

Yard of the Month for September



Janice and Les Paustian

Les and Janice Paustian have earned the Heppner Yard of the Month for September because of what they have done with rock; hauling it off their steep hillside home site and hauling more back to use extensively in the landscaping.

The Paustians moved to Heppner from Baker City in 1975 for Les's job at Kinzua Mill. When they purchased their then three-year-old home at 340 Barratt Street there was nothing but rock, six-foot high weeds and more rock.

Les brought in a D8 Cat and got busy. After wearing out four ripper blades and hauling out 122 yards of rock, they finally had semi-flat land to work on.

Stacked railroad ties create terraces along the back of the property. Because the soil is shallow, Janice planted a vast amount of flowering succulents that have spread to fill in beds and spill over edges. An area of solid basalt bedrock that would not budge with the D8 now shows its strength and charm in the midst of plantings. Crocuses that have multiplied into the thousands bloom purple, white and gold in early spring. A particularly special plant is a white iris that began with Janice's family in Colorado then made each move with her, first to Idaho and then Oregon.

Aged tree stumps are displayed as yard art with

one stump interlaced with old-fashioned hens and chicks. Interspersed along the property are pine and blue spruce trees all planted as six-inch starts since the rocky ground prohibits anything new with larger roots. Dusty-blue berries grow heavily on a juniper tree that anchors the yard's center. A large boulder held over from the original leveling project stakes its claim among various rocks hauled back from trips to the mountain. In a quiet corner beneath a red-leaf maple, red rock is used as mulch. Gravel is thickly spread in the driveway that leads to a large, cement parking pad.

Dirt brought in for a lawn turned out to be sterile and refused to grow grass at first. That problem was eventually resolved and now there is a lush, green, weed-free stretch of lawn that just calls out for bare feet. Upon closer examination, there are bare feet permanently in the lawn; several concrete stepping stones in the shape of big footprints lead from the patio to the upper yard.

About two years ago, repairs to a leaking water line necessitated a big change to the front of the property. Les ended up removing trees and juniper shrubs replacing them with a large expanse of neatly stacked landscape blocks and loads of river rock. From their front deck, the Paustians enjoy watching activities at Heppner Elementary School and

sunsets over Willow Creek Valley.

A wood fence surrounds the property and shed that Les expanded for storage and workspace. In the backyard, a cement patio with a metal roof replaced a small wood deck resulting in a private and shady area. The patio is a favorite gathering spot for the whole Paustian family that includes their daughter, Debbie, her husband, Bruce Young and their three sons. Two kittens, Miles and Mattie, provide entertainment.

While Janice feels that receiving Yard of the Month designation is an honor, she was hesitant to accept it as she and Les were recognized with the same honor in April 1983. She was reassured that anyone who has moved as much rock as they have has more than earned double honors.

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

Over the Tee Cup

Over the Tee Cup play was held at Willow Creek County Club on Tuesday, Aug. 31.

Pat Edmundson took low gross of the field. Karen Thompson took low net of the field. Virginia Grant took least putts of the field.

In flight A, Loa Henderson took low gross; Jan Paustian took low net; Carol Mitchell took least putts; and Edmundson took long drive and KP second shot.

In flight B, Kandy Boyd took low gross; Lorrene Montgomery took low net; Suzanne Jepsen took least putts; Boyd took long drive; and Grant took KP second shot.

In flight C, Joyce Dinkins took low gross; Donna Crawford took low net; Dorris Graves took least putts; Crawford took long drive; and Pat Dougherty took KP second shot.

Dinkins also had a chip-in on hole #3.

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Stickhorse Race brings out young athletes

It just goes to show you "Cowgirls rule, Cowboys Drool" as girls took the top three places in the 3 and under division of the Morrow County Rodeo stickhorse race. In first was Sydney Guthridge, a close second was Jacee Currin and third was Jaiden Mahoney.

The boys said, "Eat my dust" in the 4- and 5-year-old division, as Cord Flynn was the winner, Wyatt Steagall was second and in third place was Loren Daly.

"Happy trails" to all the winners in the 6- and 7-year-old division. First place was awarded to Jessie Flynn, second to Kelly Wilson and third to Bethany VanCleave.

Watch out for all of these athletes in the future in our sports programs, as they are very fast even when they aren't mounted on good horses.

The Morrow County Stickhorse Race is open to everyone (you do not need to be a Morrow County resident) and the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Committee invites everyone age eligible to participate.

Dawna Dougherty and Maureen Howard took the entries and the Morrow County Fair and OTRP Court, Queen Lexi Kennedy and Princesses Emily Bergstrom and Jessica Wainwright helped with the organization of the races and awarded prizes to the winners of each race.

The winners receive trophies donated by the HM Ranch made by Peterson's Jewelers. The OTRP Committee awarded all contestants gold medals and a treat and "The Schwan's Man" furnished popcicles for the racers and their horses, which saved the day as weather-wise it was a little warm.

A quote from a very hot, red-faced racer said it all, "It's boiling out here." Regardless, everyone who watched or participated had a good time.

The OTRP Committee hopes everyone enjoyed the day and "Until we see you again next year, may you always ride a fast horse."

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

St. Patrick's Catholic Parish volunteers will host the Wednesday, Sept. 15 noon meal. The menu for the day is beef stroganoff, green beans, cottage cheese with pears, pudding and French bread. The Senior Bus will be traveling on Friday, Sept. 17 to the Westward Ho parade in Pendleton. The bus is scheduled to leave at 8 a.m., from the Senior Center, for the 10 a.m. parade. For more information contact the Center office at 676-9030.



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Religious education classes to begin

St. Patrick Parish will begin religious education classes for preschool through eighth grade on Sunday, Sept. 12. The classes will be held in the Parish Hall from 9:30-10:45 a.m.

This year the program will consist of the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies. This is a program that is based on the Sunday liturgy and helps the children to have a deeper understanding of the Bible, prayer, the Mass and the worship of God. This program has the advantage that if a family is unable to attend, they can still pick up the text and study the material at home.

Teacher this year will be Kimberly Lindsay,

Patti Pappas, Mark Miller, Bill Kuhn and Mary Ann Elguezabal. Everyone is welcome.

The High School Study Group will resume meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This group will follow the "Life Teen" program. There will be a retreat, the study of moral principles, activities, dramas and service projects. Parents will provide treats each evening for the student. Kathy Cutsforth-Fullmer and Fr. Gerry Condon will be the facilitators.

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You are invited to
a Wedding Shower for
Donita Daniels
and **Keith Brudevold**
Sunday, September 12 at 4 p.m.
Heppner Methodist Church basement
Everyone (men and women) invited!
Wedding Table at Murray Drugs

2nd Annual Fund Raising Dinner

to benefit the Ione Education Foundation

Saturday, September 25

Social hour at 6 p.m. / Dinner at 7 p.m.
at the Ione American Legion Hall

Menu: Prime Rib, Crab, Shrimp, Salad, Baked Potato, Bread, Dessert. Two drinks included with meal (choose from beer, wine and soft drinks).

Ticket Prices:

Adults - \$25.00

Children 12 and under - \$10.00

6 and under - free

Tickets available at Bank of Eastern Oregon, Ione

Come enjoy a fun evening and help support the Ione School. There will be an auction after the dinner, music, and raffle tickets for various items on sale also.

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