

Bohemia Gold Mining Museum offers unique history

For any community members who, after seeing the *Cottage Grove Sentinel's* 2020 calendar in the today's edition, are interest in learning more about Bohemia gold mining history in the area, they are invited to visit the Bohemia Gold Mining Museum, which provided the photos for the special calendar.

The museum is located at 308 S. Tenth St., in the big, red "Boots and Sandals" square dance barn (across from Bohemia Park in Cottage Grove.)

Museum hours are 1 to 4 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

The museum is a non-profit, volunteer-run museum. Admission to the museum is a \$2 donation. Special group tours, gold panning and other Bohemia gold mining-related



COURTESY PHOTO

The Bohemia Gold Mining Museum is in the "Boots and Sandals" square dance barn across from Bohemia Park in Cottage Grove.

events can be arranged by calling 541-942-5022.

More information is on-line at the museum's website at bohemiagoldminingmuseum.com.



Pet Tips 'n' Tales

By Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

The Chicken Charmer



Why did the chicken cross the road? To have a meal with Chris Perkins' cats, Saga and Agent Orange.

Two neighbor chickens "flew the coop" and free-ranged right into Chris Perkins' yard. The runaway fowls decided the grass was greener on her side of the fence — which it was; they discovered the location where she tossed seed for wild birds.

"Now, every morning, afternoon and evening, I'm greeted by 'The Girls.' Apparently, they think I am the Pied Piper or a living food dispenser," laughed Chris. "The hens are beautiful and make the softest little welcoming sounds."

The experience has taught Chris the long-standing truth: "If you feed them, they (chickens, cats, birds, etc.) will stay."

Soon she could call the hens and they would run/fly to her.

"When they run, they sound like a herd of antelope. And they do run for food. I'd swear, their little beaks were smiling," Chris said. "Our old, blind dog, Cody, and two male cats tolerate the feathered visitors. The orange cat, Agent Orange, is an intrepid hunter while the black cat, Saga, is a neighbor's freeloader. Neither of them bothers the large, hungry birds. However, the Perkins' kitties do hold their ground over their food bowls. The chickens try to muscle their way into the bowls but the cats give them the stink eye — and just keep on eating."

Chris the chicken whisperer shyly added, "Yesterday, I bought chicken scratch, which the wild birds generously shared with The Girls. It appears I'm easily trained by cats, dogs and now chickens. Over the years, I've spent hundreds of dollars on dog and horse trainers. Cody still doesn't come when called and my late horse, Bolero, had to think about coming before he did. But the chickens? They literally run to me. Be still my heart."

Fun Chicken Readers' Comments:

- Not one to egg-zaggerate, Sherry said, "I love chickens; they make me smile."
- Dawn chuckled, "My friend's four Golden Comet chickens dance for their dinner. They get in a line formation and do a little dance over and over at feeding time. The fluffy golden feathered hens are named after 'The Golden Girls:' Blanche, Rose, Dorothy and Sophia."
- Edith in Ohio added her version of Old MacDonald with a twist: "With a chicken-chicken here, and a wild bird there; here a blind dog, there a black cat, everywhere a pet-pet."

Cat Car Purr-cautions

• Diane, a Pet Tips 'n' Tales reader in Ohio, said, "I was driving on the expressway with my cat, Satan, and the sunroof was open. Satan decided to leap up. Her claws dug into the roof upholstery and she was desperately trying to pull herself up. I had to grab her to keep her inside the car. She had a fascination with wind. It was the last time I ever opened it with a kitty in the car."

"My other cat, Neiko, loved riding on car back ledges or in his mesh carrier with his front paws hanging over the opening as he watched everything. I purchured it on top of a box, giving him optimum views. He'd love telling me about large trucks and watching the scenery."

• Angel Scribe's 17-year-old cat, Myster E, is an adventurous kitty who "Loves car rides. While negotiating a left-hand turn in Tacoma at a busy intersection, he put his paws on the front door armrest to look out. He had inadvertently hit the window's down button and the window began descending with him sitting in front of it peering out! From them on, I locked all windows before trips."

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

Annual Heritage Fair to be held Feb. 16-17

The 28th annual Frontier Heritage Fair will be held at the Lane County Events Center/Fairgrounds Auditorium, 796 W. 13th Ave., in Eugene, on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 15 and 16.

The focus of the fair is pre-1898 America, including Mountain Men, Fur Trade, Civil War and Old West.

The event features artifacts and replicas of the period on display and for sale. Included is a special exhibit of Oregon prehistory and displays representing the Hudson's Bay Company, historic Fort Umpqua at Elkton, the Applegate Trail, Northwest Coast Native art and a one-room pioneer schoolhouse with hands-on

features for all ages.

There will be kids' activities and demonstrations of historic skills including spinning, weaving, quilting, woodworking, horn carving and flintmapping, along with performances by the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers.

Show times are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is payable at the entrance and kids 12 and under are free.

The Frontier Heritage Fair is sponsored by the Fort Umpqua Muzzleloaders club and Lane County History Museum.

For more information call 541-689-4281 or 541-746-1819.

Moveable Feet to host 'barn dance' in Febraury

The nonprofit Moveable Feet Community Dance will be hosting an "indoor barn dance" on Friday, Feb. 7, from 7 to 9 p.m.,

at Creslane Elementary School Cafeteria in Creswell, 996 West A St.

There will be live music by Moveable Fingers, but

the dance is free for ages 8 to adult.

Toys will be available for younger children.

No dance partner or experience needed, and no

fancy footwork; if you can walk, you can dance.

For more information, visit www.moveablefeet.weebly.com or call 541-895-2254.

LORANE NEWS

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• Last week, some of the student leaders at Crow High School met with and led discussions on ways they believe the school can improve with the state money our district will start receiving next year. There will be meetings with parents and community members tonight (Jan. 30) at 6 p.m. in the district office. Then on Feb. 13, there will be another meeting at Lorane Grange, also at 6 p.m. Food will be served at both meetings. The more input the district receives, the better it will be able to serve the students and community.

• There is no school this Friday, Jan. 31, for grading

day.

• CHS welding class still has horseshoe hearts for \$10 available with Valentine's Day right around the corner. For more information or to purchase one (or more), call the high school office at 541-935-2227.

• The high school art class is still looking for items mentioned last week.

• Lorane Grange and community enjoyed spaghetti and bingo this past Saturday. No one was able to win the progressive blackout — so, it grows again. The next spaghetti and bingo night will be Feb. 22, so mark your calendars.

• The next Lorane Grange meeting is Thursday, Feb. 6, beginning at 7 p.m.



Humane Society of Cottage Grove

SPAY/NEUTER COUPONS

\$50 off spay coupons for female cats
\$25 off neuter coupons for male cats

Coupons are available at This 'n' That Corner, 33 N. 8th street, Cottage Grove 10-4 Mon-Sat, and are good at the two veterinary clinics in Cottage Grove and the two in Creswell.

The coupons will expire February 29, 2020.

6-day weather forecast

FRIDAY 63° 48° Showers	SATURDAY 63° 44° Cloudy
SUNDAY 48° 36° Showers	MONDAY 49° 34° A.M. Snow
TUESDAY 52° 38° Showers	WEDNESDAY 56° 43° Showers

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