

August Yard of the Month announced

By Kay Proctor

Family teamwork has earned the Dowdy family at 875 Lakeview Drive recognition by the Heppner Volunteers as Yard of the Month for August.

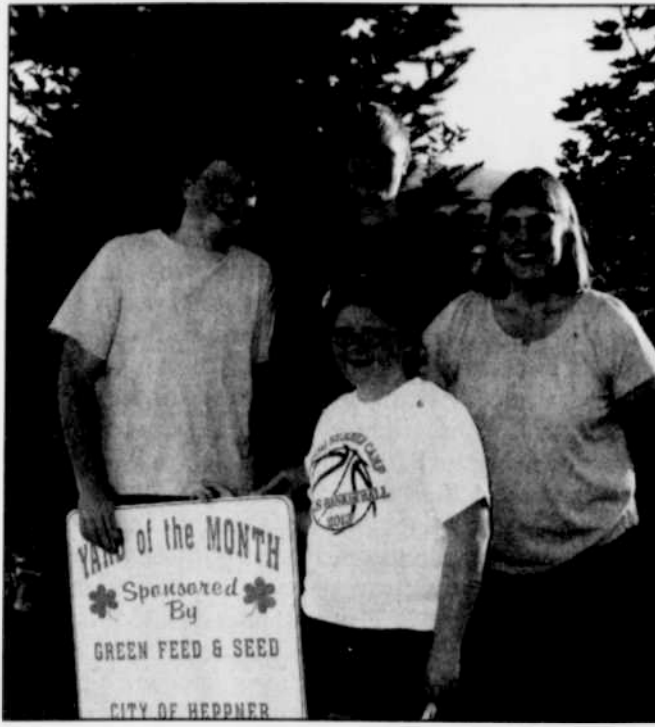
In 2000, the Dowdys were more than happy to be the first family in the newly built home on its corner lot. The yard was dirt only, and they started right away with improvements. When the adjacent empty lot behind their home became available, the Dowdys purchased it to add a half-size plus basketball court. The court was built and the empty, extra rocky lot began the transformation to its now park-like setting.

Taking their time, Pam and daughter Kendall carefully planned the location of features, potential views and flow patterns.

Willow Creek Reservoir can be seen from the fire pit that is used extensively for family gatherings. A garden shed was built in the corner. An ironwork arbor with benches was carefully selected and surrounded with perennial plantings. A secret garden is in the process of growing. Fencing was built. Outdoor lighting, including solar LEDs, was put in.

Because their first lawn was over shallow, rocky soil, the Dowdys decided to re-sod it at the same time they laid new sod on the lot. Underground, automatic sprinklers keep it green while drip lines water the beds. Pam plans further work on the watering system and to keep up with fertilizing and mulching with bark, saying that there "is always something to do." She is the mower, while Kendall and sons, Jeff and Josh, are the official weed pullers.

On visits to her



The Dowdy family—mother Pam and children Kendall, Jeff and Josh—were honored with the August Yard of the Month recognition. —Photo by Kay Proctor.

hometown of Port Orford on the Oregon coast, the family collected rocks and brought them back to use in the landscaping. Large boulders were also brought in and used for extensive terracing.

Listing even a portion of the extensive plantings would be too lengthy. Pam believes that she has at least "one of everything" from the nursery at MCGG-Green Feed Store. Her favorite plant is probably the dahlia, while Josh calls the entire yard "gorgeous." Jeff has too many choices to name just one. Kendall likes daisies best and appreciates how "serene and quiet" their yard is, "like the woods." Adopted cat, Pippen, enjoys it all. Wildlife visitors include birds, does and fawns, and now hummingbirds are feeding on the flowers.

But the heart of the entire yard is the memorial water feature designed and hand-built with much love by the family. It has a series of small falls cascading

into pools of recirculating water. A three-cornered keystone brought back from the coast and marked with carefully selected wording is featured in memory of husband and father, the late Mark Dowdy, beloved local teacher, coach and community volunteer.

Pam teaches fifth and sixth grades at Heppner Elementary and has coached sports, also. She suggests to just "enjoy the process" of working in the yard, to do a project "in stages" so that it is not such "a huge chore" stating that with "patience, it is worth waiting for."

While Pam mentions names and appreciates the help of others with all of their yards projects, it's easy to see that love is what the Dowdy home and yard is built with.

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CLINE 100 BIRTHDAY

—Continued from PAGE ONE orphanages were all but unheard of, especially in rural areas. Instead, children were taken in by friends or relatives. Cline went to live on a dairy farm where, Huwe says, she learned her work ethic, cutting grain with scythes and separating the cream from the milk.

"Her work ethics are extraordinary. She could work circles around people," says Huwe.

Later in childhood, Cline moved to Joplin, MO, where she finished high school, graduating with honors. That high school was leveled in a tornado a few years ago, Huwe recalls.

