

Creative Care preschool taking orders for Valentine's bouquets

Creative Care Preschool of Lone will be delivering Valentine's Day Sweetheart Specials in the Lone, Lexington and Heppner areas again this year. Three varieties of balloon bouquets, accompanied by Valentines candy, will be available with free delivery

within the city limits of Lone, Lexington and Heppner. Delivery within a 15-mile radius will be an additional \$2.50 charge. Bouquets range from \$3 to \$6.95 and should be ordered by February 8. For order information contact Joyce Graff, 422-7191 or Anne Morter, 422-7429.

Off the Wall

By Marilyn Robinson

Excuse me, would the public relations writer from First Interstate Bank please step forward. It's time folks like this were indoctrinated to wintertime ranch recreation to fully appreciate "a mid-winter lull in agricultural activity" as stated in last week's newspaper article.

Like some growers, Oregon's number one agricultural producers in the nursery business might be taking it easier now that the Christmas season is over and the ground is either frozen or muddy. However greenhouse attendants are more likely to be found on their knees praying for more sunshine to produce regal roses for Valentine's Day while also breathing life into sprouting plants.

Perhaps local cattle ranchers, a small segment of Oregon's top ag industry, visited this bank during their recent open house. According to the article this affair was in part to give recognition to the importance of agriculture in Oregon's economy. A more likely scenario is that of rancher wearing battered hat and boots crawling into the bank on his knees hoping that the bank might approve an operating loan in the face of a depressed cattle market.

Now on with this wintertime lull stuff. Ranchers should entertain guests during calving season, especially urban writers. They should wear old clothing and abolish mental pictures of cattle drivers flooded with sunshine. Nor should they anticipate a Christmas card scene depicting teams of horses pulling wagon loads of hay across snowy meadows.

Undoubtedly some visitors would choose to forgo the fun of rolling around in the mud to put on tire chains in order to feed hungry, bawling cows a pickup load of hay. But surely newcomers can agree that slithering about in the mud and bouncing over rocks and badger holes can be as exhilarating as a pristine snowmobile ride.

It's all part of the fun when wind and rain drives hay particles down the neck and into eyes. Just as some cattle behave like a football team that blocks forward movements while the quarterback make end runs to jerk hay bales off the back of the load.

Now if urban dwellers don't care to get up early enough to participate in these kind of morning activities they can take part in other fun chores. These include breaking ice on watering troughs, pitching cow patties out of barns and repairing fences that have given way to pressure.

More meaningful would be an actual hands-on experience of assisting with a birthing that sometimes requires baring one arm during inclement weather. Or how about helping catch and doctor a sick calf? If outsiders prefer they could join the night stalkers who routinely crawl out of a warm bed to check the maternity ward.

There are places that guests would be sure to not miss any action. Take the Krebs Ranches at Cecil where at this time of year around-the-clock assistance is given to a continual avalanche of new born lambs that are dropping like snowflakes during a blizzard.

Ranching income could be supplemented by catering to guests. But with many ranch wives already working in town to supplement ranch incomes, it would behoove guests to be self-sufficient with cozy RVs. Many ranchers eat on the run at this time of year and dinner forks can be as hazardous as pitchforks if someone gets in the line of fire.

It's said that urbanites are willing to pay just to get their hands dirty while experiencing a western atmosphere. But like the definition of clean water, ranchers don't have a clue as to what other folks might define as 'dirty'.

Yet during this calving lull, ranchers are just gearing up so that they can really get things done during the longer days ahead. Along with spring time branding, there's the irrigating, haying and the rotation of pastures and keeping cows from stepping in creeks.

At fall weaning time, cows are put through chutes, treated and pregnancy checked. She may have been a 'good ole hide' but if she's not carrying another calf it's unlikely that she will receive another winter's hay rations. After selling a calf crop, it's time to determine if there's enough left over to pay back the bank and meet tax payments as ranchers take a familiar grip on the pitch fork routine during another calving season. Volunteers for this seven day a week business could be an asset providing they're willing to forgo a football game on TV and that they carry their own insurance.

New traffic signs Rodeo Court crowned to be installed

In an effort to improve vehicular traffic safety at the new South Court St. bridge, safety specialists with the Oregon Department of Transportation have, after analyzing the new traffic configuration, provided the city of Heppner with new traffic signs, says Gary Marks, city manager.

