

Greenups receive first 2009 Yard of the Month award Morrow County Court weekly meeting held

By Kay Proctor

Receiving the first Heppner Garden Club's recognition of Yard of the Month in 2009 are Janet and Greg Greenup at 225 West Baltimore.

Built in 1905 and known as the Gilliam house, the Greenups purchased their home from Jimmy and Patti Prock in 1977. After deciding they didn't want to paint the exterior anymore, steel siding was put on. In addition, new sidewalks, a deck, new foundation, central air and heat, a seeded lawn and underground sprinklers were all done that same year.

Digging out underneath the house for the foundation meant loading buckets of dirt and river rock on an old lawnmower base and pulling it out by hand. An antique medicine bottle and a Heidelberg beer can were found during the digging process.

In 1981, Janet began work at Morrow Soil and Water Conservation where she is now manager. She emphasizes how important it is to not over fertilize, over water and to not "let weeds go." Soil in their yard is "not that good" and Janet applies a fertilizer with iron. The UGS acti-



Janet Greenup and her husband, Greg, were awarded the first Yard of the Month award for 2009. -Photo by Kay Proctor

ivate three times per week for only 20 minutes. Like all yards, there are weeds to contend with and she is dealing with yellow nut sedge right now.

Low maintenance is important so annuals are in pots or hanging baskets and perennials, shrubs and ornamental grasses are in beds. These include peonies, creeping phlox, ribbon grass, forsythias, snowball, rock daphne, cypress, potentilla and an exceptional planting of chives from Greg's grandmother, Peggy Moyer. Janet's favorite plant is her alliums and her favorite spot in the yard is a raised bed with pansies.

Rocks and boulders are an integral part of the landscape, some brought in by family members, some from under the house. An upright basalt column has been turned into a water fountain close by the shaded front porch.

Trees are a pink flowering cherry, red leafed beech and two Norway maples.

A vegetable garden grows in the back yard with a compost pile close by. A deserted brick lined dry well was discovered when investigating the beginnings of a sinking spot.

Greg commutes to Umatilla for his work at

Two Rivers Correctional Facilities. He keeps the firewood stack going and has had up to 17 cords although back surgery has prevented him from adding to it for awhile. Stating that this is all "Janet's yard," he stayed away from photos and this interview wanting her to receive all the credit.

Both are Heppner natives and raised four daughters in this kid friendly neighborhood; Amy Kollman, Sara Campbell, Kathleen Albitre and Kelsey Greenup. Now five grandchildren enjoy their kid friendly yard. Pets Bitsey, Gracie and Lucky prove the yard is pet friendly and wild birds like the feed set out for them, too.

Janet has "always loved to make things grow" and remembers doing serious gardening as a child. Being practical, she finds a home for any plants divided or removed. She states that the yard is "never quite done and there is always one more thing to do." It seems that she has done a lot already. Yard of the Month recognition is co-sponsored by the City of Heppner, MCGG-Green Feed, Windwave-Heppner TV and the Heppner Garden Club.

Desert Rats Classic Car Club to host car/ motorcycle show

Do you have a show car or motorcycle you're hiding in your garage? Now is the time to wax that beauty and proudly display it for all to see at the 3rd annual Boardman Desert Rats Show and Shine. The Desert Rats Classic Car Club will host the Show on Saturday, July 18, 2009 at the Boardman City Park, located between NW Boardman Avenue and Park Avenue.

New to the show this year is the motorcycle category. The show kicks off at 9 a.m. and will run until 5 p.m. There'll be plenty of shade to display the vehicles and set out lawn chairs. A number of door prizes will be on hand for contestants and everyone can enter to win terrific raffle items as well as 50/50 pots.

Trophy awards will be given in six categories: Best of Show, Custom, Classic, Hot Rod, Contemporary and Motorcycles. Judy's Chuckwagon will be providing concessions,

serving hamburgers, hot-dogs and cold drinks. Bring the whole family out for a day of music, food, prizes, and of course, great cars and motorcycles. A portion of last years proceeds were given to area banks for their Caring Tree programs and to the Columbia River Harvesters Food Bank.

Registration forms can be obtained by contacting George Price at 541-481-3217. The cost to enter your car is \$10, before July 14 and \$15 after July 14 and the day of the show.

The Desert Rats Classic Car Club is a Boardman non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote interest in the sport of Classic Cars, Street Rodding, and Muscle Cars, with an emphasis on family and community service. The club membership is made up of classic car enthusiasts who own pre-1975, American made cars or trucks. They meet the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.

Farmer's market to open June 19

The Willow Creek Farmer's Market will open on Friday, June 19, from 3-7 p.m. at City Park. The farmer's market will be open on Fridays through September from 3-7 p.m.

There is a \$10 participation fee for vendors that will cover the entire season.

For more information contact Margaret at 676-5972 or Jan at 676-5150.

Field trip offered to view Potamus Fuels Reduction Project Area

The Heppner Ranger District of the Umatilla National Forest will host a public field trip to the Penland Lake Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) and Potamus Fuels Reduction Project Area on Monday June 8. The field trip is part of the collaborative effort for the upcoming assessment to identify fuels reduction and forest stand density projects.

In 2001, the Morrow County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) identified the Penland Lake Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) area as a priority for fuels reduction projects to lessen the impact of wildfire on lives, property, and the landscape.

The purpose of the trip is to generate discussion on topics including defensible space strategies, evacuation routes, broader landscape level treatment design, and other resource interests. A variety of stops are planned on the field trip including past mechanical fuels treatment, hazardous fuel breaks, and prescribed fire.

