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Hey, everyone! Are you ready? Thanksgiving is just one week away. Normally, that is a happy gathering time for our family, but this year is just a little different.

All of a sudden, our family of five became a far-flung group of 14 that has scattered all over the United States. So, thanks to Covid-19, we can't just all jump in a car or on an airplane to celebrate together.

Instead, the Kaiser family will be scattered around dining tables at an Army Base in North Carolina and in homes and universities in Arkansas, Missouri, Utah,

Ohio and California — the grandparents in Oregon. Whew. Our kids and grandkids have grown up and are seeing the world, but it sure puts a crimp on family holidays.

Although we all talk on the phone, getting caught-up face to face on Thanksgiving is special. Sitting around the dinner table and sharing our blessings is a warm tradition in our family.

However, the last years have been tough roller coaster rides for everyone. All of us know someone who has lost loved ones or deeply suffered mentally, physically because of the Pandemic.

I recently asked my family what they were thankful for. Betsy, my daughter-in-law is a 6th grade teacher who cried tears of joy when she saw her students returned to classes. Others mentioned a place to live,

walks in the park, a loving family, a warm, cuddly pet and unexpected blessings.

Life is ever changing. Some years the cup is full. Other years it seems empty. If you are suffering this year, find something to be thankful for —anything! — If you are ill, hang in there. God willing, this too, shall pass.

Hopefully, most of us will enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner with friends and loved ones. Like the Pilgrims we don't know what's coming next but we do know what we have today.

I hope your blessings include a loving family, good health, loyal friends, a nice warm house, plentiful food, change in your pocket for a candy bar, a good book, laughter, peace of mind and heart and a warm, cuddly pet. Keep looking up! God bless you all!

Today's recipes are two variations of everyone's

LIBBY'S FAMOUS PUMPKIN PIE

Prepare an unbaked 9" deep dish pie shell and set aside

¾ cup granulated sugar
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon ginger
¼ teaspoon cloves
2 eggs
1 ¾ cups Pumpkin (15 ounce can)
1 ½ cups Evaporated milk (12 fluid ounces)

Combine sugar, salt, cinnamon, ginger and cloves in small bowl. Beat eggs lightly in large bowl. Stir in pumpkin and sugar-spice mixture. Gradually stir in evaporated milk. Pour into pie shell.

Bake in preheated oven for 15 minutes. Reduce temperature to 359° F. Bake for 40-50 minutes or until knife inserted near center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack for 2 hours. Serve immediately or chill and top with whipped cream (Do not freeze as this will cause filling to separate from crust.) Serves 8.

PUMPKIN EGGNOG PIE

Prepare a 9" unbaked pie shell and set aside.

Preheat oven to 425° F.
Combine the following ingredients in a large mixer bowl and mix well.

2 cups pumpkin (1 16 ounce can)
1 ½ cups eggnog
2 eggs
½ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon ginger
½ teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon cloves

Pour into pie shell and bake 15 minutes.

Reduce the heat to 350*.

Bake another 40-45 minutes or until a knife inserted near the edge comes out clean. Allow to cool and refrigerate if not eating that day. Serve topped with whipped cream. Serves 6-8

Fall favorite—Pumpkin Pie. One is Libby's Famous Recipe and the other made with eggnog! Enjoy!

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Pet Tips 'n' Tales: A Wobbly 'Pumpkin'



By Mary Ellen
"Angel Scribe"

Kathy and Bob Rude, founders of 'Rude Ranch Animal Rescue', are changing the world one cat at a time. Today they house 30 special needs and hospice furballs and foster injured and critically ill kittens/cats for other rescue groups purr-paring them for adoption.

During the 2020 their impressive community contribution was paw-forming 7,000 spay/neuters at their 'Spay Spa & Neuter Nook' through public donations. To date they have facilitated the adoption of 8,000 felines.

A malnourished orange and white rescue, Pumpkin Wobbles, was born into a feral colony with cerebellar hypoplasia, a neurological birth defect affecting mo-

tor skills. His wobbling mouth missed his food dish!

His legs couldn't support his body, so his walking and running where challenged. Physical therapy helped build his muscles as he learned to navigate. Fortunately, he met two assistants; three-month-old kittens, Sigfried and Simpson whose boundless energy was driving the older cats crazy.

It didn't take long for Pumpkin to learn their games and his walking, running, and wrestling with the two playmates aided his coordination. Soon Pumpkin was initiating chasing Sigfried and Simpson, resulting in collisions with other startled cats.

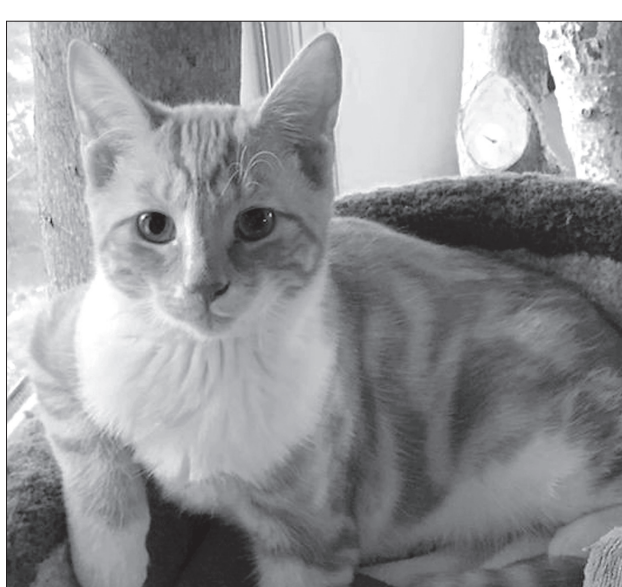
Fortunately, Mr. Pumpkin Wobble's early struggles have mostly resolved. He has mastered jumping and climbing onto the couch and he is learning how to traverse stairs. He is always the first cat to come out for treats or dinner. He dislikes dogs, which he frequently vocally explains to the Rude Ranch dogs.

