

## Camp Korey in the community

by Carol Ladwig

Milk and cookies. Together, a perfect pairing, and in a way, symbols of the history and future of the Valley property known best as Carnation Farm.

Milk, of course, because of the farm's start as Carnation Milk Farm in 1910. Cookies – specifically chocolate chip – because they're what former owner Nestle Corporation is best known for. Now, under its newest ownership, Carnation Farm usually has both readily available, for the kids who come to camp there.

A plate of cookies was on the table when staff members gathered over coffee recently to swap stories about the place, both old and new.

Most of the "new" stories were about spaghetti fights on the lawn, horseback riding adventures, kids fishing and digging in the dirt, and Silly Olympics, all favorite events from the first two camp sessions of Camp Korey at Carnation Farm. The camp, founded by Tim Rose and Jim Hebert, serves children with serious illnesses, and has officially owned the property since June 27 of this year.

Before that, (back to 1985) it was the Nestle Regional Training Center and long before that, it was a research farm, a dairy farm, and a breeding farm, but always with some version of the name Carnation Farm. It was a long-time attraction for Northwesters, with its self-guided tours and

famed rose garden, until 1996 when Nestle started converting the farm into a conference center.

"There are still people who drive up today and say 'No more tours? I wanted to see the rose gardens!'" said Fred McGee, a maintenance worker with the farm since 1976.

McGee is one of the most-tenured staff members at the farm, but everyone, all the way up to the newest staff member at the farm, Camp Director Hillary Carey, agreed with maintenance director Curt Gauthier, who said the farm inspires loyalty almost as much as the staff members do.

"The people who work here have a passion for the property," he said. "What better place could be a home for these kids?"

The late, great, Paul Newman agreed, too. As a founder of the Hole-in-the-Wall camps for sick kids, which Camp Korey is a part of, Newman visited the 818 acre farm on June 7, 2007, for the announcement that it was to become Camp Korey. "He called it the Taj Mahal of camps," Gauthier said.

Newman, 83, passed away Sept. 26, and in his honor, the Camp Korey flag flew at half-staff last week.

Although the camp has not announced any formal memorial for Newman, several staff members agreed that the best way to honor him was to fulfill the mission of the camp.



Mim Vermeulen and Chris White show off one of their giant pumpkins. They're not sure what to do with them at this size, but are considering pumpkin bowling for a family camp weekend later this month.

"He wanted a place where kids could come to 'raise a little hell,'" said Ken Kusters, quoting Newman on his 2007 visit to the farm.

"He had an amazing life, and that's the spirit of camp, to celebrate life," said Carey.

McGee, assuming that Newman had been a pretty good pool player even outside of his movie career, suggested naming an activity room for him, but then said "We've got to fix that place up first."

Fixing things up is

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## Main Street officially breaking ground today

A ceremony to mark the start of Duvall's Main Street project will start at 5:30 p.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Cherry Street, Thursday Oct. 9. All of the community is invited.

Tri-State Construction was awarded the contract for the project, with a low bid of about \$4.3 million. Work is expected to start on the south end of Main Street, and will take about 10 months to complete.

Visit the city Web site [www.duvallwa.gov](http://www.duvallwa.gov) for more information.

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## River Current News staff members win honors

The River Current News is proud to announce that two staff members, sportswriter Lori Oviatt and the late Jim Hallas, photographer, have received awards in the Washington Newspaper Publisher's Association Better Newspaper Contest.

Last Friday in Yakima, Oviatt was awarded the first-place prize in the "Sports Personality Profile" category for her inspiring story on Cedarcrest High School athlete Kelli Quist: Kelli Quist proves herself a determined hard worker, both on the pitch and off (Nov. 22, 2007, issue).

Hallas was named the 2007 Photographer of the Year. His wife, Lori Varosh, accepted the trophy for the award, while the announcer, Bill Will, executive director of the WNPA, talked about Jim, who was well-known to newspapers in Washington and Oregon.

"He shot a lot of photos, and helped to put a new newspaper on the map, so raise your glasses to Jim," Will said. The entire room did so.

Hallas was the first photographer for the River Current News. He and Lori retired from the paper last December, and he died Feb. 17, 2008, in Portland, Ore., of complications from cancer.

He was 63, and he is much missed.

Congratulations to Lori Oviatt, and to Jim Hallas. We are, as always, exceedingly proud to have



2007 Photographer of the Year Jim Hallas. File photo



River Current News staff at the Better Newspaper Contest awards dinner, from left, Lori Varosh, holding the photographer of the year award for her husband the late Jim Hallas, publisher; Laura Falcon, editor; Carol Ladwig and award winning sports writer Lori Oviatt.

worked with you. Congratulations also to our award-winning colleagues and newfound friends at the Peninsula Gateway Herald.

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### Sept 2008 Sales Recap for Riverview District Homes

Last month, 14 homes sold (not necessarily closed yet) . Here is the breakdown of sales (9 in Duvall and 5 in the Carnation or Redmond area) (6) <\$399K (2) \$400's (2) \$500's (1) \$650K (1) 865K (2) >\$1M Market times averaged 173 days with 4 properties selling in under 70 days. As you can see from the breakdown the lower priced homes are selling more often (*smart investors are buying rental homes now*). The LINNEROOTH Team has all kinds of properties available from a 3-bdrm starter home at \$265K to a gorgeous \$1.2 million gated home.

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