

Local seniors living out their dream

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Experience Works

Ralph and Phyllis Mullins have been married almost eight years. How they came to meet in the first place was nothing short of a miracle.

Although Ralph Mullins had over 40 years experience on drywall and home remodeling, he had always been interested in a missionary calling and had often helped with mission work in the United States. A son of strong faith, he had been praying for several years to meet a missionary woman from South America. As a result, a map of South America hung on the wall in his Arizona home.

Meanwhile, thousands of miles away in South America, Phyllis was finishing her term of service as a missionary on the Amazonian waterways of the Bolivian jungle. Her life had been an adventure — 11 years as a teacher in Maine, followed by 12 years in missionary work on Andros Island in the Bahamas.

Then, after five years in the Spanish-speaking jungle missions of Bolivia, she returned to her home state of Maine. A few years later she made the decision to cross the country and start a new life in Tucson, Arizona. One year and

two months later she met Ralph Mullins, the man who would become her husband.

After Phyllis and Ralph's marriage, they lived in Tucson for five more years. Ralph continued his work as a self-employed drywall and construction worker, repairing, painting, and remodeling homes. Mrs. Mullins did personal care for the elderly in their homes.

Three years ago the Mullins sold their Tucson home and moved to Kentucky, where Ralph had been born and raised. He had inherited land from his parents and grandparents in northeast Kentucky and they decided to start from scratch and live on that land. Phyllis's experiences with missionary life prepared her well for the very beginning on their ridge-top wooded home.

The nearest neighbor was a mile away. Ralph and Phyllis don't have electricity; so they began by using solar 12-volt batteries needed to power. They use a generator to pump the water supply that they then dip out manually from large barrels inside their mobile home. "The Mullins" have a well with lots of good water and have a telephone. Kerosene lamps are still a necessity for them. They raise

their own food and do their canning.

Ever since Ralph and Phyllis moved to their Kentucky ridge-top home, they have been looking for work, which is often hard to find when living in an isolated area. One day, they saw an ad in the paper about a very practical organization called Experience Works, especially designed to help senior citizens find jobs. (Recently the organization name has been changed to Experience Works.)

Mr. and Mrs. Mullins called, made an appointment for an interview, and started getting helpful suggestions from the organization. "Have you ever thought about raising mushrooms on your land?" they asked. "Perhaps these homegrown delicacies could be sold at farmer's markets or to local restaurants. Would you like to visit our County Extension Office to get materials and information?" They did and also did a lot of reading about growing mushrooms.

This spring they will be trying their hand at raising mushrooms. It may be a year or two before they can see where that will take them, but they are excited about the possibilities. Meanwhile, Experience Works, Inc.

(formerly Green Thumb, Inc.) continues to look for part-time work for Mr. and Mrs. Mullins. Mr. Mullins is always looking for small drywall or repair and paint jobs.

Many senior citizens are eager to find jobs and many are very skilled at what they do. Experience Works fills an important need in helping seniors find work, get the training they need for a job, or suggesting ideas for a small home business. They are advocates of older workers and work diligently to increase public awareness of the contributions older people make to the workforce and to society in general.

For more information about Experience Works, call toll-free 1-877-473-3608.



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Disaster application deadline approaches

Residents and business owners in 30 Kentucky counties, who sustained damage from the severe storms and flooding of March 17-21, have less than three more weeks to apply for disaster assistance. June 3 is the last day applications will be accepted. That is also the deadline for submitting loan applications to the U.S. Small

Business Administration (SBA) for disaster-related losses to seal and personal property. This deadline does not apply to those affected by the Kentucky storm, typhoons and flooding of April 27 through May 10. The deadline to apply for disaster assistance for those victims is July 6.

"We want people to understand that this is merely an application deadline," said Mike Boich, federal coordinating officer. "For Federal and commonwealth disaster recovery officials urge those who have not done so to apply as soon as possible by calling the toll-free registration line at 1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362).



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