

# The Country Courier



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## An 87 Year Old College Student Named Rose

The first day of school our professor introduced himself and challenged us to get to know someone we didn't already know.

I stood up to look around when a gentle hand touched my shoulder. I turned around to find a wrinkled, little old lady beaming up at me with a smile that lit up her entire being.

She said, "Hi, handsome. My name is Rose. I'm eighty-seven years old. Can I give you a hug?"

I laughed and enthusiastically responded, "Of course you may!" and she gave me a giant squeeze.

"Why are you in college at such a young, innocent age?" I asked.

She jokingly replied, "I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, and have a couple of kids..."

"No seriously," I asked. I was curious what may have motivated her to be taking on this challenge at her age.

"I always dreamed of having a college education and now I'm getting one!" she told me.

After class we walked to the student union building and shared a chocolate milkshake. We became instant friends. Every day for the next three months, we would leave class together and talk nonstop. I was always mesmerized listening to this "time machine" as she shared her wisdom and experience with me.

Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made friends wherever she went. She loved to dress up and she reveled in the attention bestowed upon her from the other students. She was living it up.

At the end of the semester we invited Rose to speak at our football banquet. I'll never forget what she taught us. She was introduced and stepped up to the podium.

As she began to deliver her prepared speech, she dropped her three by five cards on the floor. Frustrated and a little embarrassed she leaned into the microphone and simply said, "I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I gave up beer for Lent and this whiskey is killing me! I'll never get my speech back in order so let me just tell you what I know."

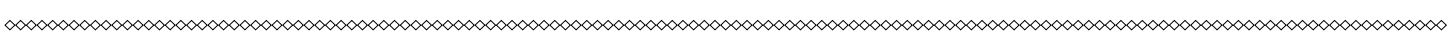
As we laughed she cleared her throat and began, "We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing. There are a few secrets to staying young, being happy, and achieving success. You have to laugh and find humor every day. You've got to have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die. We have so many people walking around who are dead and don't even know it! There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up.

If you are nineteen years old and lie in bed for one full year and don't do one productive thing, you will turn twenty years old. If I am eighty-seven years old and stay in bed for a year and never do anything I will turn eighty-eight. Anybody can grow older. That doesn't take any talent or ability. The idea is to grow up by always finding opportunity in change. Have no regrets. The elderly usually don't have regrets for what we did, but rather for things we did not do. The only people who fear death are those with regrets."

She concluded her speech by courageously singing "The Rose."

She challenged each of us to study the lyrics and live them out in our daily lives.

At the year's end, Rose finished the college degree she had begun all those years ago. One week after graduation Rose died peacefully in her sleep. Over two thousand college students attended her funeral in tribute to the wonderful woman who taught by example that it's never too late to be all you can possibly be.



## Be Compassionate

Those who make compassion an essential part of their lives find the joy of life. Kindness deepens the spirit and produces rewards that cannot be completely

explained in words. To become acquainted with kindness, one must be prepared to learn new things and feel new feelings. Kindness is more than a philosophy of the mind. It is a philosophy of the spirit.

## Upcoming Events



### The Booth Brothers In Concert

**Thursday, October 17 at 2:00pm & 7:00pm**

Refreshing humor, inspiring songs, and encouraging words are embedded in every concert.

Concert Ticket: \$39    Concert Ticket & Dinner Buffet: \$56

### 2019 Holiday Show Schedule



Re-Creation Christmas Show  
December 4 | 2pm & 7pm



The Hoppers Christmas Concert  
December 5 | 2pm & 7pm



A Christmas Carol By Gerald Charles Dickens  
December 10 | 2pm & 7pm



Ryan & Friends / Pianist Gordon Mote  
December 31 | 6pm

*Tickets are available at Guest Services, by phone, and online. Purchase tickets early for best available seating! Schedule is subject to change.*

## Features of the Month

### Breakfast Feature:

Smoked Salmon Eggs Benedict - \$9.99

### Salad Feature:

Smoked Salmon Salad - \$10.99

### Dessert in the Dining Room:

Caramel Apple Cheesecake - \$5.49

### At the Bakery:

Apple Walnut Crumb Pie - \$13.99

Apple Dumpling - \$3.99

Apple Whoopie Pie - \$1.99

Caramel Apple Cheesecake - \$32.99

### Buffet Dessert Feature:

Apple Strudel Dessert

## Facts About October

Flower - Calendula

Birthstone - Opal

13 - Full Moon

14 - Columbus Day

16 - National Bosses Day

28 - New Moon

31 - Halloween



*Country Goodness*

### Restaurant Hours

Mon – Sat: 7am – 8pm

Sun: 7am – 7pm

### Gift Shop Hours

Mon – Thurs: 9am – 6pm

Fri & Sat: 9am – 8pm

Sun: 9am – 5pm

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Pre-registration is requested for most of our gardening workshops. Register in the Greenhouse or call 570-523-3211, ext. 7421.



### General Orchid Care

October 5 | 10am | Cost: \$25

### Bonsai for Beginners

October 19 | 10am | Cost: \$25

### Terrarium Workshop

October 26 | 10am | Cost: \$50

*Schedule subject to change. See the remaining 2019 Greenhouse Workshops at www.countrycupboardinc.com*

## Halloween Brownies

### What You Need

- 1 box brownie mix
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 large eggs
- 2 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1 cup candy corn
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

### Make It

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F°. Spray a 9"x 13" pan with cooking spray. Mix brownie mix, shortening, water, and eggs until well-combined. Spread brownie batter in prepared pan. Bake 23 minutes. Remove brownies from oven. Sprinkle candy corn, mini-marshmallows, and chocolate chips over brownies. Return to oven, and bake another 5-8 minutes. Let brownies cool completely before cutting into squares.