

Couple To Celebrate 75th Wedding Anniversary

The Brookharts were married in 1933



Cleo and Norma Brookhart will celebrate their 75th anniversary on Aug. 5.

By Meghan McCoy
The News

A couple who met in junior high school in Boulder, Colo., will celebrate their 75th anniversary on Aug. 5.

Cleo Brookhart's family moved to Boulder when he was 2 years old and Norma's family moved there when she was 10 years old. Cleo and Norma were married in 1933 when they were 17 years old.

After they decided to get married, Cleo was a driver for Watts-Hardy Dairy delivering milk to various homes. The Brookharts then decided to manage their own business, Valley Farm Dairy, in 1960 in Longmont, Colo. Norma was the bookkeeper and Cleo took care of all the other duties.

After many successful years in the business Cleo decided

it was time to retire in 1976.

Shortly after they retired, they moved to Apache Junction in 1979 and began renting a space in Raindance Mobile Home Park on their 46th anniversary. They still live there today.

The Brookharts have three daughters— Jo Ann Brunke and husband Darwin who live in Littleton, Colo., Shirley Jean Zakroff and husband Michael who live in Las Vegas, Nev., and Nellie Sue Griffith who lives in Washington. They also have 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren who they are very proud of and stay in touch with on a regular basis.

When asked what their secret was to be married for 75 years, they both replied you pull together and work to-

gether.

"We are happy to be together and we take each day as it comes," Norma said as she held Cleo's hand.

Cleo said he wouldn't trade getting married to Norma at 17 years old for anything in the world.

Norma said she will probably make a special breakfast and dinner for Cleo to celebrate 75 wonderful years they have spent together for their anniversary on Tuesday, Aug. 5.

The Brookharts are an inspiration and the love they share for each other was incredible to witness.

Congratulations Norma and Cleo, we wish you many more years of happiness.

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A frequent visitor to the library, Carla Garner (above) celebrated her graduation from Arizona State University with a visit to the facility.

At right, Shawna Martin and her daughters Cassia and Daisy enjoy the library's children's area.



doors. There were 310,716 who came through the doors in the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

Numbers aside, the expansion is the important story of fiscal year 2007-2008.

"An expansion of the building by 10,000 square feet and a remodel of existing space have allowed the public to have a destination place within the community, while giving staff members improved work spaces to do their tasks," Loui said.

"We expect to see a large increase in the library's use as citizens learn of the build-

ing's features, such as new areas for quiet study, a hotspot lounge, "TeenSpace," vending machines next to cafe seating, a family courtyard and special attractions for children."

Those attractions are especially notable to Shawna Martin and her children.

"I home school so we use the library for a lot of resources for the kids," Martin said. "When we do unit studies, we get our materials from the library. If it isn't available, we do the interlibrary loan."

Baby boomers, however, are not left out at the library. The

facility received a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant for a project called K'BOOM (Keeping Boomers' Options Open and Manageable). The grant supplied \$39,000 toward the effort.

"This is a multifaceted project including special interest programs, Web site, equipment, furniture and collections that target the age 50 and over population," Loui said. "More will be coming from this exciting service to our 50-plus customers."

Next Week, Part II

Group of four attracted by 'Day of the Cowboy'

By Christina Fuoco-Karasinski
The News

With their love of the American cowboy in tow, cowboys from Western Trails Ranch in Bromley, Kent, England, kicked off their trip to the United States with a visit to the Apache Junction city hall Friday, July 25.

In the United States for three weeks, the group of four stayed in the city through Sunday, July 27, for the Day of the Cowboy events.

Kevin Dedman explained the Western Trails Ranch, a co-op, was founded seven years ago by Bob and Carol Beetch because of their love of the "cowboy, the cowboy way and the cowboy spirit." The Dedman family spends every weekend there, including Christmas.

On the ranch, the cowboys



From left is Christine Dedman, Mitch Mitchell, Apache Junction Mayor John Insalaco, Day of the Cowboy Executive Director Bethany Braley, Kevin Dedman and Charlotte Dedman.

practice roping barrels, as tures the spirit of America, learning on real animals is Kevin Dedman said.

against the country's animal "We created a piece of cruelty laws. America in England."

But most importantly, it cap-

Red Hat Ladies Donate Funds

By Alyce O'Keeley
Special to The News

Philanthropic Ladies of Gold Canyon, a Red Hat group, held a summer luncheon meeting at the home of member Sue Birmingham in Gold Canyon.

Light refreshments and dessert were enjoyed and members and visitors were introduced to the new Co-Queen Mothers, Judy Venuti-Antal and Linda Seigfried.

Goldie Knudson has agreed to be the group's Events Coordinator and Jan Woodgrift will take over as Email Correspondent and Webmaster for the group.

Retiring Queen Mother, Marlene White-Miller, spoke to the luncheon gathering, concerning a fundraising for the Susan B. Koman Breast



Retiring Queen-Mum Marlene White-Miller, New Co-Queen-Mums, Judy Venuti-Antal, Linda Seigfried.

Cancer Fund. The group decided to make a substantial donation to the fund.

Persons interested in joining the Philanthropic Red Hat La-

dies of Gold Canyon should contact the group at their Web site, www.goldcanyonredhat.com.

'Make Someone Happy'

Local florists from around the valley participated in the 2008 Make Someone Smile Week program, the floral industry's leading charitable project sponsored by Teleflora.

More than 200 fresh floral arrangements designed in yellow "Be Happy" smiley face mugs were delivered locally to all of the residents of Apache Junction Health Care Center, Arbor Rose Assisted Living, Arbor Rose Hospice of the Valley and several participants in the adult day care at Arbor Rose in Mesa.

The arrangements were hand designed by a team of florists on Sunday, July 20, using fresh flowers such as roses, lilies, carnations and daisies that were donated by The Roy Houff Co. The "Be Happy" mugs were donated by Teleflora.

On Monday July 21, the finished arrangements were hand delivered to the residents of the above mentioned care centers by team members from Razzle Dazzle



Judith Bridge (seated), a resident of Apache Junction Health Care Center and recipient of a "Be Happy" mug for Make Someone Smile Week. Standing, l-r, Marcella Maher, Ella Maher (baby), Clara Naylor and Caroline Naylor. Marcella, Clara and Caroline are sisters and owners of Razzle Dazzle Flowers.

Flowers & Gifts located at 3061 W. Apache Trail, No. 3, in Apache Junction.

"Participating in this project is a wonderful way to bring cheer, joy and smiles

to the residents of these care centers who are yearning for some attention and love" said Clara Naylor, the president of the Arizona Teleflora Unit. According to Rich Salvaggio, vice president of industry relations at Teleflora, "A simple bouquet of flowers has a strong, emotional impact on those who receive them and this program is Teleflora's way of bringing smiles to those who need it most."

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