation for the Angel Gabriel. To be honest, the verb Gabby ("to talk incessantly") also fits her.

I first heard the "loud angel" before arriving at the beach. She was focused like a pirate furr-vently digging for buried treasure in the sand, barking insistently with wild abandonment, calling to others to come and see her find. All you would find was a big hole, with a beautiful white Retriever happily digging to the earth's center.

She placed a bright green tennis ball at the top of the hole then began digging. The ball rolled into the hole as she dug deeper and deeper, sand flying out behind her and spraying everyone.

Curious dogs approached and looked into the hole, thinking



Gabby, sitting up front, introduces you to her parents Jain and Bob and her cousin Amber. The dogs act like any seven-year-olds at the beach! They go wild!

there must be a bucket of treats at the bottom given the digger's enthusiasm. Some dog friends jumped in, barking and digging tail-to-tail with Gabby.

Meanwhile her dad, Bob, sat on a bench watching and keeping busy handing treats out to other dogs; he's officially known as "Bob, the treat man!"

Bob packs four pockets with kibble treats and all the dogs at the dog park know it. On this day, he looked like the Pied Piper with no less than six eager dogs around his feet.

"I check with owners to make sure their dog doesn't have allergies," said Bob. "I've met so many dogs and their parents over the years. The dogs politely take their turns and wait patiently. I hold up a treat, call them by name and they step forward. Now, some dogs look for my car and come running when they see me arrive and wait for their treat. Their joy makes my trip to the dog park more meaningful."

Bob, an avid tennis player for 40 years, knows about the "used ball box." Last week, he collected and tossed out 500 neon-green tennis balls for the dogs. The dogs and their parents love this recycled treat.

It is a good thing that Bob is a human ball-vending machine because of Gabby's penchant for balls. When he tosses her a ball, she chases it, carries it halfway back, and then won't give it to him. The only way she will let it go is for Bob to have a pocket full of tennis balls.

He tossed a second ball and she dropped the first, taking off after the new ball.

"When I am tossing out recycled balls, Gabby and her cousin dog, Amber, operate like a furry-relay team. After Gabby retrieves the balls, she drops them halfway back, so Amber picks them up and brings them the rest of the way back to me" said Bob. "This can go on for the entire box of balls."

Gabby has Bob trained; she won't come in from the backyard until he gives her a treat, sitting patiently and waiting for him to "get the message" until he shows her a treat in his hand.

It's the same for going outside: He has to toss a treat into the backyard for her to run out. It did not take her long to train Bob; he loves dogs and Gabby is stubborn — she knows how to wrap Bob around her paws.

However, there is one exception to her "treat" rule. When she hears Bob taking his meds, she knows it is time for her doggy vitamin. Her reaction? She snuffles out a "hmmmf" noise, turns and walks away as quickly as she does when the vacuum roars up.

TIPS:

"Dogs are intelligent and should earn their treats," said Bob. "I tell a dog to sit, then wait, and hold the treat in front of their nose, not over their head. They wait until I say, 'Okay, take it.' I do this for all the dogs at the park and they learn quickly. Also, Gabby rebels at being brushed with a wire brush. It hurts her skin. When I use my wife's plastic brush, Gabby lets me brush her until my arm falls off ... or my wife walks in the room!"

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55° | 34°



Cloudy

FRIDAY

61° | 39°



Sunny

SATURDAY

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