

Voiture 80 donates to help prevent child abuse



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Acknowledging National Child Abuse Prevention Month Lane County Voiture 80 of the veterans group 40 & 8 invited Peggy Whalen, Executive Director of the Family Relief Nursery, who provides assistance to children and families in Creswell, Cottage Grove and Drain to dinner at their monthly Promenade and presented her this ceremonial check along with a donation of Seven Hundred Dollars. Pictured are (from left): Nationale officer Alternate Cheminot Nationale Cab Clark; Jerry Shorey; V-80 Chef de Gare Phyllis York; Executive Director of the Family Relief Nursery Peggy Whalen; National officer Sous Nationale Boxcar Director Garry Klinghammer; Willie Rivera; and Glenn Knox.

KindTree-Autism Rocks to host art festival Sunday

Join KindTree—Autism Rocks and many community partners will present artistic creations of all kinds by people with autism and other developmental disabilities.

Paintings, photography, beadwork and jewelry, performance art and talent extraordinaire will be topped off with the Amazing Raventones featuring TR Kelley during a special Festival of Art on Sunday, May 19 at The Very Little Theater in Eugene.

Come enjoy an afternoon with snacks, treats, wine, cider and beer. If

the weather is good, the Pizzaldo Piza food cart will be on hand and the OSLP Participatory Art Project will be outdoors.

See artwork in the lobby of the Very Little Theater and watch performances in the theater.

This event is a fundraiser for KindTree—Autism Rocks, which focuses on funding scholarships for our its annual Friends & Family Camp, now in its 22nd year.

The festival line-up includes: The Participatory Art Project with OSLP,

Improv with STiLE Group, Talent Show from Allies, student videos from the STiLE Class, jewelry sales from Jewelry Expressions, art sales from KindTree, OSLP and more, along with music from The Raventones with TR Kelley and Randy Hamme.

The festival will be from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Very Little Theater, 2350 Hilyard St. in Eugene

Annual summer camp scholarship donations will be accepted during the event.

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• Anyone going into grades 5-8 and high school (9-12) who is interested in

cheerleading next school year should come to a meeting right after school today, May 15. Talk to the coaches, see the uniforms and learn a cheer. For more information, call Colleen at 541-520-9275.

• Today (May 15) after school, there will be a helmet fitting at 3:15 p.m. for those playing football in the fall. At 6 p.m., there will be a mandatory meeting for all parents of students playing football in the 2019 season for both middle and high school.

• Tonight, May 15, will be the first CAL Community Mixer. Community members, Booster Club members, parents, staff and board members are all encouraged to come from 6 to 8 p.m. at Crow

Middle/High School. It will be a casual exchange of ideas and information in a relaxed setting while enjoying hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and sodas. The event is free; children are welcome to attend.

• Track and field students in middle and high school are doing very well.

• CAL School Board meets at Lorane Grange tomorrow, May 16, beginning at 7 p.m. An executive session will be held prior to the public meeting, beginning at 6 p.m.

• Grangers, come out on Tuesday, May 21, at 9 p.m., for cleaning and upkeep in and around the building.

• Tuesday, May 21, is the Spring Sports Dessert at 6:30 p.m. at Crow High School.



Pet Tips 'n' Tales

By Mary Ellen
"Angel Scribe"

Rescue dogs are 'the bomb'



Adrienne's retirement-sized rescued senior dogs are Mikey and Skeezix.

After Adrienne's home was burglarized, she began adopting big senior dogs. The first "security dog" was a senior Doberman with what Adrienne describes as "exceptionally large bones and teeth!" Her action solved two problems: 1) The gentle dog with the scary bark had a loving home, and 2) her home was never robbed again.

Her second reason for adopting senior pets was one of responsibility. "I am a senior and worry about when I die or enter a senior living home that my pets might outlive me and languish in a shelter," said Adrienne. "If we are all seniors, it solves the problem. Rescued elderly dogs are the bomb! I've adopted a Rottweiler, a Weimaraner, a Shepherd and an accidental Pitbull puppy, Rocky. Each was gentle, smart and they enriched my life."

Rocky arrived 12 years ago as a six-month-old puppy. He was on Main Street trying to play with Boomer, her Rottweiler, and Amber, her Weimaraner, through their fence. His tail was joyfully speed-wagging like a windshield wiper set on "high" at discovering the big dogs.

"He was so adorable," remembers Adrienne. "I worried that he would be struck by a vehicle, so I went to loop a leash on him. I almost succeeded, but he put his paws down like they were embedded in cement and pulled his head out of the leash. I was huffing and puffing trying to catch and coax him to safety."

Briefly giving up, she headed back for her dogs as enforcements and was pleased to discover the little wiggler happily trotting along behind her.

"It was like he was saying, 'Excuse me! This is my decision,'" Adrienne laughs.

Being a fan of the movie "Rocky," and because Rocky's girlfriend's name is "Adrienne," she named the wiggly-wanderer "Rocky."

Three days later, someone declared Rocky his dog. When asked what the dog's name was, the teen unbelievably remarked, "He doesn't have a name."

He took Rocky, but a few hours later returned with an explanation, "My mother doesn't want the dog anymore."

Rocky was as excited to be back with his paw-picked furry siblings as Adrienne was to have her baby back.

"He was like a love-struck boy following me everywhere," says Adrienne. "He was a gift from God because a few months later, our elderly Boomer died. Then, three weeks later, Amber passed. We would have been totally bereft if we didn't have Rocky. Then we adopted two small elderly dogs."

Adrienne explains how Rocky was patient with the crazy Yorkie, Skeezix, who'd stick his head into Rocky's mouth to wash its interior — Yuck!" exclaims Adrienne. "But we never worried about our grandchildren, because Rocky was as gentle as a lamb."

But, Skeezix was another story. He nipped visitors' ankles as a gallant Rocky tried blocking him protecting our visitors.

Twelve years later, Adrienne knew that Rocky's end was near. "On his last night, I lay on his bed until he fell asleep, and then I dragged the recliner over and slept on it offering him support and comfort," says Adrienne. "We loved him enough to let him go. The next day as the veterinarian sent him on his journey over The Rainbow Bridge, I thanked him for choosing me, told him that he wouldn't be in any more pain, that he was loved and to have a wonderful time playing with Boomer and Amber. I couldn't have asked for a better fur baby, a better companion or a better security guard. I am grateful that he chose us as his family."

TIPS:

• "While turning on, 'Touched by an Angel,' I looked over at Rocky's empty bed and asked him to send me a sign," says Adrienne. "Unbelievably, the show's main character was named Rocky! The next day, one an episode of 'NCIS,' one actor's name was also Rocky. Then, Animal Cops featured a dog named Rocky. I believe my Rocky heard my prayer and sent signs that he is still with me. The signs make me teary-eyed but they are healing, too."

• Adopt elderly pets. They have so much love to gift you.

• Currently there are dozens of pet food recalls. Is your pet ill? Double check the FDA's webpage at www.FDA.gov for more information.

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