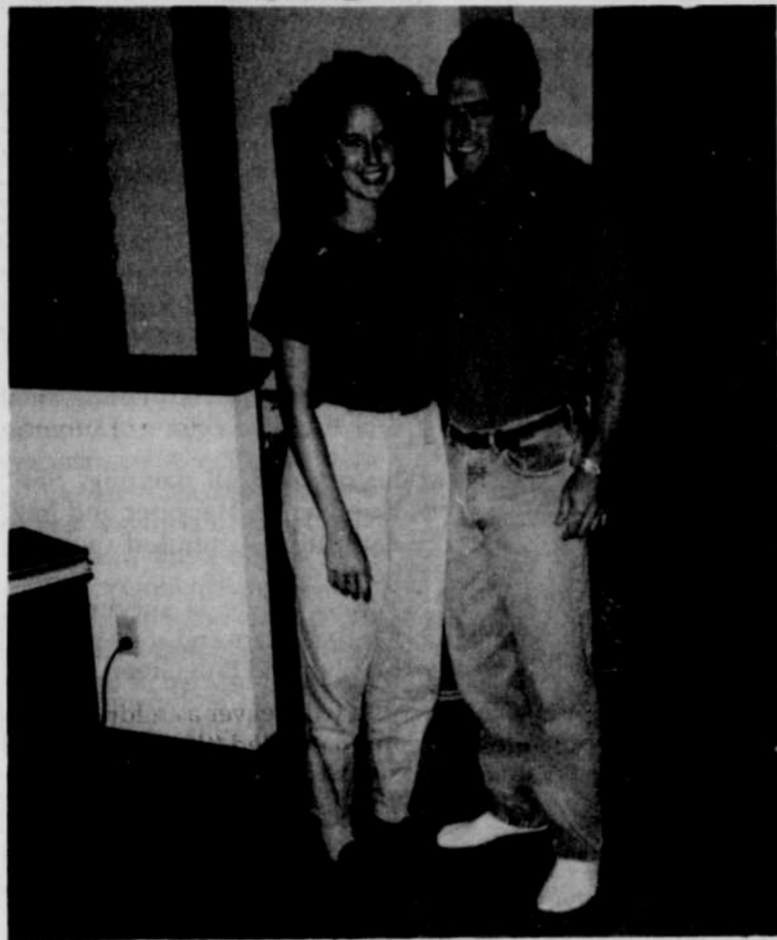
A new stop sign will be installed on South Court Street, at the intersection of Court and Matlock Street. The sign will control traffic approaching from the south. The sign will require all traffic to stop prior to entering the new bridge. The effect of the new stop sign will be to slow traffic speeds approaching the new intersection with the bridge and the South Court Street curve.

In addition, a new reflective directional arrow sign will be installed on the north side of the South Court street curve immediately across from the intersection with the new bridge. This sign will act to notify drivers that the intersection is a "T" intersection.



Rondi Robinson, Heppner (l) was crowned queen of the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo during Town and Country days Wednesday, January 11. Princess are Stephanie Skultety, Hermiston (center) and Michelle Meakins, Boardman (right).

Engagements



Dalos — Stack

Sean Paul Stack and Tara Lynn Dalos have announced their engagement and upcoming marriage.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Jim and Karen Dalos of Eagle, Idaho. She is a graduate of Oregon State University and is currently attending Boise State University. She is employed by Bogus Basin Ski Resort near Boise, ID.

The groom-elect is the son of Francis and Karen Stack of Chester, Montana, former Heppner residents. He is a graduate of Big Sandy High School in Montana and the University of Idaho in mechanical engineering. He is currently employed by Trus-Joist Mac Millan Company in Boise as an engineer in wood products. His grandparents are Raymond and Charlotte Lundell of Eugene.

The couple plan a February 18 wedding in Boise.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



There were 109 people present for the senior birthday dinner Jan. 25. Nine meals were taken out. John Hanna received the birthday gift and Bebe Munkers the meal ticket. Members of the Christian Life Center served.

The menu for Feb. 8 will be turkey burger on a bun, oven fries, raisin/carrot salad, pear and cottage cheese salad and fig bar cookie. Members of the Seventhday Adventist and Nazarene Churches will serve. The Senior Center Board will meet following the meal.

The family of Ruth Bently has extended an invitation to all her friends to join her at a potluck dinner Feb. 4 at Stokes landing Senior Center, Irrigon. Ruth will be 90 years young. For more information call the Heppner Senior Center, 676-9030.

Darrel Vinson is doing very well at home. He can now get outside for some exercise, which is happy news for all his friends at the senior center.

Four ladies played cards Friday afternoon, Jan 27. There were 10 present for the movie Fudge Amania Sunday evening.

Dates to remember: Tues. and Thurs. exercise 10 a.m.; Wed. senior meal, noon, quilting 1 p.m.; Friday cards 2 p.m.; Sunday movie 7 p.m.

Saturday Feb. 4 Ruth Bently's 90th birthday party, Irrigon; Saturday Feb. 18, bus trip to ice show. Tuesday Feb. 14, RSVP tea.

Remember to sign up to work shifts during the St. Patrick celebration. Many volunteers are needed to make the Senior projects successful.

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