

Tender Care Village



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TRACI'S MESSAGE

The importance of a concept like Tender Care Village has never been more apparent to me.

As many of you have already heard, we lost a valuable member of our village, and a woman most close to me – my mother.

Joan Hines was one of our founders — even helping name our village — and one of our most active members. (Maybe you remember Joan, Pat and I knocking on your door as we tried to get this thing off the ground.)

Throughout her nearly two-year battle with cancer, it truly took a village not only to care for her but also to support those around her who absorbed the pain that accompanies the declining health of a loved one.



You all are a part of that support system, too. I'd like to thank each of you for picking up extra requests this past month and reaching out to me with phone calls, cards and poems during this difficult time. I'm so lucky to be a part of our Tender Care Village community.

Though we're all still working through our grief, we're grateful for the opportunity to come out with a revitalized vision for our community.

“We had a wonderful mother,
One who never really grew old;
Her smile was made of sunshine,
And her heart was solid gold;
Her eyes were as bright as shining stars,
And in her cheeks fair roses, you see.

We had a wonderful mother, And that's the way it will always be.

But take heed, because She's still keeping an eye on all of us,

So let's make sure She will like what she sees.”

Prologue

I've been wanting to write a little story about Buster, the family pigeon, but I wanted to be as accurate as I could, so I wrote my brother Chuck and asked him questions. The following is his answer. Pat Wells

How I got Buster

by
Charles Arden Ransier

I'm glad you asked. This is a chance to get this saga off my chest and set the record straight.

I don't remember having talked to anyone at the ice house. Remember, the icehouse was north of town, just west of the old

cemetery. Quite a ways from the old railroad bridge where we found the pigeons.

I wanted a pigeon and I had remembered hearing Mike talking about having seen many birds out on the bridge piers.

Warner and I both climbed down on the first or second pier from the Pasco side. This is down from the rails level. Remember, this was long before the Dike had been built, and the river level was a good seventy-five to a hundred feet below the rails.

We were lucky when both of us found baby (squab) pigeons in their nests. They are pretty ugly at this age, just pinfeathers, beak and squawk. I want to emphasize the squabs where in their nests.

They don't last very long outside the nest which was made (in place) on a beam.

Before we went on this safari we had done our homework and figured out that mom's homemade bread softened with milk was a good start in the feeding process. We

progressed to chicken feed in milk then to just chicken feed. We probably conferred with mom on the feeding. I remember talking about the hens (mom pigeons) having a type of "milk" in their craw which was urped up and fed to the squabs. You probably remember that process. I remember you kids were all abuzz with this new creature. We kept the squab in my bedroom until we made the hanging apple box nest under the eaves outside my window where I could keep my eye on it. Neighbor cats were a problem and placing the box higher up the eaves helped secure them. I don't remember where the name Buster came from but it seemed to fit and as you know he came when called.

This feeding process was a good teaching tool where I learned how a baby animal/bird/whatever would bond with whoever was doing the feeding. Great experience. Trying to pass this on to the Grand-kids.

Now I can't let this story go without emphasizing how dangerous that climb was. What your readers might not realize is that trains periodically would travel overhead causing a vibration that made it hard to hang

on. Maybe it was just our fear of the noise, steam and grit falling down on us that caused us to vibrate.

Also, what people today don't know, is the engines used were huge, black fire breathing, steam shrieking monsters. To this day I loved and feared those wonderful monsters.

In the rail yard you could stand quite close (off to the side) and feel the heat from the engine, smell the coal smoke that might be blown in a downdraft by the wind that would burn your eyes.

The many sounds that could be heard when the cylinders would start pushing the drive rods causing the big drive wheels to turn. The steam hissing in its timed sequence, first in then out, swirling steam in a big cloud. Then the Engineer would let go a blast from the whistle causing you to jump a foot high, letting everyone know that this train is on the move. Stand back, "She's a movin". What great memories.

To be continued....

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

Refresh your driving skills and you could be eligible for a multi-year discount on your car insurance

2 day course, Wednesday, Feb. 6, 9:00 am and Friday, Feb 8, 9:00 am

Space is limited, Reservation required - Call (509) 942-7529

\$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members

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Housekeeping Services Anyone?

(repeat information)

Although TCV does *not* offer housekeeping services, we understand there is a great need for it. Sharon and Traci have researched and interviewed potential housekeeping services and below are some providers that will offer a discount to our members.

The Hunny-Du Crew (Dale and Lori Jones) - (509) 948-0490, 20% off cleaning or handyman services for Tender Care Village Members

The Magical Touch (Cindy Mendoza) – (509) 572-5113, willing to give Tender Care Village Members a reasonable rate on all services

CleanWorks Window Cleaning (Mike Moore)- (509) 737-1971, willing to give Tender Care Village Members a discount on services.

Volunteers – If you are interested in being listed to do housekeeping and or deliver restaurant meals to one of our members (for a fee), please contact Traci. This would be outside of the TCV, but could offer reasonable services to our members, while supplementing your income.

February Calendar

Please check the website for possible updates and training

If members want to participate in an activity, *please call to reserve a ride*

Exercise Class (can be done sitting or standing)

2/5, 2/7 Tuesday/Thursday

2/12, 2/14 Tuesday/Thursday

2/19, 2/21 Tuesday/Thursday

9 am-10 am, HealthPlex, 1268 Lee Blvd. Richland

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