

Alder Creek not tropical, but the chameleons thrive

ALDER CREEK — Michael Weinberg has kept chameleons as pets for more than 12 years. But, for the first time, he recently hatched two eggs in captivity.

"In 12, 13 years I have never had one hatch," he said. "Now all of the sudden, I've got two."

Weinberg said pet store owners have told him that they have had eggs hatch, but that the survival rate was poor.

Weinberg and his wife, Cindy Bailey, live in Alder Creek, which is not at all similar to the tropical climate native to chameleons.

But they go to a considerable amount of trouble to raise the reptiles, which are known for their ability to change color as nature's way of providing camouflage.

Bailey keeps plants growing in the aquarium, which is covered with a finely-woven screen. Weinberg stalks flies, spiders and other insects to feed them.

In the winter, they put a heat lamp on the chameleons and spray the plants several times a day, creating a hot, moist environment.

Weinberg has one male — called "Big Guy" — four females, and now, two babies.

Weinberg acknowledges that some people give him funny looks when they learn he keeps chameleons as a hobby. But he said the lightning-quick creatures keep the family entertained.

"In the morning I'll throw a (live) fly in, and one of them will jump through the air to catch it," he said.

"It's kind of like having a modern-day collection of dinosaurs."

Weinberg moved the chameleons from the shade to a place in the sun on a recent warm day. Within minutes "Big Guy" had changed from brown, the color of a piece of wood, to bright green, the color of the plant stems.

Weinberg said he thinks the warm summer weather helped make conditions right for the eggs to hatch.



Michael Weinberg gives a baby chameleon the run of his arm.

to hatch.

At first, they thought there was only one egg, which hatched while they were doing a demonstration at the Oregon State Fair for a piece of equipment called a Singing

Machine.

Last week they discovered the second baby. "We saw the other one, and she went bonkers," Weinberg said, motioning toward his wife.

Obituaries

Maxine Little

Maxine M. Little, a former resident of Sandy for about 26 years, died Sept. 25 at her Gresham home. She was 62.

She was born the daughter of Mansel and Katherine Tewalt on Oct. 10, 1925, in Kennewick, Wash., where she lived until moving to Portland in 1930. She married Bud Little in Portland on Oct. 5, 1947. The couple lived in several Oregon communities before settling in the Sandy area. Her husband died in January 1973. She moved to Gresham in 1976.

She enjoyed reading and her time with friends. She was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

She is survived by her children, Larry Little of Sandy, Gina Little of Troutdale and Jan Willy of Portland; her brothers, Tom Tewalt of Oregon City, Gene Tewalt of Sisters, and Ron Tewalt of Maryland; and three grandchildren.

At the request of her family, no service was held.

before being self-employed in the construction and excavation business in Sandy since 1965.

He is survived by his wife, Faye Vollmer of Sandy; his children, Wayne Vollmer, Sharon Kennedy, Darlene Vollmer, Randy Vollmer and Scott Vollmer, all of Sandy, Roger Vollmer of Orient, Eileen Ellingson, of Claire City, S.D., and Sandra Carl of Sisseton, S.D.; his sisters, Marjorie Erickson of Outlook, Wash., Evelyn Vollmer of Long Beach, Calif., and Dorothy Barnhill of San Diego, Calif.; and 20 grandchildren.

He will be buried in Sandy Ridge Cemetery.

Arthur Bolster

Arthur Bolster, a real estate broker who retired on a horse ranch near Sandy, died in a Portland hospital on Sept. 23 at the age of 73.

Funeral services were Saturday in the chapel of Sandy Funeral Home. Interment was at Lincoln Memorial Park in Portland.

Mr. Bolster was born in Portland on June 23, 1914. He received his education in Portland, where he graduated from Parkrose High School. It was at Parkrose High School where he met Daisy Yeager, whom he married on June 2, 1934, in Vancouver, Wash.

Making their home in Portland, Mr. Bolster began working at Northern Wholesale Hardware. He left in 1941 to go into business for himself, operating Gregory Heights Hardware Store.

He entered the real estate business in 1950 and within a short time was operating the A.W. Bolster Commercial Real Estate Company with its main office at the Lloyd Center.

In 1978, semi-retired, he moved to Sandy and continued working in real

estate for Jonsrud Realty. He enjoyed spending time golfing and working on the family horse ranch near Sandy.

He was a member of the Parkrose Masonic Lodge No. 179, the 32nd Scottish Rite and Al Kader Shrine. He was a past member of the Portland Royal Rosarians, the Lions Club and the Columbia Edgewater Country Club.

He is survived by his wife, Daisy; daughter, Claudia Hadley of Sandy; three brothers, George Bolster of Kent, Wash., and Phillip and Loren Bolster, both of Portland; and five grandchildren.

The family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Shriners Hospital.

Victor Forman

Boring resident Victor R. "Vic" Forman, founder of Forman Bros., died Sept. 23 at an area hospital. He was 73.

He was born to George and Minnie Forman on Oct. 6, 1913, in Barton. He attended Barton Elementary School and Benson High School in Portland.

He went on to purchase his own farming equipment and hired out doing work for farmers in the Boring area until 1932, when he founded Forman Bros. The trucking company hauled flour and grain for area farmers, and eventually went into logging road construction and heavy equipment repair. His sons now operate the business.

Mr. Forman was active in his business for more than 50 years, retiring about a year ago. He was known for his inventive nature with mechanics, and he often made parts that his customers were unable to buy.

Keeping Posted

GED class still open

General educational development classes, which prepare students for a high school equivalency test, are open at Sandy High School. The self-paced program is offered Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. in room 18.

It is offered by Mt. Hood Community College on the Sandy campus. For more information, call Walt Clevenger at 667-3361, evenings.

Blue Marlins set paper drive

The Blue Marlin swim team will hold a paper drive from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 3, in the Sandy Safeway parking lot, 37061 E. Highway 26.

People who would like their newspaper picked up, or who have questions, should call 668-5938.

TOPS to hold open house

TOPS, a non-profit weight-loss organization, will hold an open house on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 10 a.m. at the Sandy Fire Hall, 17460 Bruns Ave.

TOPS stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly.

Men, women, teen-agers and pre-teens interested in losing weight are invited to attend. For more information, call Norma House at 668-8442.

Cold frames club topic

The Sandy Garden Club will meet at the Hood Chalet meeting room, 17655 Bluff Road, on Wednesday, Oct. 7, for its regular monthly meeting. Coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting to begin at 10 a.m.

The program will consist of a presentation about cold frames, to be made by Evelyn Engdall, and a history of the club's last 15 years by Marge Jacoby.

After the meeting, members will partake of sack lunches and work on a craft project.

Red Cross holds blood drive

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at Sandy High School, 17100 Bluff Road. It will be from 1 to 5 p.m.

Leadership class students at the high school will be in charge of the drive.

To be eligible to give blood, a person must be between the ages of 17 and 66, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. For more information, call Debbie Hunter, blood drive chairwoman, at 668-8011, extension 215.

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