

# Valley View Voice

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## Chuck and Carlene Kadell by Victoria Wilbanks

Chuck was born in Spokane, Washington in 1937. Times were very hard in those years, and Chuck's parents traveled between the Dakotas and Washington, and eventually ended up in Oregon. He was one of four children, two boys and two girls. His youngest sister sadly passed away from cancer at age 41. Chuck's father always made sure the family was where he wanted them to be, and then he hitched rides to wherever he could find work. The family finally settled in Ballston, Oregon, where Chuck attended grades one through eight, and then graduated from Amity High School. He was president of the local FFA chapter. After graduation



he worked a short while at the plywood mill. One day Chuck was in a relative's TV repair shop and Alan Jones of McMinnville Water and Light came in and offered him a job painting the company break room. With Chuck's strong work ethic, he worked his way up the ladder as a truck driver, lineman, and eventually as Line Superintendent, in charge of the line crews. He retired in 1992, after 35 years with the company. He made many friends, loved being outside, and even survived the Columbus Day Storm and all that entailed. He spent his down time for many years as a 4H leader in McMinnville. His skills and knowledge of the horse industry enriched the lives of many young people, and he is still in contact with some of them today.

Carlene was born in 1942 in McMinnville, where she lived most of her life. She was also from a farm family, raised on the Old Sheridan Road in McMinnville. Her dad was drafted into World War II when she was just a toddler, and her mother was a nurse at the McMinnville hospital, working long hours while her dad was away. One of her fondest memories was her first day at the brand new Memorial School. Her maternal grandpa, Frank Fagan, was Superintendent of Schools in McMinnville, and when she got on the school bus that first day, her grandpa was sitting in the front seat to ride with her. She says she was so proud and will never forget that day. Carlene graduated from McMinnville High School.

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## From Delvin's Desk



I hear often, "Can you believe it's already May, then June, then July," or, "Time is going so fast." I'm sure you have heard similar comments. What makes time seem like we can't catch up?

We live in a world where yesterday's news is old news. Cable and online news have created 24/7 around the clock news that bombards our days. As a boy we did not have a TV in our home. My brother had a TV in his home after he was married and sometimes when we visited we got to watch his TV. If there was something my father might be interested in we would stay till the 11 o'clock news. Today there are many news stations, local and national, with far more technology than when I was a boy. Now we carry our phones and with just a few clicks we can find the latest news.

We live in a world of fast transportation. In February British Airlines flew from New York to London in less than 5 hours. The fastest jet, the X-43A has flown at speeds MACH 9 or roughly 7000 MPH in November 2004. You could fly nearly three times back and forth across the US in an hour.



Submitted photo

Social distancing in the Maple Grove.

Watching the last space shuttle launch and hearing the speed climbing as they shot into space, I was amazed how fast the astronauts were moving, over 17,500 MPH.

From internet to travel, from fast food to drive through church, we live in a world of "instant". I stand in front of a microwave for a cup of tea and sometimes wonder why it can't get hot quicker. It's humorous thinking about it. And to think when I was born you had to heat water on the kitchen

range. Today's technology is amazing and helps us in many ways. However.....

Coming back to my initial comments about time moving so fast. I'm not sure God intended for our minds to be blasted with so much ever changing



Residents enjoy a hotdog supper for Independence Day.

Submitted photo

information. So how did I know instantly some of the numbers I indicated above? I didn't, of course, I Googled it! Information at our finger tips. Twila and I were talking about what to take when we move. Should we take our dictionary (2 large books). Nope! I haven't picked them up for a while.

Slowing down our lives, enjoying an evening, watching the sun go down, a morning cup of coffee, curled up on the easy chair reading a book, taking a walk with a friend; there are so many ways to get away from life's distractions. I truly believe a world full of speed from the internet to many other intrusions have a lot to do with why we feel time goes so fast. We just need to slow down our lives!

