

FRC to host game night Saturday

Local tech business FCR is hosting “Board Games and Fun at Delight” this Saturday, Aug. 17, from 2 to 6:30 p.m.

There will be a variety of board games during the event, as well as providing information about tech jobs in the area for those interested.

There will be three raffles to win a \$50 Delight gift certificate, and there will also be snacks and drinks provided.

FCR, a growing local business that provides customer support and technical solutions for different types of companies and industries, is currently hiring at multiple sites across Oregon including Veneta.

For more information, please check out www.gofcr.com.

Yoncalla Library celebrates another successful season of summer reading



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Yoncalla Elementary School principal Don Hakala attends the summer reading program to work with area students.

Community members, Yoncalla Elementary School and parents gathered last Wednesday to recognize the end to another successful season of summer reading.

Children ages 2-12 gathered weekly to connect with friends, participate in engaging art, science and movement activities — and celebrate reading.

Thirty-five Yoncalla children participated this year, an increase from 22 last year, combining for 185 hours of reading this year. Don Hakala, the new Yoncalla Elementary Principal, participated in the annual tradition of a water balloon fight. During the pro-

gram, children earn water balloons by logging their summer reading minutes. On the last day of programming, each child is given a bag of water balloons to launch at adults. This year, more than 300 water balloons were thrown at library staff and volunteers, parents and school staff.

Yoncalla Early Works, Yoncalla School District and Yoncalla Library continue to partner to ensure all children and families in Yoncalla have opportunities to read — both at home and in the community. Over 100 books were distributed during the summer reading program this year.



Pet Tips ‘n’ Tales

By Mary Ellen
“Angel Scribe”

Kitty ‘GPS’



Forty years ago, a young Shirley and her beloved cat, Mintara, were led into an unexplained adventure by angels ... or was it Kitty GPS (Guaranteed Pussycat Safety)?

Shirley left California with her belongings and her kitty, Mintara Aleisha, stashed in her small VW Bug to start a new chapter of their lives at college in Eugene, Ore. They never anticipated the adventure that they would soon find themselves in, barreling towards an unexplained miracle.

They left Orange County at 4 a.m. and, as they drove north, the afternoon became unbearably hot. Her car did not have the luxury of an air conditioner. Being creative, Shirley placed a cloth on a cold container of water on the floor for her cat’s comfort. Mintara eagerly spread out on the cooler and was happily napping while Shirley headed for her friend’s home in Sacramento, where she’d planned to spend the night.

Everything was going well until a few blocks from her friend’s home. She slowed the car to read addresses and, as she rolled down the window, her adventure began. The cat had no intention of spending another minute in their hot car. Mintara was tired of the trip, so she jumped up onto the back of Shirley’s car seat and leaped out the window!

In a panic, Shirley stopped the car but her precious kitty had already vanished from sight.

“To my left, there was a neighborhood with lots of trees. On the other side, there was a four-acre field, large enough to build a small housing development,” recalled Shirley. “No trees or hiding places. I didn’t see her on the field, so I searched the neighborhood by foot. When I couldn’t find her, it seemed like an impossible situation.”

Disheartened, she drove to her friend’s place at the opposite edge of the field — quite a distance, on a busy street. When she arrived, Shirley frantically told her friend the story. He suggested she wait in his patio while he phoned neighbors to help them search.

“To our absolute surprise and complete amazement, peacefully napping on a soft outdoor couch in the shade was Mintara, appearing unconcerned and at home,” said Shirley. “You might think this was a place she had been to before. But no! She had never been out of California, and certainly not to my friend’s home. Somehow, she knew — or the Angels led her to his backyard. She was literally waiting for me! It was as if she had known where she was going all along.”

After that experience, needless to say, Shirley didn’t want to take another chance of losing her cat. She made her a little blue harness to match her eyes and attached a leash. When they arrived in Eugene, Shirley rented a cottage near the university with a fenced yard and tall shade trees where her kitty loved to romp.

“Every day, I’d put on her leash and we’d take a walk to the Pioneer Cemetery and around the University,” Shirley said. “I never knew another person to teach a cat to walk with them on a leash, until I read Mary Ellen’s story about how her cats loved to walk outside on their leashes. Her article brought back fun memories of my college days with Mintara.”

TIPS:

- Veterinarian clinics accept donations for stray/injured or elderly clients’ pets. You can contribute to their pet emergency funds or neuter/spay programs.
- Are you a member of the C.O.L. club? When you have a sleeping Cat On your Lap, it becomes other family member’s responsibility to run errands, so you won’t disturb the cat. Or do you choose a different outfit to wear when your cat is sleeping on your favorite clothes so you don’t disturb them?

Have you built your pets a “catio,” unique toys or scratching posts that other readers’ pets would love? Tell us how you spoil the pet which spoils you with their love.

Share your fur-avorite pet memory or adventure at angelscribe@msn.com. Visit Pet Tips ‘n’ Tales on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PetTipsandTales Humane Society for Neuter/Spay Assistance Program. 541-942-2789

LCC-Cottage Grove to host memory care seminars

Whether you are in the position of caregiver or simply care for someone who is experiencing memory loss, there are many questions and finding answers is not always easy.

This popular series offered by Lane Community College in Cottage Grove has been running for over a year and provides information and support.

Led by instructor Kerrie Wilke of Coast Fork Nursing Center, in collaboration

with the Alzheimer’s Association, each session provides useful information and allows for open discussion.

Topics vary, but include information on different types of memory loss, physiological aspects (what’s happening in the brain to cause memory loss), management strategies, current research on prevention and treatments, ways to advocate for your loved ones and local resources.

Participants also gain skills in self-care and stress management. This is a great opportunity to learn and engage with others going through similar struggles.

Designed for caregivers and adult children of parents with memory loss, these seminars have also proven helpful for individuals concerned about their own forgetfulness.

Learn if the memory loss you’re experiencing is normal or if you should be

more concerned.

These seminars are offered at no cost, and take place at Lane Community College, Cottage Grove Center, 1275 South River Road.

Upcoming seminars are scheduled on Tuesday, Aug 20, and Tuesday, Sept. 10.

Both classes are from 6 to 8 p.m. This is an ongoing series. Additional dates can be found in the Cottage Grove LCC Class Schedule each term.

LORANE NEWS

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• A delightful day with comfortable temperatures brought numerous people out to enjoy the Lorane Volunteer Fire Department Ice Cream Social and all the other activities. The pies or cake and ice cream were delicious, music was very enjoyable and children of all ages had lots of fun on the water events. In the day, a small number of community members and several others who formerly lived in Lorane shared a delicious meal at the Lorane Community Potluck. Mark your calendars: Af-

ter discussion and a vote of those attending, next year’s potluck will still be the second weekend in August — on Saturday at noon (Saturday potluck at noon and Fire Department Ice Cream Social on Sunday, 1-5 p.m. next year.)

• This Thursday, Aug. 15, is the regular monthly meeting of the Crow-Ap-legate-Lorane School Board at 7 p.m. at Apple-gate Elementary. Executive session is prior to the open meeting.

• It’s just over two weeks before school resumes for the 2019-20 school year. School supply lists are out in most stores, or check out the district website.

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