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Vollmers have third daughter

Wayne and Laura Vollmer of Sandy have announced the birth of their third child. Krista Fay was born Dec. 11 at Portland Adventist Hospital. She weighed 9 pounds, even at birth and was 21 inches long. Krista has two sisters: Dianah, 6½, and Angie, 4½. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Vollmer of Sandy and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ownbey of Sandy.

Centennial to hold reunion

The Centennial High School class of 1976 will hold its five-year reunion Aug. 15, 1981. To help put on the reunion, or for more information, call Dale Sattergren at 252-8156 or Kathy Patriarca-Cooper at 253-7065. Interested persons may also write P.O. Box 16381, Portland, Or, 97233.

Pleasant Home choir to sing

The Pleasant Home Church choir will present its Christmas Cantata Jan. 4 at the United Methodist Church in Boring. The program is set to begin at 9:30 a.m. and the public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

Money due to youth projects

The Clackamas County Community Juvenile Services Commission has \$21,000 in unexpended funds to award. The awards will be granted to existing county programs serving youth. They will be for one-time expenditures only. Persons interested in applying for the funds should contact the commission at 2121 Kaen Road, Oregon City, OR 97045, or call 655-8288.

4-H dairy club meeting held

The Boring 4-H Dairy Club held its December meeting at the home of Moira Richardson who led the pledges. President Lori Aschoff introduced a new member, Autumn Wahlert. Renae Aschoff gave a demonstration on how to fix mini-pizzas.



Bonnie and Ralph Baird look over their newly adopted baby, Meisha Baird, a teacher at the Mt. Hood Pre-School co-op, has a unique partnership going with another teacher, Diane Kent. The two are trading off working hours and their maternity leave.

At pre-school co-op

Women solve maternity leave problem

by KAYE BARTON BAKKE
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Job sharing and maternity leave are two options which are highly valued by today's career woman and highly controversial to some employers. But the Mt. Hood Pre-School Co-op has proven itself to be quite flexible on both matters, and the co-op's two teachers say everyone is benefitting. Bonnie Baird was hired by the pre-school's board at the beginning of the current school year to teach both the three-year-olds and four-year-olds in the pre-school. Shortly after the beginning of the term, Baird learned that the application to adopt a baby which she and her husband had placed in June was being processed months earlier than they had anticipated. She was about to become a mother.

Baird requested a six-week maternity leave, which presented the board with the problem of locating a temporary replacement. The board's response to the problem neatly resolved several difficult situations. The replacement hired was Diane Kent, a Hoodland resident and one of the original applicants for the pre-school teaching job. Kent herself is expecting a baby in March, a situation which will allow the two women to share the teaching job and "cover" for each other in a sort of reciprocal maternity leave. So when Baird began her leave early in December (her adopted daughter arrived from India on Dec. 9) Kent took over both classes at the pre-school. When Baird returns to work in late January, the women will divide the responsibilities, with Kent teaching the three-year-olds and Baird teaching the four-year-olds. And when Kent's baby arrives in March, Baird plans to assume both classes until her co-worker returns six weeks later. The women are both pleased with the arrangement. "I really admire the co-op for the fact that they were willing to work out his arrangement for us," Kent said. She explained that the divided responsibilities will be ideal for her as a new mother. "I've been substitute teaching at Welches School, but after the baby is born I don't think I'll want to put in a full day," she said. The co-op also considers the relationship ideal, since the board's original intention was to hire two teachers. "The board wanted two different teachers for the two groups to prepare the children to accept different teachers in school," Baird explained. At that time, Baird had been uninterested in making the drive from her Boring home for a part-time position, so she was given both jobs. She pointed out that the rotation with Kent has pleased all the parties involved. "I think it's worked out really well," she said. "It will make for an easy transition."

Each of the pre-school's classes has approximately 12 children enrolled consistently. The three-year-olds meet two mornings a week and the other children meet three afternoons a week. Baird said working in a co-operative pre-school setting is refreshing. "It's really a pleasant working atmosphere," she said. "I especially appreciate the chance to sit down and talk with the parents in the way the co-op provides."

Each woman expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to work with both age groups temporarily. "There's such a big difference in three-year-olds and four-year-olds—it's surprising," Kent said. Kent is an elementary teacher, and the youngest group she has previously worked with is the kindergarten level. Baird's background has included work in day care centers and with state projects on child care. Baird said working in a co-operative pre-school setting is refreshing. "It's really a pleasant working atmosphere," she said. "I especially appreciate the chance to sit down and talk with the parents in the way the co-op provides."

Art competition set at Day Lodge

An art competition has been announced for large scale works designed for the new Day Lodge being built near Timberline Lodge. The competition is sponsored by Friends of Timberline, and is contingent upon approval of a grant from National Endowment for the Arts. Six areas of the Day Lodge have been designated for works of art in a variety of media, according to Linda Adamson, curator of the historic Timberline Lodge. The Day Lodge is scheduled for completion in October, 1981, and is intended to relieve the ski traffic on the older lodge at Timberline. Heavy public use of the historic lodge is damaging to its handmade furnishings, Adamson said. The Day Lodge is designed to accommodate up to 15,000 visitors per day. Adamson described the lodge as a "contemporary structure of poured-in-place concrete, warm grey in color and mixed with aggregate from the White River Canyon." Public areas within the lodge will be paneled in vertical fir, with floors of concrete. Adamson indicated the spacious interior of the lodge would require the works of art be large in scale. Another important element of the works would be color, since the building itself will be neutral in tone, she said. There are no limits or specifications on the media to be used, nor are themes for the works specified, Adamson said. Artists who are interested in entering the competition should submit seven to 10 fully labeled slides of their works along with a resume to Adamson at Timberline Lodge, Government Camp, Ore. 97208. Deadline for applications is Feb. 2, 1980.

Boring Kiwanis Club raises \$1,000 in drive

The Boring Kiwanis club collected \$1,000 in its second annual holiday food drive. Students from Boring Grade School and Damascus Schools contributed the majority of food through a volunteer collection project conducted at each school. Fifty families received the canned goods including whole chickens, potatoes and bread which was purchased by Kiwanis, headed by Vic Leopold, coordinator of the drive. Gifts made by the ladies club in Boring were added to each gift box delivered to the families. Names of families who received the donations were submitted to the Kiwanis group by the Salvation Army and a Clackamas County community agency. Other names were acquired through a questionnaire distributed by club members. Boring Kiwanis, which consists of 30 members, has fund raising activities throughout the year to finance projects such as the food drive. While various monies earned from various projects subsidize Kiwanis activities, donations are also necessary. "We're not out to make money, we are out to provide a service," said Mike Werner, club president.

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