

Shermans awarded September Yard of the Month

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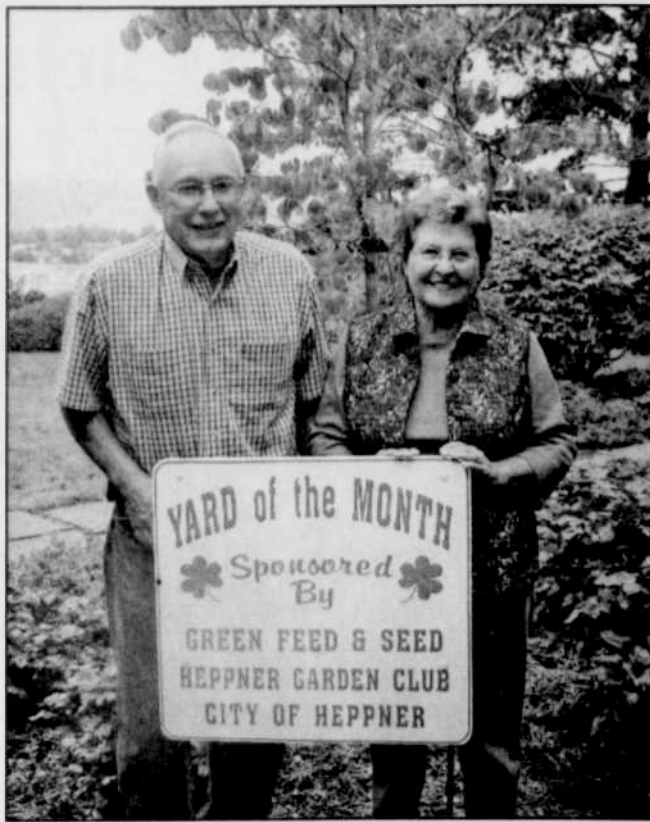
The Heppner Garden Club has chosen Cal and Bev Sherman's home as Yard of the Month for September, finishing up the 2009 season.

In 1973, the Sherman's home at 205 Willow View Drive was new when they moved in. Only the Heppner High School and the old US Forest Service Building (now expanded and occupied by CCSEP and the sheriff's office) were on the rocky, windy hilltop with them. A surprise visit from Doug Anderson helped their yard become what it is today.

Anderson, son of former Morrow County Extension Agent, Nels Anderson, grew up in Heppner playing and exploring the hillsides. Returning as a grown man for a visit, he was surprised to see a house built on his old stomping grounds. Anderson, a landscaper by profession, made an offer to Cal and Bev; he would work with them planning out their yard if they would loan him a rifle during hunting seasons.

The friendly deal was carried out. Underground sprinklers were put together, soil was hauled in, and trees were planted to create privacy from the street. Everyone benefited; Sherman's with a jumpstart on their landscape and Anderson by not having to tote a rifle back and forth when visiting Heppner.

Over the years, the Sherman's have made additions and changes. With the help of Ron Haguewood, Cal built a deck area for a hot tub in the back yard. In the side yard, a column of basalt rock used as a water fountain was put in. There are plans to restart a nearby



Cal and Bev Sherman

three-tiered water fountain that was temporarily retired and add an antique hand pump to the set-up.

Cal is the mower and weeder in the family and recommends using a pre-emergent such as Casaron to help out. He has always tried to "keep a nice yard" wherever they lived and says to "just tackle what you have".

Bev plants annuals and places them around the deck and yard. Keeping the grazing deer away is a constant battle and Cal admits that the deer might "have won". The last of their rosebushes was recently removed and replaced with a deer resistant Daphne shrub.

Quail, chukars, and pheasants have also visited, but lately these are rare sightings. There have been regular visits by a cottontail rabbit and most recently a random

chipmunk.

Bev appreciates their special plantings such as the now huge pine tree that youngest daughter, Janice, brought back as a seedling from Tupper Outdoor School years ago. Another special memory is when Cal took time from work to take Aunt Ora Evans to the mountains and they brought back a small pine tree for the side yard. A huckleberry bush surprised them by sprouting out right next to the pine. Sadly, the tree died the same year Aunt Ora passed away, but the huckleberry is still growing years later.

Other plantings in their yard include yews, mugho pines, burning bush, maple and spruce trees, barberry, flowering crabapples, Oregon grape and a pink flowering dogwood tree. Also planted throughout the yard are collectibles

such as unusual rocks from family members, wheels and axles off an old luggage cart from the railroad station, statuary and quite a few Mickey Mouse mementos.

