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Butch and Mary Jurhs By Victoria Wilbanks

Butch was born in Hillsboro, but grew up in Forest Grove. His family owned a logging company, so Butch was introduced to logging at an early age. He remembers loading his first logging truck at the age of twelve. It was a natural transition for Butch to buy out the logging company when the time came, having always worked with his father except for a year in college.

Mary was born and raised in the Yamhill/Carlton area. She lived with her parents and her brother on the edge of the lake in Carlton. As most people who are natives of this area know, the lake disappeared when the wooden dam collapsed. They attempted to replace the dam with a concrete structure, but it was not feasible, so the Carlton Lake vanished forever in the sixties.

The couple were both members of fraternal organizations, she in Rainbow Girls, and he in DeMolay. They met when Mary became Worthy Advisor in Rainbow, and the Forest Grove DeMolay came for the ceremony which was led by Butch! Butch was already working in the woods and after high school graduation, Mary took classes to become a dental assistant. Their romance blossomed and in April of 1970 they were married. Mary then took accounting classes so she could assist in the family business.

Butch and Mary both feel blessed to have had the logging company. They worked hard, which enabled them to play hard with their two sons. The changing industry made life challenging and exciting at the same time. They both say that the people and friendships they made were the best part.

Their sons both went to Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, ID. The oldest, Peter, remained in Nampa and is the Director of Communications for the school district. Adam became a pastor, and is on the staff of the Kelso, WA, Nazarene

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From Delvin's Desk



I'm so thankful for the dear friends that live in our community. It would be easy to write about all the terrible things that we are all dealing with these days, but I'm sure you can get that information elsewhere. I will say that I'm very thankful that at the time of this writing our campus is free of any positive corona virus test results.

I'm really excited to see the many improvements to homes here at Rock of Ages/ Valley View. There have been a lot of new ideas in landscaping, additions, and remodels. It is fun to watch various work going on. One remodel, the Noland's home, has been a topic of conversation as they are well into their addition. Earlier the Jurhs, and

the Kadells have completed remodels. Others, the Brandons, Sudermans and Bylers, have added or remodeled decks and landscaping. Everyone, with the help of our maintenance and NSR Landscaping, does a great job keeping everything looking so nice. Other projects, include an addition to the shop area and a remodel of the metal shop. There is new landscaping in the field, and other planned projects that will keep our community a great place to live.

Spring has sprung and it is so beautiful as flowers and trees bloom. Spring is always like new birth after a wet and dreary rainy season. That is what makes our little village so enjoyable; the beautiful setting, and the beautiful friends that we make. Thank you all for making our community a great place to come home to.

Chaplain's Corner



Mark Nissley

The current "stay in place" mandate has presented a real challenge for church leaders and pastors across America, including Shiloh Way Chapel.

Recognizing and appreciating the intent of this *physical distancing* order is not a problem for most. Everyone can appreciate a country where each does their best to protect each other. The challenge however, comes with the "What do we do, or how do we protect?" questions.

This Easter Sunday as I mused over the huge difference in the normal celebration of the resurrection by churches across America, I remembered an old high school musical I was part of years ago. As I recall the story, an old man called Grandpa Billy ran a small town both as the mayor and as a domineering church elder. When a new pastor moved in, he had many good ideas, but every time he tried to initiate them, Grandpa Billy would resist him. When Grandpa Billy was asked why he resisted pastor's ideas, Grandpa would loudly reply, *Well, because we ain't never dun it that-a-way before.*

This led to a major division in the town until Grandpa Billy saw, and humbly admitted, that the changes the Pastor wanted were for the good of the church.

This phrase, *We ain't never dun it that-a-way before*, (despite the improper English) pretty much describes how many of us are feeling. Surprised, at how quickly so much changed, we are learning new ways to socialize. This brings a new appreciation for the routine to which we are so accustomed. Now when we talk about the *good old days* we are not referring to years ago when we were kids, but just last February!

Reminds me of something I overheard on the bus coming home from Coffee Hour. Several folks were kidding each other about growing old and losing hearing, eyesight and mobility. Someone said, *Well it makes you either laugh or cry so we might as well laugh.* To which was added, *Be like a caterpillar. Eat a lot. Sleep a lot. Wake up beautiful.*

So, as we face this new *today*. We may say, *We ain't never dun it that-a-way before*, quite a few times before this is over. Let us say it with a willingness, while keeping our sense of humor, to learn creative ways in combating the feelings of isolation or fear. Let us laugh a lot as we practice flexibility more than we imagined possible. This approach does not neglect being soberly aware and careful to protect each other from the current threat, but enables us to do so with a cheerful heart.

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Honoring our Employees

Employees of the Month



Bertha Vega Gomez was named Employee of the Month for December. She has been employed at Rock of Ages since 2011. Bertha works in the Memory Care Department as the Resident Care Manager. She has done very well in this role and through her experience and knowledge she is enhancing our

resident care. She is caring and dependable and can often be found working with a smile.



Sandra Gomez Martinez was named Employee of the Month for January. Sandra brings a lot of joy to her work. Her energy and spunkiness bring enjoyment to all. She goes above and beyond to help make residents' lives better. We are privileged to have her on our MAIDS team.



Brea Wright was named Employee of the month for February. She currently works in the Memory Care as a medication aid and a care partner. You will always find Brea with a smile no matter what she is doing. She daily looks for ways to build others up whether it be the residents

or her fellow staff members.

