

VFW Post 3473 collecting care package donations

The Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post 3473 in Cottage Grove and its Auxiliary are collecting donations for care packages to send to troops overseas for Christmas.

Kelvin Johnson is a member of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 132 and is helping the VFW and its Auxiliary collect donations for his Eagle Scout project.

When asked why he chose this as his project, Johnson said, "I wanted to do something to show that we, the people in America, care, to say thank you for their sacrifice, courage and honor



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they have given to America."

Donation bins are in Cottage Grove at the following locations: VFW Post 3473, Cottage Bowl,

Freedom Fitness, Lincoln Middle School and Cottage Grove High School.

There are three ways to donate. Donating items

Making the holidays a little bit brighter for troops are (from left) Kelvin Johnson, Patti Hunt, Will Parrish and Kenn Hunt.

from the recommended care package item list that can be found at the donation bins, donating cards and letters — the troops really enjoy receiving these — and donating money for postage.

When leaving a postage donation, drop them off at the offices or the VFW post, not in the bins. Donations will be collected now through Nov. 15.



Pet Tips 'n' Tales

By Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

Cat? What cat?



Humane Society of Cottage Grove's kitten-whisperer volunteer, Steve, cuddles a recent rescue.

So, what do you say to your spouse when you arrive home with a new kitten? Readers offered the following successful suggestions:

"When asked, 'Who's kitten is that?' say, 'What kitten?' or 'It is a foster kitten,'" said Clara. "It's pretty much a successful adoption after 24 hours because he will have fallen in love with it and you can keep it."

Another reader, Helen, suggested, "Wait for your spouse to go fishing and then bring the kitten home. I did that for our last six cats and now my husband doesn't go fishing anymore."

"Discuss the much cheaper feeding and caring for a cat verses alimony and splitting assets," said Joe.

"If the kitty doesn't like your husband, get rid of the husband," suggested Pam.

"Look what I found on our doorstep!" worked for me," said Debbie.

"I am just holding it for a friend while she is at the [insert one of the following: hospital/on vacation/on a work trip]," said Paula.

"If he demands, 'It is the cat or me,' ask him, 'Where will you go? Who will feed you?'" Cindy said.

"As we all know, kittens make great birthday and anniversary gifts for husbands," said Nancy. "And everyone knows that it is very impolite to refuse a gift. Plus, they say you should give someone a gift you would like."

"One year, I gave my husband cash to buy the Christmas tree," explained Justine. "Instead, he brought home a puppy. So, on my next beer run for him, I plan to bring home a kitten."

"After a trip to the pet shelter, I would drive the kitten to my husband's workplace and show it to all his co-workers," said Mary. "After everyone told him how lucky he was 'to have such a cute kitten,' he knew it was here to stay. It worked six times!"

"On a trip to buy pet food, they had a black cat that looked like he could be the brother to our other cat, Bear, so I brought it home," said Jan. "My husband didn't notice for five days! On the fifth day, our five-year-old granddaughter exposed the truth when she told him, 'You are not holding Bear, that is 'Teddy.' Now, he loves them both!"

"I learned a long time ago that I get to keep the kitties if I let my husband name them," said Chris.

"When you are desperate for a kitten, give your spouse a gift certificate to the pet rescue shelter that includes a neuter/spay, so they can pick out their own pet. Act surprised when he chooses the one you have on hold," suggested Debbie.

"Well, if it goes bad, you can always rehome your husband," Tonya said with a laugh.

Tips:

- A thoughtful gift or stocking stuffer for pet parents is a gift certificate to a veterinary clinic or a pet store. Donations made in your friend's name for Christmas or their birthdays can also be made to rescue shelters/vet clinics so that the money can support those in need with care and products. Also, rescue shelters appreciate donations for the pets in their care. Never underestimate the gift of your time as you visit shelters helping socialize lonely animals.

- When I am advocating for my mother and staying at her condo, the cats get bored. To speak to their natural instinct and good eyesight I've invented the game "Hunt." I toss or hide 10 pieces of kibble around the residence calling out, "Hunt." They spend the next hour searching for the hidden kibble. The game alleviates boredom, gives them exercise and appeals to their feline instincts.

- Humane Society of Cottage Grove has \$20 off spay/neuter coupons, good at both vet clinics in Cottage Grove and the two in Creswell. They also have a Low-cost Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (LISNAP). Information is available at This 'n' That, 33 N. Eighth St. in Cottage Grove.

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

Holiday Farmer's Market to begin Saturday

The South Valley Farmers Market is moving indoors. The market will now meet Saturdays in November and December for its annual holiday market.

The market opens Nov. 9 and will continue Nov. 16 and 23, as well as Dec. 7, 14

and 21 at the Cottage Grove Armory, 628 E. Washington Ave. in Cottage Grove.

The market will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. each Saturday, except for Dec. 7, when it will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. to coincide with the annual tree-lighting ceremony.

All vendors directly grow, create or craft the goods they sell.

The market not only offers the quality products visitors have come to expect at the regular Thursday farmers market, but will also have special seasonal vendors for the holiday market.

Special items will include jewelry, dried flower wreaths, artisanal soaps, woodwork, art and more.

There will also be crafts and fun for kids and performances on the stage.

LORANE NEWS

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• Tonight is the Fall Sports Awards at 6:30 p.m. at Crow Middle/High School.

• Students will have a long weekend with no school on Friday for graduating day and, on Monday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day.

• Be sure to come to the Grange on Saturday, Nov. 9, for the Rural Arts movie

night hosted by the Lorane Fire Department. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. While I am unable to reveal the title of the film, I can tell you it is a South African comedy and is the most commercially successful release in the history of South Africa's film industry. Enjoy the delicious meal while visiting with friends and neighbors. The movie begins at 7:30 p.m.

• The Crow High School girls volleyball team did very well this year and was named 1A team of the month by Les Schwab for October and received a trophy. Clara Simonson was selected First Team All-League. Congratulations Crow girls!

• Lorane Grange meets this Thursday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. The Christmas Food box will be in the entry for everyone coming to any event at the hall to bring

canned and non-perishable goods to help those in need in Lorane have a better Christmas.

• C-A-L School Board seeks community input. The Oregon Legislature recently passed the Student Success Act (SSA) to provide historic funding for public schools. The board is reviewing its systems and services to better meet the needs of the Crow-Applegate-Lorane students in 2020-21. Go to https://lesd.link/C-A-L_Survey and please take and submit the survey. Information from the survey will be reviewed at the Nov. 21 school board meeting.

• Remember: Lorane Christian Church hosts its annual community Thanksgiving dinner at Lorane Grange on Sunday, Nov. 17, starting at 5 p.m.

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<p>SATURDAY 68° 45° Cloudy</p>	<p>SUNDAY 64° 46° Partly Cloudy</p>
<p>MONDAY 62° 47° P.M. Showers</p>	<p>TUESDAY 59° 44° A.M. Showers</p>

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