

Ivy bear may try comeback

Alder Creek's landmark, the ivy bear, is little more than a cement base and ivy roots.

But next to the base is the newly opened Ivy Bear Grill and Bar, and if all goes well the ivy bear will return to life as well.

Don Hart and Ron Rhoades are partners in the business, which opened Feb. 1. They are serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a Sunday brunch.

Hart said he wants people to take the time to enjoy a leisurely meal.

Dinners come with homemade soup and salad. Dinner menu items range from steaks and meatloaf to cornish game hen and rack of lamb. They also offer meals for vegetarians, such as the vegetable stir-fry, which they have served every night since they opened.

Hart said they are interested in building a trade with local residents and plan to accomplish that with good food and good service.

"I think those two things will keep your customers coming back," he said.

Hart owned and managed a restaurant in Seattle for five years, and Rhoades formerly owned and managed a video bar in Seattle.

They both worked in Hawaii for the past two years at the Maui Marriott. Hart managed the Lokeloi dining room, and Rhoades managed the Banana Moon video disco bar. Both have been through the Marriott's food service and management training programs.

Friends recently convinced them to move back to the "main side," Hart said. And Earl Waits and Debi Little, two of the partners in Our Gang Hair Design and Tanning, convinced them to consider purchasing the Ivy Bear.

The Ivy Bear was built 47 years ago as a hamburger stand, Rhoades said. It is Rhoades' understanding that two ivy bears have fallen upon hard times next to the restaurant.

Still, the legend remains. "That's the question everyone asks, 'Will you put the ivy bear back up?'" Rhoades said.

Skiers have told Rhoades and Hart that they waved to the bear on the way up the mountain for good



Ron Rhoades and Don Hart are new owners of the Ivy Bear Grill and Bar.

Photo by Scott Newton

luck. Waving at the bear was supposed to keep a person from breaking his leg on the slope.

Because it would cost about \$5,000 to do the job right, Hart said they plan to hold fund-raisers in the spring in an effort to raise the money to replace the bear.

He said they plan to build a steel frame and cover it with double-walled mesh. Inside the mesh would be a fabric, which would contain some kind of potting or rooting soil and a watering system.

Ivy starts would be placed all over the bear, and once started it shouldn't take long for the bear to

grow a healthy coat. A lighter color of ivy would be used on the stomach and paws.

They would like to register the landmark with the National Register of Historic Places, a designation given by the National Park Service.

The Ivy Bear Grill and Bar can seat up to 100 people, and about 10 people are employed there, not including Rhoades and Hart.

It is open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., and will be open till midnight after it receives a Class C liquor license, which should be in about a month. There will not be a lounge, but

drinks will be served with dinner or hors d'oeuvres.

It currently has a license to serve beer and wine.

Breakfast is served from 6 to 11 a.m., and lunch from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Sunday brunch is from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Champagne is available from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There are "light" menu items for children and senior citizens. The word "light" refers to the amount of food, not calories.

The entrance is now on the north side of the building, opposite Highway 26. Parking is also in back.

Writers have chance to recall county fair

Clackamas County residents who have recollections of people and events at past Clackamas County fairs can see their bylines and stories in print through a program being sponsored jointly by Clackamas Community College, Canby Community School and the Clackamas County fair board.

This spring, the college will offer a special writing course for those desiring to contribute to the Clackamas County "Book of Memories," or those who just wish to learn the fundamental skills of putting thoughts on paper.

Classes will be taught by Morton Spence, a career journalist who formerly owned a monthly news magazine.

Memories will be compiled in a book to be published either later this year or early next year. With writers' approval, copies of all works will be

turned over to the Clackamas County Historical Society.

The creative writers workshops, tied to the "Memories" theme, are scheduled for four locations during the community college spring term. Classes will be held at the Canby Adult Center, 1250 S. Ivy, Canby; at Colton High School; at Estacada High School (Room 48); and at the Oregon City Senior Center, 616-Fifth Street, Oregon City.

For more information, call Clare Cody, continuing education coordinator for Clackamas Community College, at 657-8400, Extension 230, or the Canby Community School at 266-2086.

"The compilation of personal glimpses of past fairs is an exciting project that should make fascinating reading and contribute measurably to the history of our region," said Jerry Mickelsen, fair manager.

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Senior center news

Shoppers will have an opportunity to take advantage of the President's Day Sales at Clackamas Town Center on Friday, Feb. 13. The van will depart at 10 a.m. and return at approximately 3 p.m.

No Loaves & Fishes meal will be served on Monday, Feb. 16 as the center will be closed in honor of Great Americans Day.

There are still tax assistance appointments available with Chalmers Thornber for seniors 60 and older. Persons needing help with the preparation of federal and state income tax returns (short forms) and Homeowners and Renter relief forms may call the center at 668-5569 to arrange for a free half-hour appointment.

Students from the Hoodview Academy 3rd grade class will be at the center on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 12:30 p.m. to present a program and visit with participants of the Loaves & Fishes lunch.

This month the Community Presbyterian Church has offered to sponsor the lunch and get-together

for senior participants on Thursday, Feb. 19, at noon. Please make reservations to attend by registering at the center office by Friday, Feb. 13. Anyone requiring transportation to the church may contact the center at 668-5569.

The "55 Alive" driving course, sponsored through the American Association of Retired Persons will be offered at the center on Tuesday, Feb. 24, and Wednesday, Feb. 25, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. This popular AARP course will cover tips on defensive and safe driving for the older driver. Many insurance companies offer reduced rates for persons completing this type of training. The cost of the course is \$7. Persons planning to take the class must register by Tuesday, Feb. 17.

For information on programs, services, and trips please call the Sandy Senior Center at 668-5569.

ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Feb. 12
9 a.m. — Morning Stretch
Noon — GAC Potluck & Program

Friday, Feb. 13
10 a.m. — Depart for Shopping Trip
Noon — Loaves & Fishes Lunch
12:30 p.m. — Valentine's Day Program
7 p.m. — Community Cards

Monday, Feb. 16
Presidents Day (Center Closed)

Tuesday, Feb. 17
9 a.m. — SSC Advisory Committee
Noon — Loaves & Fishes Lunch
12:30 p.m. — Visit with Hoodview Academy Students

1 p.m. — Ceramics

Wednesday, Feb. 18
9 a.m. — Noon — Tax Assistance
9:30 a.m. — Oil Painting
11:30 a.m. — Flex n' Stretch
Noon — Loaves & Fishes Lunch
12:30 p.m. — Blood Pressure Clinic
1 p.m. — Quilting

Thursday, Feb. 19
9 a.m. — Morning Stretch
Noon — Senior Luncheon at Community Presbyterian Church

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