The Sherman's owned and operated Cal's Service Center for 30 years before retiring. Prior to that, Cal worked as a mechanic at Caterpillar in Heppner for 15 years. Both natives of Heppner, they will be celebrating 57 years of marriage this December. They keep busy following the activities of their seven grandchildren and boating on the Columbia River near Hatrock. Son Ron lives in Portland while daughters Barbara Watkins and Janice Huddleston live in Heppner. The kids help out with flower watering and check the yard when the Sherman's are busy camping, another favorite activity.

Surrounded by juniper shrubs, both Cal and Bev spend a lot of time on the large backyard deck. From there, they can hear and appreciate the sounds of summer such as laughter of the kids at the public swimming pool or the sounds of baseball from the ball fields. Bev loves "the commotion of kids" including the comings and goings of the students at the neighboring high school.

With their positive outlook and friendly attitude, the Sherman's are surely loved and appreciated right back.

Yard of the Month recognition is co-sponsored by the City of Heppner, MCGG-Green Feed, Windwave-Heppner TV and the Heppner Garden Club.

Lady Cards win two, lose one

The Lone Lady Cardinals played three matches last week, winning two but losing a close four game match to league powerhouse, Helix.

On Tuesday September 29, Lone hosted Riverside in a non-conference contest. After a sluggish start, the Cardinals put away the Pirates 26-24, 18-25, 25-17, 25-13. Tyree Svetich served 20-20 in the match with three aces. Vanessa Ziliani led the team at the net with 13 kills. Stefanie Archer had nine and Beth Morter had seven.

The much anticipated Helix match was set for Thursday, October 1 in Helix. The Lady Cards put the Grizzlies on notice that they had come to play. Game one saw the score tied five times before the Cardinals inched ahead and stayed ahead to win the game 25-23. In game two, missed serves became a factor for Lone. Playing from behind the entire game, they dropped game two 25-19. Helix jumped out to a big lead in game three and held it to win 25-18. Game four was high drama. The score was tied 13 times, the last time at 22 before Helix finished it off, 25-22.

Briana Peterson led at the net with 10 kills.

Ladies Play Day results

Ladies last play day was held on Tuesday, September 29, at the Willow Creek Country Club in a scramble format. Results are as follows:

September 29
 First place team: Virginia Grant, Pat Dougherty, and Karen Thompson.
 Second place

October Fair Board meeting planned

The October Fair Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds Fair Office at 6 p.m.

Mustangs beat Stanfield in Homecoming game



Senior Mustang #3 Brent Eckman rushes for yards during the Homecoming game against the Stanfield Tigers. The Mustangs beat the Tigers 47-14. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

Cardinals boost record to 4-0



#8 Zach Orem runs the ball during the Cardinals' game against Condon Wheeler. -Photo by Theresa Crawford

The Lone Cardinals built an early lead and coasted to a 45-0 lead over the Condon Wheeler Knights on Friday, October 2, in Condon. The win boosted the Cardinals' season record to 4-0 and kept them unblemished in league play at 2-0.

It was a balanced attack, on the ground and in the air that kept the Knights guessing. Nine ball carriers tallied 211 yards on the ground while two quarterbacks scored a pair of touchdowns each for 192 passing yards, giving the Cardinals 403 yards of total offense. The Knights struggled offensively with just 119 yards of total offense in the game.

The Cards put up 18 points in the first quarter. Zac Orem scored first on a 7 yard run. Alex Rietmann followed up with a 26 yard run and Tanner Rietmann caught a 29 yard pass from RJ Ramos for the third score. In the second quarter, Matt Hams caught a 20 yard from Evan Rietmann pass to get things started. Gunner Jessen punched in from six yards out and Tanner Rietmann and RJ Ramos connected on a 62 yard pass play. The final score of the day came in the fourth quarter, courtesy of Zac Orem, catching an 8 yard pass from Evan Rietmann.

Evan Rietmann was the leading rusher with 51 yards on six carries.

Alex Rietmann had four for 44 while seven other ball carriers tallied yards. In the passing department, RJ Ramos was 4-6 for 117 yards and two touchdowns. Evan Rietmann was 5-6 for 75 yards and two touchdowns. Tanner Rietmann was the leading receiver with 129 yards on three catches. Matt Hams caught two for 30 yards.