That's why I love to dream and create the Norman Rockwell-like settings in my mind when life was slower in a small-town setting. That is why the lower walkways are not straight but go in and out creating a feeling of a winding path for enjoying the cool of the evening, or the warmth of the morning sun, watching the deer graze, listening to the birds sing, and a dog's bark in the distance (ok, maybe some of you don't like the dog's bark). Settings where we can see nature and contemplate God's design and purpose in our lives away from all the "noisome pestilence" that God wants to deliver

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## Chaplain's Corner



Mark Nissley

Being a resident of Oregon for 9 years, I still continue to be fascinated by how quickly the many shades of green become the many shades of brown here in the valley. After what has been a beautiful late spring, it seems to me that there was a real quick transition into a dry summer. It is beautiful and I thoroughly enjoy the changes of the seasons.

Likewise, this year 2020 has seen sudden changes, in areas that we had not even considered a possibility. How many of us thought phrases like “social distancing” or “face coverings” would ever become commonplace? Yet here we are trying to understand the nature of COVID-19, implement these “new” terms, and learn how to safely move forward with life.

This can be especially challenging for us as an “elderly population.” Many of us are already at a stage in life where we are adjusting to changes that

we knew would come, but did not know how it would play out. We know that our bodies will change with age and that this will affect our lifestyle. What we do not always know is when or how.

This compels us not to despair, but to discovery and growth spiritually. We can discover more fully the awesome love of our Heavenly Father. Our faith in God can grow stronger as we depend on Him more day by day. We can embrace and enjoy the guiding presence of His Spirit in a deeper way. We find encouragement and courage in the consistent nature of Jesus, as described in Hebrews 13:8 *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.*

Thank you, each of you, for helping the ROA village “discover” different ways of meeting the spiritual needs of our community, supporting the outdoor or “distance” Sunday Services, communicating via phone calls, staying in touch with outdoor distance visiting, and many ways you find to share Christ with others. You make a difference! May we all experience God in new ways!

## The Lighter Side

### Petrol Pump Wisdom

A gas station in South Africa has become a national treasure by posting daily bits of wisdom near the petrol pumps. Some people drive out of their way to read the daily postings. Here are a few of them:

- Don't do something permanently stupid just because you are temporarily upset!
- It is better to walk alone than with a crowd going in the wrong direction!
- Be who you needed when you were younger.
- When you forgive you heal. When you let go you grow.
- If you have a gun you can rob a bank, but if you have a bank you can rob everyone.
- I am a woman! What's your superpower?
- The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

### Life's Little Instruction Book

Perhaps some of you have this little book. It was written by H. Jackson Brown as a gift for his son as he was going off to college. It is 511 suggestions on how to live a happy and rewarding life. Here are a few:

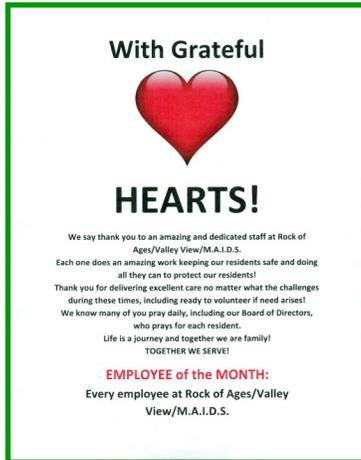
- 63 Remember, all news is biased.
- 195 Determine the quality of a neighborhood by the manners of the people living there.
- 249 Hire people smarter than you.

#### *From the Cloverdale Farms reader board:*

- Opportunities are carefully disguised as problems.
- You can't stop the rain but you can carry an umbrella.
- Things come to those who wait but only what's left by those who hustle.

# Honoring our Employees

## Employees of the Month



The March Employee of the Month was... EVERYONE!

Every staff person was included in the March Employee of the Month designation.

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Mutual friends introduced Chuck and Carlene, and the result is a happy, forty-year blended family that today boasts eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren with number ten due in August. Chuck has a son in Salem, a daughter in McMinnville, and a second son living much farther away in New Mexico. Carlene has a son in Dundee and a daughter in Carlton.

