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Dion & Debbie Flaming

The Flaming Acres story is not your traditional farm family yarn. It has a history of good times and bad. This is how it all began...Lyle and Mary Ann Flaming (Dion's parents), moved to Caldwell from Dallas Oregon. In 1969 they purchased the farm on Lower Pleasant Ridge Road and operated a dairy there for many years. Because of sonal challenges endured by the family, the farm was sold Lyle and Mary Ann's young-

Flaming Acres Farm brings agri-tourism to Caldwell

est son.

Dion met Debbie at Northwest Nazarene University while they ministered (Young Life) to High School Students at Nampa High School. They married on December 10th, 1983 and continued in education their entire adult lives. taught elementary and for the last eleven years worked as a high school counselor.

When the farm went up for sale in 2018, the potential buyers had plans to convert the remaining 37 acres of farmland into an industrial park. In order to save the property from this fate, Dion made a bold move and offered to buy back the farm for what the businessmen were offering the seller. Much to everyones surprise the businessmen backed out of the the many financial and per- sale and the farm was once again back in the hands of a Flaming. Today the farm is a off piece by piece until what hard working families labor remained was a small acre- of love. They have four chilage owned by Dion Flaming, dren and two grandchildren.

In celebration of this won-

derful blessing, Dion and Debbie decided to pursue an agri-tourism conditional use permit from the county which was unanimously approved on June 2nd, 2022. Their vision is to provide a beautiful farm experience for the people in our commu-Dion was a school teacher nity. They grew 43 varieties and administrator. Debbie of sunflowers, 28 varieties of pumpkins. They have created a 13 acre corn maze and a smaller mini-maze. They have two parklike settings for farm related activities for the whole family to enjoy and a place for vendors to sell their homegrown and homemade items so folks are encouraged to support local business. Flaming Acres is sure to become a very special destination where life on the farm can be preserved and

can continue on the farm for mber 16th-October 30th!

experienced by Treasure many years to come. Visit us Valley families. Everyone during our Sunflower Feswho comes to visit Flaming tival Days September 2nd, Acres farm is making a con- 3rd & 9th, 10th & our Fall tribution to ensure that life Harvest Festival Days Sept-

Flaming Acres Farm



