



Betty Kaiser

Betty Kaiser's Chatter Box: Remembering Miss Neely — she was a pistol!

away in 2009.

Former Athletics Director Jerry Braunberger was fresh out of college when he came to CGHS in 1961. He and his wife, Sherrie, fondly remember Jan's warm greeting and acceptance of them. Soon, Jan was organizing activities for the faculty wives — most memorably, a weekly badminton group that continued for years.

Sherrie remembers that, "Jan set up the group and taught us how to play but she was hard to beat!"

Jerry said he really got to know her when they coached track together (along with softball, soccer, lacrosse, etc.) He stressed that she was well-liked and developed strong relationships with her students.

Whatever she did, her emphasis was always on the importance of physical activity for all ages. She would encourage all ages to exercise by saying, "You need to be active for a busy life."

Jerry said that Miss Neely was an equal opportunist for women in sports — even in an era when girls' sports in school were far less important than the boys. He added that, "She was an excellent teacher and extremely dedicated. She was a dynamo!"

After hearing from graduates of several CGHS eras, it's evident she coached, taught, mentored, encouraged, supported and motivated her students all while teaching them new skills. I think it's fair to say that she was a superstar teacher to her students. One with a sense of humor.

As you will learn from the following comments

about their "Miss Neely," you might also say that she taught with love.

Cheryl R. from the class of 1966 says: "Growing up there were three women who deeply influenced me: my mother, my paternal grandmother and Miss Neely. She was not only a wonderful teacher, coach and advisor, but also a wonderful role model to me and to hundreds of young women. She always inspired us to do our best and be our best version of ourselves. I know I am a better person for having her in my life."

Janece N., also from the Class of 1966, said, "I have wonderful memories of Miss Neely ... definitely a woman before her time!"

Jan S., also from the Class of 1966 says: "My memories include powerful words to describe the role model she was for me - dedicated, motivational, positive influence, genuine, caring and she paved the way for girls' athletics by the way she positively interacted with people. She provided an unbelievable experience in physical education with a curriculum involving basketball, volleyball, tennis, softball, gymnastics, fencing, archery, etc. I chose elementary teaching for my life-long career and Miss Neely was a definite inspiration and role model in my life!"

One member of the class of 1959 recalls how kind and caring Miss Neely was while her PE teacher. It was this teenager's senior year. She fell in love, got married and became pregnant. Morning sickness made it impossible for her to keep up in soccer. Miss Neely

noticed, didn't ask questions but suggested that her student "Go sit on the sidelines and learn by watching." Now that's teaching with compassion.

Finally, Marie L. (class of 1957), has some hilarious stories of trips that the various teams took to out of town sporting events. There were no buses for girl athletes, so parents and Miss Neely did the driving. To pass the time, the girls would come prepared with prankster signs to flash out the back window. A couple of their favorites read, "Help! We're being Kidnapped!" or "Single Driver." They were afraid to put up the one that said, "Drunk Driver."

As they giggled, Miss Neely would just say, "What are you girls doing now?" and keep on driving to the next GAA meet.

Today, all agree that they are grateful for having known her. She was an excellent teacher, mentor, role model and friend who greatly influenced their lives forever. There were many formal accolades and awards for her but as one former student said, "She was a pistol and got things done!"

Now you have to wonder what kind of athletics she is organizing in heaven.

There will be a Celebration of Life service for Miss Janice Jean Neely at Riverside Community Church of God, this Saturday, July 20, at 2 p.m.

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Pet Tips 'n' Tales

By Mary Ellen
"Angel Scribe"

Pet Emergency purr-paredness



Christine planned ahead on how to save her dog, Dolly, and herself in case of a natural disaster.

In light of recent natural disasters, I interviewed Christine who was taking the "bull by the horns" to be paw-pared for an emergency.

"I need to plan ahead for several reasons," said Christine Ballantine, founder of the Western Canada Pekingese Club, whose reasons were, "My artificial hip, seven flights of stairs and saving my seven-and-a-half-pound Pekingese, Dolly. So, I took a Humane Society pet emergency class. Everyone hopes they will never have to use their emergency kits, but it is better to be prepared and not use it. Having a list on hand in case of a natural disaster is paramount because once an evacuation is ordered, panic supersedes normal thinking."