Recently, Bob and Kathy were driving along a four-lane highway during rush hour when they spotted a tiny kitten running alongside the 70-mph traffic. They drove to the next exit, doubled back, and all the while prayed that the kitten would survive.

Bob pulled ahead of the running fur-baby and parked. They tried to herd the kitten towards the shoulder. Even though he was tiny, the kitten was still too quick to catch. Still terrified, the little feline kept running. Eventually, it ran into a brush pile and became stuck in the weeds.

The determined rescuers reached the thrashing kitten. They did not have any pet catching devices as nets or a carrier, so they brilliantly improvised. Bob took off his shoelaces and dangled them enticing the kitten.

It worked! The three of them climbed 300 yards back to the car. Bob held the traumatized kitten, along with his dangling shoelaces while wearing just one shoe!



COURTESY PHOTO

A proud Mr. Pumpkin climbed four feet up into the cat tree by himself!

Once back in the car, the exhausted kitten promptly fell asleep on Bob's lap.

After witnessing the kitten's endurance and freeway speed Bob and Kathy named him "Indie".

Indie bonded with Mr. Pumpkin Wobbles, who purr-vided a fun source of sneak attacks, wrestling, and tail pouncing. All these

movements were paws-itive therapy for Mr. Wobbles. Indie signed on permanently as his new friend's physical therapist as they both await their forever home.

Visit www.ruderanch.org for information about the ranch.

TIPS

Want to make a difference in the world? Pet shelters

and animal sanctuaries appreciate adoptions, donations, volunteers and foster parents to continue their good works.

What is a chimera cat? It is a kitten with two sets of DNAs because a pair of embryos fused together in the mother's womb. Every chimera is born with their own DNA, and one from the DNA from a second embryo. They often resemble two cats with a purr-fect right and left side look of two different kittens.

Cutest pet name ever! Staff Sgt. Whiskers Snugglebutt. Email and tell us your pet's name and how it acquired it or your favorite pet memory, adventure or humorous event! angelscribe@msn.com

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Adopt Loving Pets

www.PetFinder.com

Cottage Grove Humane Society for Neuter/Spay Assistance Program: 541-942-3130

LORANE COUNTRY NEWS

CONTRIBUTED BY LIL THOMPSON
FOR THE SENTINEL

- Last week on Nov. 8, about 50 people attended a meeting with Lane County Transportation managers in charge of the Territorial Rd project. They shared where the project is and future dates of more work. The Stony Point project is completed, but they have guardrail work and work on the bank still in progress.
- Crow High School basketball practice started on Nov. 15 and Crow middle school is already playing.
- Crow National Honor Society will be selling swings until

Nov. 22 for \$20. You may pick them up on Nov. 24 between 8 a.m. and noon in the school office. Contact Kim if you need a different time or to order.

- Michael Paul Matchulat has left us and will be missed (February 10, 1984 - November 11, 2021). Please join us in celebrating his life and inspiration Matchy's "Kick Ass Send Off," Saturday Nov. 20, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Kester Ranch, 80772 Hawley Creek Rd, about 10 1/2 miles from Cottage Grove and 2 1/2 From Lorane Family Store. Turn on Hawley Creek. You can't miss it. Please consider carpooling from Lorane Grange or Lorane Christian Church parking lots. Also wear sensible shoes. Beverages and food will be provided.

6-day weather forecast

FRIDAY	SATURDAY
51° 38° Showers	54° 36° Partly Cloudy
SUNDAY	MONDAY
57° 40° Partly Cloudy	55° 41° PM Showers
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
50° 40° Mostly Cloudy	52° 43° Mostly Cloudy

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invite you to come see what we have done.

Come ride a horse, and shop! We have everything from sweatshirts to music boxes and more! Bring the kiddos! All ages welcome.

November 26th, 2021

10:00 am - 6:00 pm

If you have any questions, please contact, President Alice Nowicki: 541-228-8451

*** Masks are required. All visitors 18 years and above must be vaccinated.**

Cottage Grove Industrial Park
1780 Carnegie Way, Cottage Grove

CHRISTMAS AT THE WESTERN OREGON EXPOSITION AT THE WOE FAIRGROUNDS

December 2nd-5th from 1:00PM-8:00PM
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•Vendors •Food •Music •Lights
•Nativity Scene • And Much More
SANTA CLAUS WILL BE THERE!
Thurs, Fri, Sun 4PM | Sat 7PM

FROZEN PRINCESSES ANNA & ELSA
Make An Appearance, Sat 5-7PM

• Julie Nedele and the Haystacks with Christmas Music, Fri 6-8PM
• Perfect Flavor Band, Sat 5-8PM

Free Admission! Non-Perishable Food for Community Sharing Accepted