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(Back row, from left): Jim Gilroy, Alan Bass, Ray Murray, Doyle Hicks, Don Williams, Ellen Hogue, Jerry Avery, Donna Shaw-Edsel, Larry Simelius and Loyle Hicks; (center front from left): Russ McGuire, Alice Nowicki and Scott Diehl

PakTech makes donation to finish carousel lighting

The Friends of the Cottage Grove carousel recently received a donation of \$300 in support of the carousel project from PakTech, a local plastics recycler. The \$300 will help to help defray the cost of additional lighting on the South Valley Carousel.

PakTech General Manager Scott Diehl presented the check to Alice Nowicki, Vice President of Friends of the Cottage Grove Carousel. Don Williams, Board Founder and Chair,

said "The board and volunteers are most happy for the support of PakTech for the carousel project. This will complete the lighting process."

Williams went on to say that PakTech is an environmentally friendly firm, recycling plastics into useful items that can be recycled again and again, keeping them out of the sea, where the small bits of plastics kill fish and birds.

PakTech, a family-owned company started in 1991, is the innovative

leader of 100 percent recycled and 100 percent recyclable injection mold packaging handles.

Headquartered in Eugene, it recently opened a second manufacturing production facility in Cottage Grove to provide increased production capacity and expected growth. PakTech helps make it easy for consumers to grab and carry multiple products using a simple low-waste 100 percent recyclable handle.



Pet Tips 'n' Tales

By Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

A 'Precious' Miracle



It is a miracle to be rescued once, but Heather's dog, Precious, was rescued three times.

When Heather's marriage ended, she declared to God, "Phooey! I am done with men! Send me a dog!"

Shortly after, at a Christmas gathering, she met an Australian Shepherd and fell in love with the breed. She put a photo of herself with the Aussie on her car's sun visor and asked in prayer for one.

She volunteered at the SPCA and saw hundreds of dogs. Inexplicably, she never saw one with a pinch of Aussie in it. She also scanned newspaper ads and the Internet for "her dog." She wondered, "What is up?" because she never saw "her" Aussie rescue.

After two years, she looked at the faded photo on her visor, removed it and angrily tore it up. As she tossed the remains into the air, she looked heavenward and declared, "Phooey on you, too! Two years I've been waiting. Praying. And nothing!"

For the first time in her life she began doubting her faith.

A few days later, while on the phone with her friend, Heather told Kim about the faded photo incident. Kim declared, "We've been looking for a home for an Aussie, 'Precious,' for months now! She's been breaking into our yard. My husband was incensed at watching our vicious neighbor beating Precious. So, one day, he marched over to the abuser and demanded, 'I am sick of you beating your dog in front of us. Give it to me now.' The abuser threw the dog and her leash at him."

Heather immediately hung up and drove to Kim's home for "her" dog.

A few months later, Heather's new cleaning lady, June, asked, "Where did you get that dog? She sure looks like the dog I rescued in Tampa before we moved here to Key West."

The next week, June arrived with Heather's dog's baby photos. How was this possible? June had moved from 450 miles away! Im-paws-ible!

What miracle led June to walk into the very home, in a city of 27,000 people, of the people who had also rescued her once rescued puppy?

"I was driving in Tampa and saw a nasty bugger, in a pickup truck, toss a puppy out onto the six-lane freeway," said June. "I slammed on my breaks, ran over and rescued the animal."

June named the injured baby "Precious." After a hurricane forced her family to move, her new landlord would not let them keep the dog. Sadly — unknowingly — in her innocence she gave the young dog to the abuser.

What is lacking in someone's mind and heart to beat and terrorize sweet innocence? The puppy, now grown, still cowers when she rides in Heather's pickup truck — but not in her car.

Heather eventually moved to Canada and Precious, who was born on the east coast, did what most people never do — she had lived in two countries and swam in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

Precious trained and became an amazing therapy dog. She uplifted children at elementary schools while they read, offering compassion and comfort to seniors in care homes. She loved people and they loved her. She earned medals for her hours of volunteering dedication and received a letter of acknowledgment from Queen Elizabeth in gratitude for her services.

"Precious taught many of us about love, patience, faith, trust, friendship, faith in a higher power and in life's amazing coincidences," said Heather.

Who was luckier for finding each other — Heather or Precious?

Paws-ibly Heather, because after she divorced a "dog" she found her true love.

TIPS:

- Animals are not dumb. Treat their spirits, hearts and bodies with respect. They have feelings and feel physical pain just like us.
- Never underestimate a dog's intelligence or depth of their heart and understanding of humans.
- Precious knew commands in English, German, French and Italian. Even though she held memories of her early abuse, her forgiveness and love for others left over 1,000 people mourning her upon her passing. Very few humans leave a legacy like Precious, a three-time rescued dog! In her honor, consider having your pet become a service animal.

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

Cottage Grove historic-themed socks now available

The Bohemia Gold Mining Museum has received a new shipment of its popular Cottage Grove Socks.

The custom souvenir socks feature icons of Cottage Grove history: a covered bridge, a prospector and the Dr. Pierce's barn. Made in America using a blend of cotton and synthetic fibers, the medium

heavy sock is warm and wears well.

Small, medium and large sizes are available now, with a shipment of extra-large expected in February.

A pair of socks sell for \$10 with proceeds helping support the nonprofit museum.

"They are by far the best-selling item in our gift

shop," said Sara Smith, museum volunteer. "They make great gifts, especially if you want to give something from Cottage Grove."

The museum is located at 308 S. Tenth St.

Hours are Thursdays and Fridays from 1 to 4, and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



LORANE NEWS

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- It's less than a week until Christmas and the Christmas Boxes in Lorane have been filling. Yesterday, Dec. 18, was the last day to turn in food supplies and Angel gifts. Delivering these Christmas Baskets to those less fortunate in our community happens Dec. 20. If you have anything for Marissa, call her. We hope many people will have a wonderful Christmas thanks to the love and generosity of our community.
- Crow-Applegate-Lorane School Board meets tonight, Dec. 19, at Lorane

Grange, starting 7 p.m. There will be an executive session prior to the open meeting.

Basketball has started for everyone at Crow Middle/High School and teams are off to a great start. Wrestling at all levels is also doing well.

Well, tomorrow, Dec. 20, is a half-day at schools for progress reports and the beginning of Christmas/winter break for our CAL school district. School resumes Monday, Jan. 6. As people hurry about, please be safe and drive carefully.

We all want everyone to have a wonderful Christmas — Merry Christmas to all.

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6-day weather forecast

FRIDAY

57° | 49°

Rain

SATURDAY

52° | 41°

Rain

SUNDAY

47° | 39°

Showers

MONDAY

47° | 35°

Showers

TUESDAY

46° | 34°

Rain

WEDNESDAY

45° | 33°

Rain

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