And those with pets need to paw-pare extras.

TIPS:

"I can endure hardship, but knowing I was not prepared to help my dog would add to the devastation of an evacuation," said Christine.

Her "flight" bag is an airline under-seat "Sherpa" bag with an over-the-shoulder strap. She placed crate pads, pee pads and a dog blanket on the bottom. She included clean up items such as: A small terry towel, paper towels, poop bags, grooming brush, collapsible dishes, a plastic bag with a week's worth of dry food, treats, biscuits, a couple of leashes tied to the handle and a pet first aid kit.

The extra leashes are in case you find a roving animal to help. Dog toys were included along with a safe chewy to keep her busy and her teeth clean and her spare doggie water bottle with attached dish. Christine includes bagged water in her own grab-n-go bag for them both; and both bags are in her front hall closet near the door.

In a plastic Ziploc bag, include the following: Copies of your pet's vaccination certificates, vet's address, photographs of both your pet and you together, pet's microchip number and an identification tag attached to a light buckle collar to place on your pet. The Sherpa bag also has home information in it.

You and your pets can be housed separately at an evacuation center, so ID is a paramount requirement with proper fitting buckle collars. Make your own by using a black marker and cardboard wrapped in heavy see-through packing tape. Include an out-of-the-area friend's contact information in case you are incapacitated/hospitalized.

"I also have a small collapsible, fold-up exercise pen with a floor," said Christine. "I also included Dolly's medications and children's liquid Benadryl for any allergic reaction, Polysporin antibiotic cream, non-steroid veterinary eye antibiotic and saline solution plus Kaopectate and measured medicine syringes. I keep exercise pens and 'Vari-Kennel' crates in my car. I am prepared to help other pets if needed. A Rubbermaid tub in my car holds canned pet food with pull tab tops (and a can opener.)"

Internet pet First Aid classes, emergency kit ideas and supplies for both pets and people at <https://shopsafetyproducts.ca/first-aid-kits/first-aid-kits/pet-kit-38> or online at www.shopsafetyproducts.ca/emergency-preparedness/emergency-preparedness-kits

Extra Tips:

- Have a carrier for each pet, their vet records, toys, towel, favorite blanket and a photo of each animal in case one escapes. Have them microchipped.

- Include cleanup products for carsick animals, and purr-chase harnesses for cats because they can't be carried or left in carriers for days on end.

- Floods: Bungee cord pet cage to floatation device like swimming kick board or a cooler.

Retired fire chief, Dan Olsen, adds, "We also have a bottle of hydrogen peroxide (for cuts and scratches), duct tape (for emergency repairs), paper towel rolls and toilet paper. We use a 'grab and go' backpack for pet and people essentials with a small cooler and five gallon bucket (with lid) in the car with supplies."

- You can find the Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) pet webpage at <https://www.fema.gov/helping-pets>.

Share your fur-avorite pet memory or adventure at angelscribe@msn.com. Visit Pet Tips 'n' Tales on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PetTipsandTales Humane Society for Neuter/Spay Assistance Program. 541-942-2789

LORANE NEWS

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- The Crow Car Show was great with 145 car entries and an incredible Kidzone. The Crow Booster Club issued a big "thank you" to all who came — it showed great support for our district students.

- Lorane Grange meets tomorrow, July 18, at 7 p.m. Final plans for the fair booth are on the agenda and its potluck snacks.

- The Lane County Fair is next week, July 24-28. The first day is Grange Day, with free cookies, coffee and water for those who stroll through the pavilion enjoying the Grange booth displays. All kids age 10 and under get in free dressed up

as veggies or fruits on this day.

- The Community-wide Garage/Yard Sale in Lorane is Aug. 3. It's free this year to be on the map. Email Louise at LoraneSale@ya-hoo.com to be put on the list. Anyone wanting to rent a table at the Grange can contact Jeri Porter at 641-942-2448. Tables are \$10 for the day.

- The second Sunday in August is the annual Community Potluck Picnic at the Grange at noon, but come early and visit. Then, the annual Lorane Volunteer Fire Department Ice Cream Social will take place at the fire hall from 1 to 5 p.m. Come enjoy delicious pies and ice cream, visit and take in all the activities.

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