Cline went on to attend college in Missouri and then became a schoolteacher; she taught until she got married. She and her husband "migrated" to Yakima, WA in the 1930s. They later divorced, and Cline married Lloyd Cline in 1949.

They continued to reside in the area, in Union Gap, WA, where she was a bookkeeper and a grocery clerk, as well as working with her husband on their rental properties. Her biggest job, though, wasn't a job at all, says Huwe.

"Her biggest accomplishment was volunteerism," recalls her daughter. "She taught me volunteerism, I tell ya."

Cline was chairwoman of the Yakima County Cancer Drive for 35 years, as well as going through all the chairs in her Rebekah Lodge. She was active in the Union Gap Civic Betterment Association and in various organizations within the Lutheran church. The couple was also instrumental in the establishment of the Central Washington Agricultural Museum in Union Gap.

It's not surprising then, that in 1988, Cline was chosen by Washington Governor John Spellman to receive the State of Washington Volunteer of the Year Award. It was a highlight of Cline's life, in which the Clines were dinner guests at the governor's mansion, dining with Spellman and his wife.

The Clines lived in Union Gap for almost their entire married life, until they moved to Sun Terrace Hermiston Assisted Living nearly 10 years ago to be closer to their only

daughter. Lloyd passed away only a few months later.

Now, approaching her century mark, Cline has trouble with her eyesight and hearing but, Huwe says, she is still active and a light in her community.

"She always has a smile on her face and always is helpful of others," says Huwe.

Her grandson, Scott Wadekamper, lives nearby and visits often.

"That's his very best friend, his grandma," adds Huwe.

Cline's birthday celebration last week was attended by, among others, her friends, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and many of her 36 nieces and nephews from all over the country—Cline has outlived all of her siblings.

Her cake, Huwe says, was a shaped like a Smuckers jar with her picture on it. Jars full of memories and printed with historical facts about the day also played into the theme of the party. Huwe says they even sent in to the Today Show to have her mother featured but haven't heard back yet.

Recognition also came from another quarter.

"She got a letter from the president of the United States," Huwe says. "It's quite a nice letter. It's a form card, of course. (Still) I liked what they wrote."

A century can blur together when a person reads about it in the history books; perhaps it does when one lives it, as well. Still, Huwe says her mother has vivid memories of many of the events of her life.

"The Great Depression probably made the greatest impact on her life, as far as a negative impact...two families living in a chicken coop with a curtain between them," Huwe says. "How people went without, what little wages they made for all the work they did."

She adds that her mother never did get a grasp on technology.

"She just didn't understand all the technology. Used to be reading, writing, arithmetic in a book, and now it's all on a computer. It was very muddling to her. She was a very bright lady but she just didn't understand that. And money," Huwe adds. "She just couldn't believe that a



Olga Cline celebrates her 100th birthday this week.

loaf of bread costs what it does. She just thought that was ludicrous."

There were other ways in which Cline clung to her past, seeing no need for modern trappings.

"She never owned a clothes dryer; always hung her clothes out," her daughter, remembers. "Thought it was a waste of money."

Another thing Cline holds to is her faith. "She was baptized, confirmed and married Lutheran. It is very important to her," says Huwe. "She can't always remember all the Lord's Prayer, depending on the day, but to this day she says it every night before she goes to bed. She prays before every meal."

One of Cline's proudest moments was serving as grand marshal for the Union Gap Days parade.

"She had a lot of honors bestowed on her, but she earned them," says Huwe. "She was a giver, a donor and a doer. She always gave and welcomed people into her home and fed them. She always gave, and sold raffled tickets, and made quilts."

Huwe says that, while she can't speak for her mother, she doesn't believe Cline would change a thing.

"She just enjoyed everything. They did a lot of hunting and fishing; they travelled the world. They cruised and trained and planed. They...loved meeting different people and different cultures and trying different foods. They were blessed; they got to enjoy life," she says.

For herself, Huwe also considers herself blessed to still have the companionship of her century-old mother.

"I'm just so proud to have her as my mother," says Huwe. "I couldn't have chosen a better person on earth to raise me, to teach me the morals and the education and the desire to volunteer and help others."

Sheriff's Report

June 30: -Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report from an Irrigon man that his neighbor keeps dumping garbage on his property. He said that he took three loads of it to the dump the previous week, but they put more down. MCSO cited Justino Yautista Viegas, 39, for Offensive Littering.

-MCSO received report of a drive-off at the Heppner gas station. The subject came back in and paid.

-MCSO received report of two missing juveniles, a girl and a four-year-old boy, last seen 45 minutes previous on their way to the grocery store in Heppner.

-MCSO received report of several vehicles, possibly 11 cars, and a large group of people on the runway at the Boardman airport. The drivers were issued verbal warnings and advised that they would be issued citations if they trespassed on the property again.

