

Caring, sharing, hospitality hallmarks of Hopeful Rancho

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The old adage, “Friends are the family you choose,” holds true at Hopeful Rancho, an adult foster-care facility offering services in a homelike setting, currently serving the living needs of four individuals with capacity for one more.

When visitors turn off Takilma Road onto the driveway, a sense of peace comes over them, and they are greeted by *Sweet Pea*, the resident dog.

The home itself is set in scenic Takilma on approximately 5 acres that currently houses the owners, Lyn & Mark Berry; one of the caregivers, Teresa Cox; and several horses, chickens, ducks, a cat, a dog, two birds and a resident pig.

The residents are able to take short walks on the property and enjoy spending time with the animals. Time spent with the horses is af-



Hopeful Rancho residents and staff. (Photo by Jennifer Newsted, IVN)

fectionately called “horsing around.” Other activities include cards, Yahtzee, bingo and Scripture reading.

The Berrys have dedicated their lives to caring for their residents with dignity and respect, as well as sharing the Gospel. At Hopeful

Rancho, residents with needs for medical and personal care receive it in a manner that encourages independence and enhances quality of life.

Hopeful Rancho was opened in 1997 by Lyn, a resident of Illinois Valley

and spiritual healing at Hopeful Rancho.

Residents Lloyd and Al are easily recognizable to longtime residents. Lloyd volunteers at Illinois Valley Senior Center, and he and Al are members of Bridgeview Community Church.

since the late ‘70s. Mark had been living in Hawaii when he felt he was called to come home to Oregon. At the time he returned, he was plagued with severe sleep apnea, bedridden with injections, but has since enjoyed a physical

The gentlemen also lived at the former James Boys Home. Al has enjoyed the benefits of recovery since coming to Hopeful Rancho. The medically supervised care provided for Al at Hopeful Rancho also alleviated speech problems.

Although Al’s sister had written and visited with him before, Al never was able to communicate with her using speech. In Al’s 60th year he was able to enjoy his first telephone conversation with his sister. Residents are constantly encouraged to discover new matters, maintain as much of their independence, and not give up hope.

Cox elaborated on what she finds most rewarding about working at Hopeful Rancho. “The resident-to-care-giver ratio makes it

possible to tend to the caregiving needs and spend time with the residents too.”

Added Mark, “We are given to hospitality. Out of all the roads between here and everywhere else, this is the least likely road that a person would turn down. On average we get about five to 10 people per day who are drawn down this road.

“It’s not even a paved road, but people are drawn down it just the same.”

Valley residents are encouraged to see the facility and visit with residents.

“We love them until the end,” said Lyn. “We provide the very best, most peaceful loving abundant life while they are here, and we make it a priority to share with them God’s plan for eternal life.”

World-class quilter brings her colorful kaleidoscope

Internationally known quilter and instructor Freddy Moran, of Orinda, Calif., brought her enthusiasm for colorful quilts and exuberant design to Cave Junction last week for a series of classes geared to experienced and beginning quilters alike.

Moran’s visit was sponsored by the Mountain Star Quilt Guild of Southern Oregon, and hosted by Picket Fence Fabrics at Caves Hwy. and S. Old Stage Road. Local quilters, as well as those from as far away as Mount Shasta, attended the day-long sessions which presented Moran’s ideas about incorporating bold colors into eclectic quilts.

“I think I have always been far more color tolerant than a lot of people,” Moran told her students. “I consider ‘red’ a neutral, and I find ‘beige’ depressing.”

Indeed, her bright quilts seem to explode in a kaleidoscope of color when displayed on a crisp white wall. Swirls of reds, greens, blues and yellows are contrasted with slices of basic black-and-white prints. The extremes of the black-and-white fabric help calm the color cacophony.

“After you look (at the colors) for a while, it can become confusing to the eye,” she said. “The black and whites keep your eyes moving around the quilt.”

Moran, 77, has taught quilting throughout this country and around the world. She has been featured in national and international publications, as well as on HGTV as part of its *Artists in Residence* series, and on HGTV’s *Simply Quilts*.

She also has written several quilting books, the most recent with her friend, Gwen Marston, of Beaver Island, Mich. It’s titled *Collaborative Quilting*, and they’re now working on their second book, she noted.

“Gwen is a better designer, but I am a better colorist,” said Moran, who majored in art in college. “We took the best of both of us to collaborate on the

book,” she said.

For her local classes, Moran used her quilt titled *Lone Tree* as the pattern for lessons in loosening up the color palette as well as the quilter’s imagination.

“Just pick out fabric and start sewing,” she told the group.

“It’s amazing what will come out of that. You get to touching the fabric and working with the fabric, then something just clicks in your brain.”

The artistry of her quilts is not about straight lines and a handful of hues.

“If you want perfect, you can buy it,” she said. “But spontaneous quilts like this, you cannot buy.”



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