Carlene went to work for McMinnville School District in 1980, shortly after she and Chuck married. She worked at the then McMinnville Junior High School, Adams Elementary and finished her career at Memorial School where she started! She retired in 1998

After retirement, Chuck was now ready to put his farming skills to work on their 104 acre farm on Muddy Valley Road near McMinnville. He worked with his beautiful draft horses, showing them at the State Fair, in parades, other various fairs in the area, and in ploughing competitions. He also bred them and used them to plow and thresh, etc. Chuck and Carlene's draft horses became very well known, and it was a joy to see them in action, or just relaxing in their pasture. After Carlene's retirement from the school district, she worked happily on the farm with Chuck and enjoyed all the farm chores, including the caring and feeding of the horses. They also raised Angus cattle.

Chuck and Carlene's retirement has offered them a great opportunity to travel more, something they had always enjoyed doing. For several years they were "snowbirds", and when they weren't doing that, they were traveling to Europe, Australia, took several cruises, and saw many highlights of the United States. They still hope to get to Ireland and Scotland.

They have been very occupied this past year in refurbishing their home at Valley View, which they have totally remodeled inside and out, and it looks wonderful. The outside is accentuated by a soothing water feature, and lots of bright flowers. In addition, the couple have many hobbies. They both love people, playing cards, travelling, and socializing whenever they can. Chuck maintains a hobby shop in the green building on the lower field, along with other neighbors who also enjoy their hobbies. He enjoys doing metal work, restoring old

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**Roberta Ashlock** is the Employee of the Month for April. She has a calm steady demeanor even when it comes to tough situations. She is the lead caregiver on swing shift in the M.A.I.D.S. department, with lots of respect from her co-workers. We are blessed to

have her at Rock of Ages



**Robert Atkinson** is the Employee of the Month for May. Robert is a pleasure to work with. He is the first to admit he has things to learn and is quick to say "I didn't know that" or "thanks for showing me how". He brings a lot of experience and knowledge to the job. I see

Robert give gifts to fellow staff from his own means just to show appreciation or say thank you. He is quick to focus on the needs of others, is innovative, mechanically inclined, and is good at saving money when a less expensive way can be found to accomplish the work. Thank you, Robert, for being so available and making Rock of Ages a better place for others.

# Life in the Village

by Gordon Martin

## Bloom Where You're Planted

Bloom where you're planted

Always look up

Ignore the concrete, the gravel, the muck.



When life gets hard  
Don't give in to despair,  
Just look up to Jesus  
He's always there.



## Ducks

Our resident ducks (two drakes and one hen) were quite prolific this year. The momma laid, set on, and hatched 15 eggs. Two of the ducklings became some critter's lunch fairly soon, but the remaining 13 have thrived and are just about to start getting their wing feathers. I've counted about 20 different residents and visitors who feed them, so I don't wonder at their rapid growth!

## Gardens

All the gardens in the village seem to be doing very well this year. Some harvests have already taken place with especially good broccoli and greens. Dolores Martin's tomato plant shows what chicken litter will do for your garden!



## Geese



Harriet's Garden Goose has recently been seen in some new outfits. Red white and blue for Independence Day and this winged number. Of course they include a matching beak covering to keep us all safe.

Gertie Goose has had a sad couple of months. She laid several goose sized eggs and set on them for a long time. She got a little testy when she was bothered. Alas, all the eggs turned out to be duds and she has now reestablished herself as the Watch Goose by the pond.



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John Deere tractors, and woodworking. He is also quite active with the Heritage Center on Hwy. 18. Carlene loves to bake, read, spend time with family, and shares a passion of doing 5K and quarter marathon walks with kids and grandkids. The couple always had their eyes on Rock of Ages, Valley View, as a place to retire, and feel very blessed to be settled in where they are today, enjoying the people and the caring environment. They are also enjoying the fruits of their labor in their newly refurbished comfortable cottage.

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us from as talked about in Psalms 91. The definition of noisome is: *something that is offensive, nasty or distasteful*. This is why we have become so divided and polarized today. With all the social media communication, Twitter, Facebook, and many other media platforms, you would think we could have perfect unity. But we are farther apart than ever and the consequences of the distancing and social withdrawal from each

other as a result of Covid19 are still to be determined.

There is one thing I do know that is also mentioned in Psalm 91 vs. four: *He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust*. What a contrast compared to what the news brings us every day. I hope you all have a wonderful and beautiful summer enjoying restful times when you can relax under *His wings*.