Shower to be held for Hughes' baby

A baby shower for Trent and Christianne Hughes' baby, Gabriela Grace Hughes, will be held on Sunday, June 7, at 3 p.m. at the Heppner Christian Church.

"I'm looking forward to getting out on the ground and receiving feedback from our group of collaborators and the public on management options for the Potamus Project Area," said Tom Mafera, district ranger.

In order to coordinate transportation, please RSVP to Brian Spradlin at (541) 676-2127 or (bspradlin@fs.fed.us) by June 3. The group will leave the Heppner Ranger District office on June 8, at 9 a.m. or you can meet-up with the group at Penland Lake Campground at 10 a.m. Participants should pack a lunch and be prepared to walk short distances by wearing long pants, sturdy footwear and appropriate clothing for the weather. The tour will end at 3 p.m. and participants can expect to be back to the Heppner District Office by 4 p.m.

For more information about the field trip, please contact Brian Spradlin (Fuels Specialist) at the Heppner Ranger District (541) 676-2127.

Grabriana was born on May 4.

Everyone is invited to attend.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Elizabeth Ballard has released the following report:

-Terrell Lee Rea, 43, was convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class C felony, and was sentenced to 18 months supervised probation, complete 40 hours of community service, other conditions, and pay \$673 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Leslie Lee Thompson, 47, was convicted of harassment, a Class B misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 90 days incarceration with 90 days suspended, 12 months bench probation, complete 20 hours of community service, other conditions, and pay \$133 in fines, fees and assessments.

Foster and Adoptive Parent Classes to be held

Open your home - and your heart - to a child in need. If you have an interest in helping a child(ren) in need, consider attending the Foster and Adoptive Parent

weekly meeting held

The Morrow County Court met on May 20 in Boardman with Judge Tallman, Commissioner Grieb and Commissioner Rea in attendance. Following is a summary of those meeting provided by Leann Rea.

The court approved the minutes of February 25, March 18, and May 13.

The court reviewed and approved accounts payable and payroll in the amount of \$60,684.41.

The Road Department provided the following report: Depot Lane - The crew started paving on Monday, May 11, which was a week later than planned, but the weather was not cooperating. The paving project has gone very well. So far the crew has put down 5,750 tons of hot mix at a cost of just over \$330,500 for the hot mix. Once all of the paving is completed the crew will go back and finish the shoulder work and approaches with gravel, and then paint stripes. Myers Lane - The crew is moving the equipment from Depot Lane to Myers Lane so they can start paving the 5.6 miles from Little Butter Creek Junction to Sand Hollow Road. The crew will start this paving project after the Memorial Day holiday. Permits - Reviewed and signed a permit with CenturyTel on Ella Road and an approach permit from Baarstad's General Contracting for an approach onto Willow Creek Road for the new Mental Health Facility across from the Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living facility. Opened bids for a low boy trailer and a truck to pull the trailer. Only one bid was received. On the Road Department's recommendation the court accepted the bid submitted by Ted Britt Logging for a 2006 low boy trailer in the amount of \$60,000 and for a 2008 Kenworth truck with 4,280 miles on it for \$115,000.

The court conducted the following business: Reviewed a request from the City of Irrigon for an extension of their Needs and Issues award, with the remaining funds in the amount of \$1,440 to be used to pave the entrance to the recycling center. The court approved the request, with the condition that all funds be used no later than December 31, 2009 and no additional extension allowed; Signed a Subdivision Plat; Approved the appointment of Nancy Gorham to the Fair Board; Reviewed race commitment letters from

Oregon International Motor Speedway, LLC and instructed county council to draft a letter confirming the court's acceptance of the letters as commitments; Reviewed and signed an IGA with The Oregon Department of Revenue for map maintenance; Reviewed and approved an amendment to an IGA regarding Building Codes; Reviewed an activity report for the OHV Campground; Heard a report from the sheriff's office regarding the proposed contract with Umatilla County to administer the Parole and Probation program; Heard a report from Planning Director McLane regarding the recent LRA meeting that she had attended.

The court heard the second reading of the "Code Enforcement Ordinance Amendment". There was no public testimony regarding the changes, so the court adopted the code as presented.

The court conducted two public hearings. The first hearing was for the Transportation System Plan Update, the Port of Morrow had made one addition to the plan after the planning commission forwarded the plan to the court with a recommendation to approve. The court reviewed the addition and adopted the changes as presented. The other was for the Space Age Industrial Use Zone Amendment. There was no public testimony on this item, so the court adopted the changes.

Jean Palmateer, Special Transportation Program manager, provided the court with an overview as to how the Special Transportation Program is financed and for what purposes the buses may be used. Palmateer also informed the court that the county should consider hiring a part time driver rather than depend solely on volunteers. The court was informed that there are two possible channels for funding. Currently the county is only accessing one line of funding. Therefore, the bus is only available for seniors or for persons with disabilities. There is a possibility that the county could pursue the other line of funding and expand the service to accommodate more users. This is something that will be discussed later. Also learned that to increase funding for this program the governor is proposing a .025 cent increase in cigarette tax.

assessments.

-Everado Sanchez Jimenez, 36, was convicted of disorderly conduct in the second degree, a Class B misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 90 days incarceration with 80 days suspended, 24 months bench probation, complete 40 hours of community service, other conditions, and pay \$563 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Roberto Navarro Medina, 43, was convicted of harassment, a Class B misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 90 days incarceration with 90 days suspended, 18 months bench probation, complete 20 hours of community service, other conditions, and pay \$133 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Jorge Mendoza, 45, was convicted of harassment, a Class B misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 90 days incarceration with 90 days suspended, two years bench probation, other conditions, and pay \$663 in fines, fees and assessments.

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