

Petersons awarded Yard of the Month

Randall and Marlene Peterson's home at 195 N. Gale is the April Yard of the Month in Heppner, the first recognition for 2007.

The well kept home has been in the Peterson family since Randall was age seven. His parents,

J.O. and Billie, purchased the corner lot home from the builder who lived in it a short time. Randall and Marlene have added their own personal touches to the charming house including a second story and acquiring a neighboring lot.

Randall takes a short walk to work to the same business that his father owned and operated, Peterson's Jewelry on Main Street. Marlene retired a while ago from the family store.

The yard was mostly in lawn at one time, but projects by the Peterson's have turned it into a lush landscape. Trees such as Yellow Chain, Locusts, flowering crabapple, mountain ash, maples, corkscrew willow, and even a Japanese maple border the yard. Tucked away in a shaded corner is a feeding station attracting wild birds, most recently a pair of doves.

There is a variety of shrubs for the birds to hide in such as flowering quince, lilacs, Oregon grape, rhododendron, forsythia, a pink flowering viburnum and a Snowball viburnum. A Burning Bush grows in an outdoor pot. Tall, full arborvitae provide a privacy screen.

A decorative light pole surrounded by purple and white rock cress lights a walk to the front yard. There an iris-filled pond that the couple designed provides shelter for some very vocal



Randall and Marlene Peterson's yard received the Yard of the Month award for April. -Photo by Kay Proctor

frogs. Water skippers claim it as their home, also. Nearby, pink and white water lilies grow in a galvanized metal water trough.

Along the back of the house is a long, raised flowerbed with several rose bushes in it. Marlene's favorite plant is a cream and pink tinged rose given to her by her mother, Iva Booker.

Marlene uses containers for easier maintenance and has had good success growing hostas in pots.

She and Randall have discovered that an old washing machine tub makes a nice container for plants although it takes a lot of potting soil to fill it.

The soil found in the yard is good. Over the years, they have dug up some square nails. They were surprised with the discovery of a circular dry well in their side yard. It was of good construction and lined with locally made brick. A screened porch now covers it. Both of the Peterson's favorite area of their yard is the swing located on that porch. Randall and Marlene share the swing and the porch with their cats, Goldie, Boots and Blackie. Local family includes Marlene's

sons, Hal, Bruce, Mike Bergstrom and their families.

Adding to the fullness of the yard is a variety of perennials such as variegated irises, peonies, asters, daffodils, Shasta daisies, Basket of Gold, Sweet Williams, hardy ferns and coral-bells. Randall's favorite plants are some old fashioned tiger lilies originally grown by his mother.

A stunning feature of the yard is a raised bed with latticework bordering the front driveway. A long stretch of candytuft drapes over the side loaded with white blooms about this time of year. Plans are to add an underground sprinkling system.

Marlene notes that she has learned when it comes to gardening to "try, try, try again." She also mentions that their home's location is a "social corner," which probably has a lot to do with the friendliness of Randall and Marlene Peterson.

The Heppner Yard of the Month is cosponsored by the City of Heppner, MCGG Green Feed, Heppner TV and the Heppner Garden Club.

Raffle to benefit Proctor family

Devin Oil has donated 100 gallons of gas to be raffled off on Thursday, May 31. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and can be purchased at Heppner TV, Hair Expressions, HHS, or by contacting Ronda Helfrecht at 676-5996. Proceeds of the raffle will benefit Roy Proctor and the Proctor family.

Butterfly walk offered

John Day Fossil Beds National Monument will offer a ranger-conducted butterfly walk at the historic James Cant Ranch. This 90-minute program will feature butterflies and other natural aspects of national monument.

The program will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 6, at the James Cant Ranch house, located on

Red Hat Society to host Victorian High Tea

The Red Hat Society will host a Victorian High Tea at the United Methodist Church in Heppner on Saturday, May 12 from 3 to 5 p.m. The tea will be catered by Diann Nagel and the cost will be \$7 per person.

