

Graduation Caravan



Childs Way held a special caravan graduation June 11 to celebrate the graduation of its seniors. PHOTOS COURTESY ANGELA KERNS

Pet Tips 'n' Tales



By Mary Ellen
"Angel Scribe"

So right, So wrong, So fast!



It was not Mr. Nosey "Parker's" drug of choice, catnip, but his "grass" that put Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe" into hot water.

Last week, the most awkwardly hiss-terical thing happened. I am willing to share with you as you could probably use a good laugh.

My friend, Allison, was briefly caretaking her 88-year-old mother in a no-pets building and had to take her in-door Persian cat, Parker.

She mentioned that Parker needed some grass to chew for his digestion and to help him eliminate hairballs, so I offered to pick some up at the pet store.

Once purr-chased, while walking back to the car, I dialed her to ask if she was home to drop off the grass. Allison uses her mother's speaker phone and it's loud, so when she answered, "Hello," I whispered, "I have the grass."

It was hard to hear her with the busy traffic, and it must have been hard for her to hear me because she responded, "Pardon me?"

So, I again whispered, "I have the grass." Then this total stranger, in her 70s (making her a child of the hippy era) responded, "Pardon me?" and she sounded audibly alarmed.

"Oh! No!" I thought. It was a wrong number! Then I realized she sounded panicked thinking that the mentioned "grass" was marijuana!

I laughed and explained her number was one off from my friend's and that the "grass" in question was cat grass for my friend's 'secret' cat. She laughed too.

Talk about an awkward moment! When I told my friends about the wrong phone call, one said, "Too bad Allison had not also asked you to buy her some Coca-Cola. Then you could have whispered, 'I have your grass and coke.'"

Another friend in bored isolation laughed and said, "I might randomly phone a number and whisper, 'I have grass' to alleviate their boredom too."

After dropping the "grass" off to the awaiting cat, Parker, his mother phoned and said, "Parker loves the grass. He looks like a farmer in the field. He ate some and one piece is sticking out of the side of his mouth like a blade of wheat."

Who ever thought a cat-act of kindness would make so many people laugh!

TIPS:

- The world has gone quiet during the quarantine and wildlife is wandering into populated human areas. Cougars have been sighted in Cottage Grove scouting for pets on porches and in backyards. Last month, a 900 lb. bear startled me as it sauntered in front of my car, in a residential neighborhood by my mother's Canadian care home.

- Tips 'n' Tales reader, Dawn, in Montreal, Canada's tip is, "I am concerned about the cats who are allowed to roam overnight because skunks, raccoons, wild turkeys and coyotes are showing up in family neighborhoods. Maybe it's time for pet parents to build a catio to keep their cats safe."

- Angel Scribe recently joined Facebook's "Cat Gardens, Enclosures UK" for ideas for her husband's next pet project.

We are waiting to hear about your pets!
Send their story to: angelscribe@msn.com

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

Douglas County Senior Services receives grant for meals program

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners has announced that the Douglas County Senior Services Department has received a grant for \$6,535.66 to help support its Meals on Wheels program as a result of its participation in the 2019-2020 Subaru Share the Love® Event.

Over the last 12 years, through the Share the Love Event, Subaru of America and its retailers have donated more than \$1.6 million to national charities and over 1,170 hometown charities.

Oregon earned a total of \$32,678.32 through this year's event, and had 5 par-

ticipating Meals on Wheels Members qualifying to receive funds.

"We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Subaru of Oregon and Subaru of America, for their continued generosity and support of the homebound seniors that we serve.

The Meals On Wheels programs of Douglas County thank you," said Jeanne Wright, Senior Services Director, Douglas County.

The Meals on Wheels program provides 2.4 million homebound seniors with the nutrition and companionship they need to age without fear of hunger and isolation.

For these vulnerable se-

niors, the Meals on Wheels volunteer's daily visit keeps them healthy, connected to their community and able to live independently in the place they love most: their home.

Through Meals on Wheels, Share the Love has helped deliver nearly 2 million meals to America's seniors.

Douglas County Senior Services typically serves 71,000 hot meals a year to seniors via their Meals on Wheels program and senior dining sites in Glendale (Serving Glendale and Azalea), Riddle (Serving Riddle, Canyonville and Myrtle Creek), Winston (Serving Winston and Green), Glide

(Serving Glide and Idleld Park), Sutherlin (Serving Sutherlin and Oakland), Yoncalla (Serving Yoncalla and Drain) and Reedsport (Serving Winchester Bay, Reedsport, Gardner).

This year however, with the increase in requests due to COVID-19 they expect to each 74,000 meals by the end of June.

Volunteers for these programs log more than 18,600 hours of service a year. For more information about Meals on Wheels programs in Douglas County and how to volunteer, call Douglas County Senior Services at 541-440-3677.

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normal classes in the fall but final decisions will be made in August.

It all depends on how the COVID-19 virus situation evolves.

We'll all be hoping it

goes away.

The actual construction of the Stoney Point section began on Monday. Signs are up for construction. Please be alert and drive slowly.

The sign also states, "Fines double" in that work zone. Plan on construction continuing until late fall. They plan to keep a lane open as much as possible, but it could be dirt or gravel. There may be short intervals of traffic delays. All caution must prevail.

- One of the many items shared by doctors is to get plenty of exercise outside for your physical and mental health.

Luckily, we live in the country here in Lorane! We can do that and social distance with no problem.

- I hope everyone finds safe, creative ways to celebrate July Fourth next week.

Sounds like there will not be any displays of fireworks

6-day weather forecast

FRIDAY 85° 60° Sunny	SATURDAY 76° 51° Partly Cloudy
SUNDAY 64° 51° Rain	MONDAY 71° 53° Rain
TUESDAY 76° 53° Partly Cloudy	WEDNESDAY 75° 53° Partly Cloudy

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