

## August Yard of the Month



Jim and Cork Norene

Purchasing a bare hillside in 1962 from Bert and Vivian Kane and creating lovingly landscaped grounds on it, has earned Jim and Cork Norene Heppner Yard of the Month honors for August.

Jim, a retired veterinarian, and Cork, his certified vet practice "right hand girl," began with a challenging site lying between busy Highway 207 and Shobe Creek which then flooded on occasion. Along with rocky, alkaline soil and the need for traffic flow between separate buildings for their clinic and their home, the Norenes had their work cut out for them. They tackled their challenge with teamwork and plenty of 'can do' spirit.

First, fill dirt was hauled in, which unfortunately was filled with plenty of rocks and old chicken bones. They eventually solved the dirt problem and over the years have established several outdoor areas. There is a flat and fenced grass pasture by the creek. An out building sports a row of well used birdhouses and the nearby, now closed, clinic is shaded by an interestingly shaped juniper tree. Traffic flow was solved by well-graveled terraces with not a weed in sight. Near the well-maintained house, a raised bed with dark, rich soil grows vegetables. A patio area shaded by a mature Paul's Scarlet Hawthorne tree is paved with old bricks and stone while close by a trellised, purple clematis vine nods in the summer breeze. Colorful roses grow next to a flat, healthy lawn that is fenced to keep out

deer. Two separate clumps of paper white birch trees frame the entry to the pasture. Huge yucca plants have just completed blooming in terraced beds, thriving in the full sun and heat generated by their rock mulch. By the front entry, a leprechaun lurks in the shadow of a wheel from a wagon that delivered the U.S. mail between Heppner and Pilot Rock. He is guarding his pot full of 'gold' which is kept in a metal milk bucket from Wightman's 'Alfalfa Lawn Dairy'. Throughout the Norenes' yard are many other artifacts including a toad house and an old hand pump. Flowering perennials and pots of annual flowers are just as welcoming as the homeowners themselves.

Cork's favorite plant is anything "hardy" and Jim's is whichever one is currently blooming. Both Norenes' favorite spot is their side yard sitting area, which is shady and cool during hot, August evenings. There they and their Pug, Mandy, are visited by a Muscovy drake duck named Quack-Quack whom they have all befriended.

The Norenes have lived as a family in Heppner since 1954, raising their daughter, Tracie Bunch, who still lives in the community. The results of their energy and enthusiasm combined are successful whether Jim and Cork are taking care of family, animals or plants. Look for the well deserved Yard of the Month sign at their home.

The Heppner Yard of the Month is co-sponsored by Green Feed and Seed, the Heppner Garden Club and the City of Heppner.

## Woodcutting now prohibited on the south half of Umatilla National Forest

"Firewood and Post and Pole cutting are now prohibited on the south half of the Umatilla National Forest," said John Robertson, Fire Management Officer. The south half of the forest includes the North Fork John Day and Heppner Ranger District.

At this time, firewood cutting is still allowed on the north half of the forest, which includes the Walla Walla and Pomeroy Ranger Districts. "With high temperatures and low humidities in the forecast, its possible that this could change soon," warns Robertson. Provisions in the firewood permit require woodcutters to call the 24-hour message phone to see if firewood cutting is allowed.

Restrictions in firewood cutting as well as other Public-use Restrictions will fluctuate over the next few months, due in part to the unpredictable hot, dry weather of July and August. Woodcutters can call an

updated 24-hour message phone to determine firewood cutting and public-use restrictions at (541) 276-3405 or toll-free at 1 (877) 958-9663. Restrictions will be announced by 6 p.m. on the day prior to the day the restriction will go into effect. Weekend restrictions will be announced by 6 p.m. on Friday.

The Umatilla National Forest adopted a YES you can cut/NO you cannot cut system in 2000, to allow more flexibility with firewood cutting restrictions. "The YES/NO system is easy for the public to understand and provides us more flexibility to allow firewood cutting on lower fire danger days," said Robertson. An approved chainsaw spark arrester, shovel and 8-ounce or larger fire extinguisher are still required to be in the possession of the firewood cutter. Woodcutters are also required to remain in the work area for a minimum of one hour to watch for and suppress any fires or smoldering duff.

## Cross-country bicyclist travels through Heppner



Al Heppner

Bicyclist Al Heppner decided to make a cross-country trip from Hartford, IL to Astoria, OR following the Lewis and Clark Trail. When he reached Hermiston and read about the Celebrate Historic Heppner festivities he decided to head this way.

Heppner started his trek on May 20 and said that he has to be finished by Aug. 20. He originally began traveling with three other women, but cycled from North Dakota to Oregon by himself.

Besides following the Trail, he has also been following "Adventure Cycling" maps.

Heppner has been biking all his life and became interested in biking from his cousin. For the scenery, his first bike trip was to Florida and lasted six days and was 520 miles.

Even with 120 pounds of gear with him, Heppner manages to travel approximately 50 miles a day.

After spending the weekend in Heppner, he continued on his way to Astoria.

## Over the Tee Cup

Ladies gathered at Willow Creek Country Club, Tuesday, July 27, for Over the Tee Cup play.

Pat Edmundson received low gross of the field. Loa Henderson and Luvilla Sonstegard tied for low net of the field. Karen Thompson received least putts of the field.

In flight A, Shari Stahl took low gross; Betty Christman took low net; Jan Paustian took least putts; and Christman was closest to the pin.

In flight B, Liz Orwick took low gross; Suzanne Jepsen took low net; Jackie Allstott took least putts; and Henderson was closest to the pin.