The Lighter Side

From the Cloverdale Farms reader board:

- Coincidences are those times when God chooses to be anonymous.
- You are where you are because that's exactly where you want to be.
- The key is not to prioritize your schedule but to schedule your priorities.

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church. Peter has four children, and Adam has one. Butch and Mary proudly display their grand kids' photos on the mantel in their home.

Butch and Mary have owned their unit at Rock of Ages, along with Mary's parents, since the early 90's. Mary's parents lived in the unit in their retirement years. Butch and Mary decided not to sell it, but to keep it for their retirement. They wisely decided to put a basement in the unit, and now keep their hobby supplies there. They did some renovating to the upstairs, making the living area more spacious. They truly enjoy the view of the valley.

After the pond was first built, Butch flew his Radio Controlled (RC) airplane off the pond. That was the seed that started the air show that still exists today.

Butch and Mary proudly say that they enjoy life and love retirement. Their hobbies include RV'ing and traveling around to events throughout Oregon with their 1969 restored Chevrolet Chevelle, which boasts a beautiful burgundy paint job. It appears there is a lot of sentimental attachment to this model of car, because when Butch showed up late for their second date in a brand new one, he used it as his excuse for being late! Obviously they were happy ever after, so the original Chevelle played a big part in their romance.

The couple have been residents of Valley View since March 2018, and are enjoying it immensely. They spend most of their time at home in the basement with hobbies. Mary enjoys sewing and crafting while Butch builds wonderful RC aircraft. They also keep busy with their three year old dog, Paisley.



Somebody has to do it! Every two months Robert and Ismael pressure clean the four pumps and 40 lateral pipes that make up the Recirculating Gravel Filter (RGF). The RGF 16,000 gal. tank receives the effluent from seven septic tanks and circulates it through the gravel filter about four times before it is pumped out to the drain field.

Employee of the Year



Karen Nisly was named Employee of the Year for 1999. Karen has a heart of gold! For over 25 years she has been a dedicated staff member. She has served in various positions including head of the Resident Care Facility. Karen is a continuous learner. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in

Human Services. Nearly two years ago she took the helm of the MAIDS and with her experience has done a tremendous job. Recently a retiring Hospice RN said that Karen was an amazing caregiver and great leader through the years. The RN went on to say if she ever needed long term care, it would be at Rock of Ages because of what she feels here and because of staff like Karen who are so committed. As MAIDS administrator, Karen has been a huge support to her staff, rallying her troops and loves to recognize and reward her staff. Thank you, Karen, for all of your many years of service. Residents and staff alike are grateful and are looking forward to her continued work.

Valley View Wildlife



We have seen at least three Killdeer nests so far, each with four eggs. Did you know the scientific name for Killdeer is *Charadrius vociferous*? They can be so still when they are babies but so noisy as adults; kind of the opposite of humans!

I have been flushing a group of Wilson's Snipe (*Gallinago delicata*) during my early morning walks. They pop out of the long grass, zip away a few yards and disappear back down into the grass.

Also, I have recently seen a cute little Brush Rabbit (*Sylvilagus bacmani*) hanging around the Event Center. He seems to like to hide under all the things in there.

Village Life

By Gordon Martin



Our resident KOI have started eating again after their winter-long fast. Greedy Gus and Calvin charge right in to get their share and Pearl is still a little timid but does eat some. I haven't named the little red goldfish; maybe you have a suggestion. Sometimes Greedy Gus will let me pat him on the head.



Our resident Toulouse Goose is back with us after a month or so someplace else. And Harriet's Goose was recently showing off her Easter dress. *Welcome home, Harriet!*

The Toulouse Goose apparently laid several eggs in a nest down by the pond. They are about four inches long! She doesn't sit on them much so they may never hatch.

There are lots of things growing in the greenhouse. And several residents have staked out



their plots in the community garden. I have seen lots of new plants coming up with watering systems in place and operating. There is also an area outside the garden fence dedicated to potatoes and what looks like a giant pumpkin plant...time will tell.

Village Life

By Gordon Martin

Signs of Spring are everywhere around us. There are beautiful flowers, birds and bees, and lots of new walkers on the path. We are all trying to keep our distancing because of the bad bug that might be among us.



Other signs of Spring are all the upgrading, remodeling, additions, and general improvements that are happening. Delvin has mentioned several of them in his column so here are some pictures of them.



Above: The Kadell/Juhr's duplex remodel is all done except for a little landscaping clean up.

An extension on the Juhrs' auto shop is also complete.



Above: Delvin constructed a berm from the dirt removed for the shop extension and planted a row of arborvitae trees that will eventually block views of the shop area.

Left: The Noland's addition is underway. As part of the process, seven large pine trees were cut down. Then the excavation crew came in, removed the stumps, and excavated for the footings and foundation walls. The very complicated foundation forms were constructed and the

foundation concrete was poured using a pumper truck. They used over 30 yards of concrete so it will be kind of a fortress! The guy in charge of the foundation work said, *If there is ever an earthquake, the house and foundation will all move together!*

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Here's a quote by Dan Millman to think about:

*Life has three rules: **Paradox, Humor, and Change***

■ **Paradox:** *Life is a mystery; don't waste your time trying to figure it out.*

■ **Humor:** *Keep a sense of humor, especially about yourself. It is a strength beyond all measure*

■ **Change:** *Know that nothing ever stays the same.*

I'd like to add a Scripture verse from Proverbs 17:22 *A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.*

May your days be filled with the grateful awareness of the abundant Love and Grace of the Lord JESUS!

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