The theme will be Spring Garden. The menu will consist of scones, assorted sandwiches, desserts, and English tea. For the scones there will be lemon curd, Devonshire cream, and an assortment of jellies.

Hats will be available for anyone who does not have one. Group seating is available. Reservations are recommended but not required.

For more information or reservations contact Diann Nagel at 676-5522.

Memorial Weekend dinner needs new director

Archie Padberg is asking for someone to take over direction of the traditional Morrow County Memorial Weekend dinner. The dinner is set Sunday, May 27, in the afternoon.

Archie and his wife are unable to continue directing the dinner but do not want the tradition to end. He has a list of items needed, where to get them, and volunteers. Contact him as soon as possible at 676-5355.

Holly Rebekah Lodge to host card party

Holly Rebekah Lodge will be hosting their monthly card party on Saturday, May 5. Play will begin at 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person and includes an evening of fun, visiting, and prizes.

Due to the Ione Auction and Labor Day weekend this will be the last card party until October.

Possible hazardous waste dump found

On April 24, 2007, at approximately 4 p.m., Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report from a female stating that she had found what appeared to be a hazardous waste site located on property adjoining her property.

The Boardman Fire Department was dispatched to the scene located on Kunze Road approximately 1/4 to 1/2 mile east of Tower Road.

Four larger black plastic barrels were observed. The barrels did have some labeling. The substance was tentatively identified as Hydrazine which is a toxic corrosive and combustible material.

The Hermiston Fire Department Haz-Mat team was called to assist the Boardman Fire Department. DEQ was advised and reportedly responded to the scene as well.

The area has been contained. The barrels are secure and no leaks were detected. The scene does not pose a risk to area residents. Precautionary measures have been taken and Fire Department personnel and members of the Morrow County Sheriff's Office will secure the scene until the barrels are removed or rendered safe.

The site is being treated as an illegal hazardous waste dump site. The Morrow County Sheriff's Office is conducting an ongoing investigation to determine who may have been responsible for depositing the material at that location.

UPDATE: at 8 p.m. Haz-Mat personnel reported that the barrels may be empty. DEQ is still scheduled to contact the scene for further action and investigation.

Harpist performs in ASTA Honors Recital



13-year-old Rebecca Jepsen of Ione recently performed on harp in the annual ASTA Honors Recital in Portland. Jepsen was one of 10 students in the state selected by taped audition to perform in the recital.

The Oregon Chapter of the American String Players Association (ASTA) held the recital at the Portland Community Music Center on Saturday, April 21, and hosted a reception afterwards.

Rebecca performed "Sarabande" by Nino Rota. She has been playing harp for five years and studies with Denise Fujikawa of Portland.

Ione to hold Kindergarten Round-Up

Ione Community School will hold its Kindergarten Round-Up on Tuesday, May 15, from 9:30 a.m. until noon. This event is open to all children who will be five years of age by September 1.

Parents/guardians need to bring a birth certificate, social security information, and immunization record. If your child attends Creative Care Preschool, their records will be brought over by Mrs. Rietmann.

The future Kindergarten students will spend the morning with Mrs. Collin and even stay for lunch! From 9:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. parents will meet with the principal, Mrs. Browning, to begin the registration process.

For more information call the school at 422-7131.

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Chefs Jask and Melissa Coiner and Damen and Carrie Bronson will be serving steak with all the fixin's!

2007 tree seedlings available

Ponderosa Pine, Western Larch, and Douglas Fir tree seedlings will be available on Friday, May 4, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District office at 430 Heppner/Lexington Hwy (Pettyjohn Office Building).

Morrow SWCD organizes the dispersal of these excess trees each year in cooperation with the USFS.

"Trees provide shade, windbreaks, and wildlife habitat as well as minimizing soil erosion," said a SWCD spokesperson. "Take advantage of this opportunity and plant a few trees this spring to enhance your property. Survival increases if trees are healed in now and planted this fall."

Please bring containers such as burlap sacks or garbage bags to protect the trees in transport.

For more information, call the SWCD office at 676-5452.

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