



**BARBARA, 'ZOWIE' and DALE DeVORSS**  
(Photo and story by Christina Hill)

## Kerbyville Farm produce cropping up for season

For farmers, the onslaught of warmer weather brings crops into full bloom.

For the well-known Kerbyville Farm in Kerby, this means the start of a busy season that will last for months.

The season began last week with Kerbyville Farm's ever-famous strawberries. The season will end in October with pumpkins. Various other popular produce will be featured in-between.

Currently, farm operators Dale and Barbara DeVorss, with family members, are busy planting sweet corn, tomatoes, potatoes, peas, cabbage, raspberries, cantaloupe "and a whole list of things yet to come."

This year, the farm is able to accept WIC coupons, saving trips to Grants Pass for coupon-holders.

While the selling season may only last five months, the work is year-round.

"We usually work from sun-up to sundown, and there usually aren't enough hours in the day to get everything done," said Dale.

"I kind of take my time off in the winter just to catch up, and work on all the equipment and make sure everything's running good," he said.

However, the situation hasn't always been so "fruitful" for the couple.

When they bought the farm 13 years ago, there was "nothing there but an unfinished house," said Dale.

"First," he noted, "I had to finish the inside of the house so we could live in it. There weren't any outbuildings, and there was no farm set up."

"We've added all the

equipment and all the outbuildings over the years," Dale said.

While they worked around-the-clock to make their house habitable and turn their 30 acres into a working farm, Dale was employed full time as a logger, and did drywall and construction work.

"The operation started out very small," he recalled. "We didn't have a fruit stand, but we sold a little bit of corn and a few tomatoes out of the garage. Over the years, we added the fruit stand, kept at it, and it kept growing," said Dale.

"It took a lot of years before it got to a point that the farm was able to take care of us," he said. "It's only been the last three or four years that I haven't had to work in the woods or in construction."

For Dale, working on his farm is the realization of a life-long dream.

"I love growing things," he said. "And I'm very mechanical, and can work on all my own equipment, so farming has been just perfect for me," he said.

However, Dale's not the only one who loves to farm. Most of his family has caught his passion, and every summer, he said that people can more than likely see most of his six grandchildren working the fields on weekends.

"Most of them have been working here since before they can remember," Dale said.

"Over time more and more of the community has felt that they get the things that they want here for a reasonable price, so I think that's why we've grown," Dale concluded.

## New store all 'a-glitter' with Special Productions

With Special Productions, her new antique lamp and "collectible business" in Downtown Cave Junction, Sue Jines is having good times.

A 34-year Illinois Valley resident, and married to contractor Virgil Jines for 43 years, Sue Jines is no stranger to either valleyites or working hard.

The store, in the SOFCU Bldg. at Hwy. 199 and Lister Street, has as its main attraction older and antique floor lamps, all restored. Particularly noticeable are colorful and eye-catching lamp shades and finials. She can order the latter in crystal from Swarovski separately, and she makes custom lamp shades. Customers can even select fabric.

She's had a number of jobs during the years since she was 13, and took a ceramics course with her mother. She was so good at it that she became an instructor, and to this day continues her work in ceramics.

It's evidenced in a menagerie of cute critters, domestic and wild, some with "bobble heads." Available are penguins, cats, dogs, frogs, pigs, cows, bears, donkeys, turtles, elephants, monkeys, dinosaurs,

dolphins, orcas, bunnies, and chickens.

She also has carousel animals, all ceramic and in various poses. Other offerings include restored gum ball machines; and several shelves of coffee mugs -- "a popular item," she said. She

pieces including brooches, earrings, and necklaces.

"Having this kind of store is my first love," she said, "although I also enjoyed my work as a substitute aide for Three Rivers School District.

"But I decided to take a

leap, as this is what I want to do. I try to offer what men and women collect and love. There's a little something for everyone."

Among collectibles are patches, pins and the like with the logos of 7-Up, Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Hires, and Texaco.

There also are decorative theme bird houses; and wind chimes of many themes including frogs, moose and hummingbirds. She also has a selection of myrtlewood items on consignment.

She notes that her merchandise "can be left out year-round; there's nothing that relates to special holidays or periods, so they can be enjoyed all the time."

She added that she "loves dealing with people," and likes browsers.

Special Productions is open Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays through Thursdays from 9 to 5; and during afternoons on Saturdays.

Her telephone number is 592-2034.



**SUE JINES**

also has root beer mugs.

And a display case of jewelry catches the eye. "It's almost all vintage rhinestone," said Jines, with

## I.V. to get VISTA participant

RSVP of Josephine County has been chosen as a placement site by the Clara Barton AmeriCorps\*VISTA Corps for the 2005-06 placement year, and a position is open.

RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) is part of Asante Senior Resources, sponsored in Josephine County by Three Rivers Community Hospital.

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Corps\*VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) member will be activated to serve as the Rural Volunteer Impact Project specialist.

The person will provide volunteer coordination for local social service organizations such as Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance, I.V. Senior Center, and I.V. Family Coalition.

For information about the position phone 955-5547.

## 'Click it or Ticket' happenin'

Through Sunday, June 5, lawmen throughout the Pacific Northwest are involved in the "Click It or Ticket" program.

In Oregon, drivers can be cited not only for failure to wear safety belts, but also if they fail to require passengers younger than 18 to wear safety restraints, or to properly restrain small children in a child seat or booster seat.

The "Click It" campaign involves grants from transportation agencies in Oregon, Washington state, and British Columbia.

At 94 percent, Oregon has the nation's fourth-highest use rate for safety belts. But if the rate were 100 percent, nearly half of Oregon's fatalities last year would have been saved, according to Oregon Dept. of Transportation.

**Death is more universal than life; everyone dies but not everyone lives.**

- A. Sachs -

## To avoid cancer; quit smoking -- tips listed by group

Following is information from the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Center:

Q: What can I do to lower my chance of getting cancer?

A: Studies have shown that people can reduce their risk of developing cancer if they do the following:

\*Avoid tobacco in any form.

\*If you drink alcohol, limit yourself to one or two drinks a day.

\*Limit your exposure to

the Sun, as well as to tanning beds and sun lamps.

\*Eat five to nine servings of fruits and vegetables every day. This includes two to four servings of fruits and three to five servings of vegetables.

\*Limit high-fat foods.

\*Be active. Vigorous and moderate activity appear to lower cancer risk.

Also, talk to your doctor about regular cancer screenings. These tests can find cancers of the breast, cervix, colon and rectum early, be-

fore symptoms develop.

For more information on how to prevent cancer or find it early, go to [cancer.gov](http://cancer.gov) and type "prevention" in the search field.

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Q: How do I deal with boredom if I quit smoking?

A: Many people smoke when they are bored. Here are some ways to cope with boredom when you quit:

\*Plan more activities than you have time for.

\*Carry a book, cross-

word puzzle, or cell phone to keep your hands busy during waiting times.

\*Notice what is going on around you. Look at the shape of buildings. Listen to sounds.

\*Do not stay in the same place too long. Move. Go outdoors if possible, but avoid places you associate with smoking.

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