

A Tradition of Remembrance



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Every Memorial Day weekend, members of the Couturier family travel to several cemeteries, from Cottage Grove to Sweet Home, to remember loved ones. Family members spend time sharing memories and cleaning up the gravesites. "This is a very important weekend to my family, and we all try to join in," said grandson Casey Couturier. Pictured are Rip and Pat Couturier with their great-grandchildren.



Pet Tips 'n' Tales

By Mary Ellen
"Angel Scribe"

Dogs under construction



Construction safety officer, Pearl, is accompanied to work by co-workers Billy and Pepe.

Construction safety officer, Pearl, wears a pink hard hat while keeping worksites in compliance with rules. She monitors workers safety and, when they are injured, she applies first-aid or calls 911. She is a purr-fect multi-tasker as a flagger doing traffic control, guiding pedestrians, keeping cars from colliding — all the while supervising construction materials, such as steel beams being off-loaded from trucks, cranes and zoom booms.

During coffee breaks, Pearl walks her two Chihuahuas, Billy and Pepe.

"My boss and the crew like dogs," said Pearl. "One advantage of having dogs on sight is that when the office is empty Billy sounds his high pitched bark-alarm when anyone enters."

Billy was my birthday present. I found him on a dog adoption sight, used GPS and drove 1 1/2 hours into the boonies for him."

Pepe, born in Oregon, was flown into Vancouver, Canada, on Christmas Eve. A lady picked him up then, for some unexplained reason a day later, dumped him off in a humane shelter's parking lot after closing time.

"My friend fostered Pepe for a week," said Pearl, "then I puppy-sat him while she was on vacation. All the little guy wanted to do was hide. When my friend returned to pick him up, Pepe was sitting beside me, and he squished into my side. It was obvious that he wasn't planning on leaving — and he didn't!"

One day after work, her son, Duncan, the dogs and Pearl were at a "Bark Park" when they saw a crowd of people watching a man trying to untangle a flapping, upside down crow entangled in fishing line in a tree.

Always ready to respond to an emergency, Pearl offered to climb the tree. Duncan said, "No! The bird will peck you to death."

Pearl, raised on a farm, knew how to handle birds. So, she said, "Give me a boost up."

And up she went. At first, the frightened crow pecked at her. But with her knowing touch, he slowly relaxed as she helped him. Other crows in the nearby trees were cawing up a symphony — but none interrupted their buddy's rescue mission.

This was no easy task. While untangling the bird, Pearl gently talked to it. The fishing line was wrapped tightly around a branch and its right foot. Using her "on the spot" safety skills, she bit the line, breaking it and releasing the crow's tangled foot. The bird would not put any weight on his sore leg, so Pearl gently massaged his leg and foot.

"His leg was loose and unresponsive to my touch," said Pearl. "I worried it was broken or that the circulation had been cut off too long and died. After the massage, he immediately gripped my finger with the right foot. The crowd and I were jubilant that it just needed rest and massage, which is good for all of us."

Before the beautiful wild-black bird flew away, Pearl kissed it on its head. She then opened her hands. The crow spread his wings and flew away.

"I was thrilled," said Pearl. "Imagine rescuing a bird. Undeniably, discarded fishing lines harms animals. I have seen a deer struggling entangled in a wad of line by its horns and right foot. I trained my children to pick up pop cans, plastic pop can holders and plastic bags. Discarded garbage starves and kills land and sea wild life."

Pearl has two confessions. "Pepe does the 'grandpa dance.' He stands up on his hind legs, tucks in his three chins and does a weird wiggle that reminds me of dancing grandpas at weddings. And Pepe also seems to have a thing for Victoria's Secret: He eats my underwear! Life with animals never has dull moments."

TIPS:
"At work, I keep my pockets full of a variety of dog treats. It is a win-win situation. I've learned the pet parents and dogs' names, the crew love dogs and the dogs love the treats!"

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Local Bi-Mart manager Gary Gaskey retiring after 47 years



Gary Gaskey managed Bi-Mart locations in Cottage Grove and Creswell.

After 47 years with Bi-Mart in Creswell and Cottage Grove, Gary Gaskey is retiring.

Gaskey moved to Cottage Grove in 1980, a young manager with small children. He served as store manager until 2006 when he opened the new Creswell Bi-Mart store.

His steady, unassuming presence translates to solid management and employee respect.

"It's not everyone who gets to work for and with someone as kind and well-liked as Gary, said Peggy Brown, who worked with Gaskey for more than two decades. "He's been a true

friend and mentor for many years."

Gaskey says he plans to enjoy working in his yard during retirement, making every day count with his wife (and best friend), Debbie.

They also plan to travel.

LORANE NEWS

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Hope everyone was able to celebrate our service men and women who have been in wars and made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as those who have also passed since serving their country. It's a tough time, but I'm sure everyone enjoyed this Memorial Day weekend.

- Lorane Christian Church will continue its Sunday morning drive-in service at 10 a.m. for a while longer. It was another good sunny Sunday service.

- Crow High School is holding its graduation Friday, June 5, at 7 p.m. It will take place on the football field, with gates opening at 6 p.m.

There will be social distancing requirements. No students or parents are required to participate in the ceremony. The school and staff want to put people's safety and health as a major priority, keeping distancing guidelines and asking all attendees to do the same.

Those attending the graduation ceremony will

remain in their cars and park around the track.

As you arrive, a staff member will hand you a program and you are asked to drive slowly. Principal Rodemack and staff are making a special and fun time for all of the 2020 Crow High School graduates.

Hopefully by next week, you'll see their names in this article.

- As with the school district, let us all work to make our days happy and productive in this new environment.

- Five grangers worked at the Lorane Grange Cemetery a week ago Monday, mowing, weedeating and cleaning to make the cemetery presentable for Memorial Day Weekend. Unless there is a change, the Grangers will not be meeting in June.

- Please remember: Be very careful on Stoney Point. There are now even fewer cones on the sharp curve at the top. At any time, construction workers may be in the area. Just remember to drive slowly on all the corners of Stoney Point.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING STATE SHARED REVENUES

A public hearing will be held at the regular meeting of the City Council of Cottage Grove at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 22, 2020 in the City Council Chambers located at City Hall, 400 Main Street, Cottage Grove, Oregon. This public hearing is being held to consider uses of State Shared Revenues for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020. Governor Brown's Executive Order No. 20-16 directs local government bodies to hold public meetings and hearings by telephone or electronic means whenever possible. The order waives in-person requirements for public testimony if testimony can be provided by telephone or electronic means. To meet the requirements of the Executive Order, please join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone at <https://www.gotomeet.me/RichardMeyers/june-22-2020-city-council-meeting-budget-hearing> or by regular phone at 1-877-568-4106, Access Code 937-465-637. For additional information on how to connect to the meeting visit the agenda on www.cottagegrove.org available on June 17, 2020. Limited space for no more than 10 people will be available in the City Council Chambers to meet social distancing requirements if you are unable to attend by electronic means. Written testimony can also be submitted by 3:00 p.m. to the City Recorder on the date of the hearing. To email written testimony send to cityrecorder@cottagegrove.org, with "2021 Budget" in the subject line.

Richard Meyers, City Manager

6-day weather forecast

FRIDAY
82° | 55°
Partly Cloudy

SATURDAY
60° | 49°
Rain

SUNDAY
68° | 49°
Mostly Cloudy

MONDAY
68° | 47°
Showers

TUESDAY
71° | 48°
Partly Cloudy

WEDNESDAY
73° | 48°
Partly Cloudy

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