-MCSO received report of a natural gas leak at an Irrigon residence. Irrigon Fire Department responded and MCSO assisted and the gas was turned off until repaired.

-MCSO received report from a female in Irrigon. She was moving out of a residence and reported that the male at the residence said that she couldn't take her stuff.

-MCSO cited Chuanji Zhang, 23, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 85 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO received report from a Heppner man that the family dog was run over and he needed to have the dog dispatched.

-MCSO received report

of three large Black Angus bulls fighting on Indian Creek. The caller believed he knew who they belonged to.

-MCSO received report from a female that a 26-year-old male left Crow Butte around 8 p.m. on a red and white jet ski, unknown what direction, but had not returned by 10:45. The Benton County boat deputy was dispatched.

-Lexington Fire Department, Ione Fire Department, Heppner Fire Department received request for mutual aid for a very large fire on Hwy. 19 and Pennington Rd. in Gilliam County.

-Irrigon Ambulance received report of a female with chest pain and pain in her left arm. She was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

-Irrigon Ambulance received report of a 77-year-old female having trouble breathing. She was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

-Heppner Ambulance assisted in preparing for a life flight at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

-Boardman Ambulance received report from a woman who said her husband was stung by a hornet and within 15 minutes lost all of his energy. The subject refused transport.

July 1: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report from an Ione man that he had just observed subjects running across his property and then running to the neighbor's property. MCSO cited a 25-year-old

male, for Unlawful Use of Weapon, Trespass I with Firearm and Disorderly Conduct II. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$16,500 bail.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that she found a fawn in the field with no mother around and was concerned that her dogs would attack it.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that her red 1995 Toyota 4 Runner was stolen from Irrigon sometime after midnight on Sunday night.

-MCSO, Boardman Fire Department, Boardman Ambulance and Boardman Police Department

responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident on Bombing Range Rd./Wilson Lane in Boardman. Both vehicles were off the road. An elderly female in one vehicle had facial injuries and her airbag had gone off. Two patients were transported by ambulance to Good Shepherd Community Hospital.

-MCSO reported that Benjamin Bowen was to register at Irrigon Justice Court as a sex offender.

-MCSO received report from the construction company in Heppner that Thompson Ave. from Pioneer Memorial Hospital to Barratt Blvd. would be closed starting the next day for a couple weeks. Barratt Blvd. from Fairview Way to Court St. would also be closed.

-MCSO received report from the Irrigon Justice Court that a female came into court to pay fines for driving while suspended and then drove off while still suspended. The

information was transferred to the Umatilla Police Department.

-MCSO received report from a Heppner woman that there was a baby unattended in a car at A&M's restaurant.

-MCSO received report of a burglar alarm going off at a bank in Heppner while the cleaning company was there. The subject with the cleaning company did not have the right code. A bank employee was contacted and no law enforcement was needed.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon man that his girlfriend was taking his five-week-old child.

-MCSO received report from a Heppner woman of a suspicious male at her neighbor's residence.

July 2: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of a female screaming on Marine Drive, Boardman. MCSO and Boardman Police responded and determined that the female was fine.

-MCSO received report of a patient with an unknown medical condition transported by EMS in Irrigon.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon man that he had heard a lot of

screaming and yelling at the Horner Fruit Stand and saw one subject chase a man out of the house. MCSO responded and determined in was a verbal dispute only.

-Department of Human Resources received report of possible harm to children by a person staying at an Irrigon residence.

-MCSO received report of telephone harassment on a work cell phone by an employee that quit work from a Boardman company. MCSO made phone contact with both parties.

-MCSO received report of a hang-up 911 call. On call back a male subject advised that there were no problems and that his son must have been playing with the phone.

-MCSO received report of a theft in Irrigon.

-MCSO received another hang-up 911 call. It was determined that everything was okay.

-MCSO cited Georgianna Marie Carpenter, 50, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO received report of a dog tied up in the sun on a very hot day, tangled up with no water in Heppner.

-MCSO received report

of a kitten stuck under the back porch of an empty house in Irrigon for several days with no water or food.

-MCSO received report of a disabled SUV on a very hot day on I-84, Boardman.

-MCSO received an open line 911 call which turned out to be a pocket dial and another hang-up 911 that was dialed accidentally.

-MCSO cited a 30-year-old male for speed.

-MCSO received report from an Ione man that the window on his hatchback Honda was shattered.

-MCSO, Irrigon Fire Department and Irrigon Ambulance responded to a report of a double-vehicle motor vehicle accident on Hwy. 730, Irrigon. One subject was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

-MCSO received report from a driver on I-84, Boardman, that someone was playing games with him on the freeway, preventing him from passing every time he attempted. A deputy was unable to locate the vehicle.

-MCSO received report of a found pit bull mix in Irrigon. It was transported to Pet Rescue.