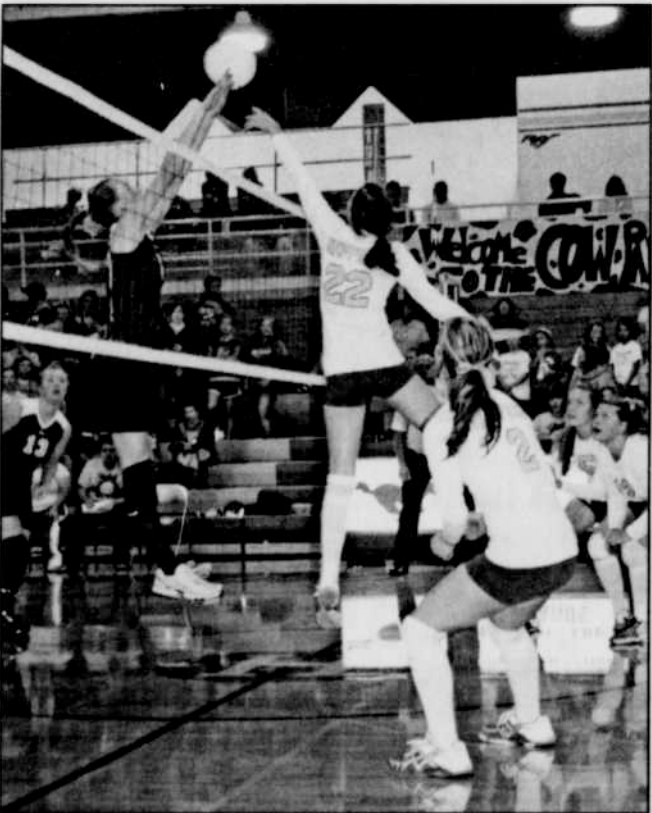
"This was one of those games that we went in knowing it would be fairly easy," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "It gave us a chance to try a different defense and give all the kids lots of playing time."

Micah Stillman had 15 tackles (one solo) and Tanner Rietmann had 14 (nine solo.) Alex Fetterhoff added 11 (two solo), RJ Ramos and Eric Jepsen each had nine (one solo each) and newcomer, Marco Juarez, had a solid effort with seven tackles, five of those solo.

"The line did a great job," commented Coach Stefani. "I was also happy to see us pass the ball and be successful at it."

The Cardinals will host South Wasco County in a league contest this Thursday, October 8, starting at 7 p.m. Although the Redsidies started the season slow, they had a few kids recently rejoining the team. "We are hoping for a competitive ball game."

Heppner volleyball team wins homecoming game



#22 Taighler Daugherty gets a hit against the Pilot Rock Rockets while Brynna Rust stays ready defensively. The Mustangs took the match in three games during the Homecoming game Thursday in Heppner. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

DRINK SPECIALS

Spice Pumpkin Pie
 Pumpkin Frappe's

Wedding Tables

Travis Carnine &
 Kyle Mills

Saturday, October 17th

Lacey Matteson &
 Sam Mackenzie

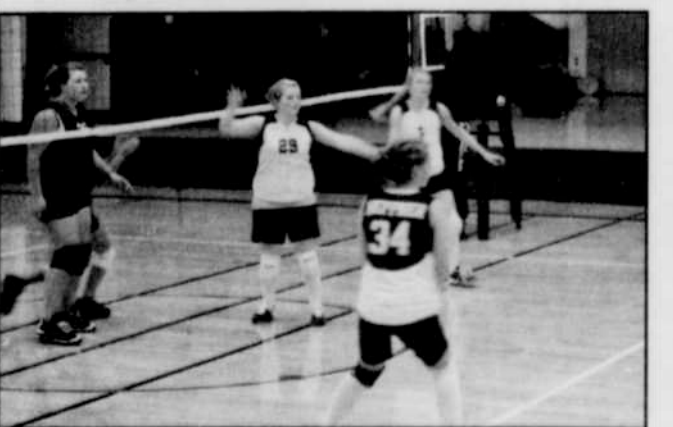
Saturday, October 24th

Adam Neiffer &
 Lauren Stender

Saturday, November 21st

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Top Photo: Heppner Junior High volleyball coach Mindy Wilson talks in the huddle with players before a match. Bottom Photo: Pictured are #29 Tessa Gould, #3 Chantal Creutz, and #34 Emilie Andersen of the HHS volleyball C team during a recent match. -Contributed Photos