In flight C, Donna Crawford took low gross; Bernice Lott and Pat Dougherty tied for low net; Joyce Dinkins and Dorris Graves tied for least putts; and Dougherty was closest to the pin.

Graves had a chip-in on hole #17. Christman had a birdie on hole #13. Dougherty had the secret score.

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## Pie contest *continued from page one*

### Pecan Chocolate Rum Pie

Ingredients: 2 eggs, ½ cup flour, ½ cup butter, melted and cooled, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 3 tablespoons rum (or 1 teaspoon rum flavoring), 1 cup milk chocolate chips, 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans, 1 unbaked 8-½ inch pie crust.

Directions: Beat eggs until well mixed (frothy). Add other ingredients (except crust) in order given, mixing well after each addition. Pour into unbaked pie crust. Bake at 325 degree for approximately 30 minutes. Serve with ice cream or whipped cream.

Bonnie Bennett's peach pie won her a gift basket filled with baking accessories sponsored by Bank of Eastern Oregon.

### Peach Pie

Ingredients for filling: ½ to 2/3 cup granulated sugar, 1/3 cup flour, 2 tablespoons butter, ¼ teaspoon cinnamon, ¼ teaspoon nutmeg and 6-½ cups sliced, peeled peaches.

Directions for filling: In a large bowl stir together granulated sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg. Add peaches and gently toss until coated. Let mixture stand for 20 minutes.

Ingredients for crust: 2-¼ cups all-purpose flour, ¾ teaspoon salt, 2/3 cups shortening and 8 to 10 tablespoons cold water.

Directions for crust: combine ingredients and make into two crusts.

To assemble pie: Transfer peach mixture to the pastry-lined pie plate. Cover with top crust and cut slits into the top crust. Bake at 375 degrees for 25 minutes with foil around

edge of crust. Then remove foil and bake another 25 to 30 minutes.

Peggy Fishburn's huckleberry cream pie won her a \$25 gift certificate sponsored by John and Nancy Gochbauer.

### Huckleberry Cream Pie

Ingredients for huckleberry topping: 4 cups huckleberries, 2-½ tablespoons cornstarch, ¾ cup sugar, 1 cup cold water, 1 3-ounce package blueberry Jell-O.

Directions for topping: Mix cornstarch, sugar and water. Cook until thick. Remove from heat and add Jell-O. Stir well. Add the huckleberries and stir until well coated. Let stand to cool while preparing cream filling.

Ingredients for cream filling: 1 8-ounce package cream cheese-softened, 1-¼ cup powdered sugar, ¼ pint whipping cream to make ½ cup whipped (can use Cool Whip), 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1 tablespoon lemon zest.

Directions for filling: Cream the cream cheese and powdered sugar together until smooth. Then add the vanilla and lemon zest. Whip whipping cream until stiff peaks form. Fold cream into cream cheese mixture.

To assemble pie: (need 9-inch baked pie shell) Spread cream cheese filling into baked pie crust. Top with cooled huckleberry mixture. Chill for two hours before serving. Serve pie slices with whipped cream or Cool Whip.

(Note: "You can use any kind of fruit, just match Jell-O to fruit.")

## Princess Jessica Wainwright

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Honor Society. She also served as the secretary for the Junior Class. She was also a member of the HHS softball and track teams.

Wainwright, daughter of Buz and Stacey Wainwright of Heppner, said her family has always been active in the Fair, either through volunteer work or through 4-H. She also added that her mom was on the rodeo court in 1985 and was a pennant bearer in 1983.

Wainwright also has a 14-year-old brother, Jason, who will be a freshman at HHS this year.

"Talking to people is the best part (of being on the court)," said Wainwright.

She has had fun taking time at each event to visit with the people and share in their experience.

As far as events so far, Wainwright said that Joseph was especially fun, even though it was really hot. After riding in the parade, she and the rest of the Court went mini golfing.

As for plans for the future, Wainwright is hoping to pursue a degree in advertising or business after graduating from high school next year.

Be sure to look for Wainwright and the rest of the 2004 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court in Heppner on Aug. 18-22.

## St. Patrick's Senior Center news

Hope, Valby, All Saints Shared Ministry volunteers are hosts for the Senior Center noon meal on Aug. 11. The menu of the day is meat loaf, parsley potatoes, broccoli salad, bread and pineapple upside down cake. Serving time begins at 11:30 a.m., after the Flag Salute, table blessing and announcements.

A tour of the Discovery Center in The Dalles is arranged for Thursday, Aug. 12. The bus will arrive to have lunch at the Center and then a tour guide will accompany the visitors through the depictions of interesting Columbia River areas, its fishing, timber and other industries in early times. "I've seen and learned something new each time I have visited," said Ed Baker when he reported the arrangements. There is a sign-up sheet in the Senior Center office. Gathering time is 9:15 a.m., with departure time at 9:30 a.m., from the Senior Center's Main Street entrance. Baker will also be traveling, with the bus, to the Boardman Marina Park on Aug. 10 for the RSVP picnic for volunteers and families. The festivities are from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The bus will depart at 10 a.m.

RSVP is furnishing hot dogs, fried chicken, beverages and plates. Attendees are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share and personal table service. This annual event arranged by the Morrow-Umatilla agency is in appreciation for the work of volunteers, who make many services possible. It is an annual event.

## 82<sup>nd</sup> CELEBRATION OREGON TRAIL PRO RODEO

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ANNOUNCER: Scott Allen of Redmond

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STOCK CONTRACTOR: Big Bend Rodeo Company of Ritzville, WA

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