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# Doherty earns July yard of the month



By Kay Proctor

A backyard full of roses has earned Martha Doherty July's Yard of the Month recognition.

Located at 185 Rock Street, the rows of roses are in the fenced back yard of the place that Martha has called home since August 1981. She and her mother, Jerry Doherty, purchased the home together to move into town from the family ranch on Black Horse that has been in their family since 1891. Jerry thought they should have roses. Sadly, Jerry has passed on, but the roses remain; over 20 shrubs, climbers and an old-fashioned yellow rose brought in from the ranch. The renowned rose company, Jackson and Perkins, sent four roses to be planted and tested by the Dohertys and two of those remain. Many others are over 30 years old. Martha rarely fertilizes them and does no pruning, stating "they have to be tough...if they can't make it on their own, they don't belong here."

As the deer population in town has increased, Martha has discovered a couple of effective ways to keep them from the roses. A colorful row of triangular plastic flags that move with a breeze are strung along a side fence. Also, when a chain-link fence

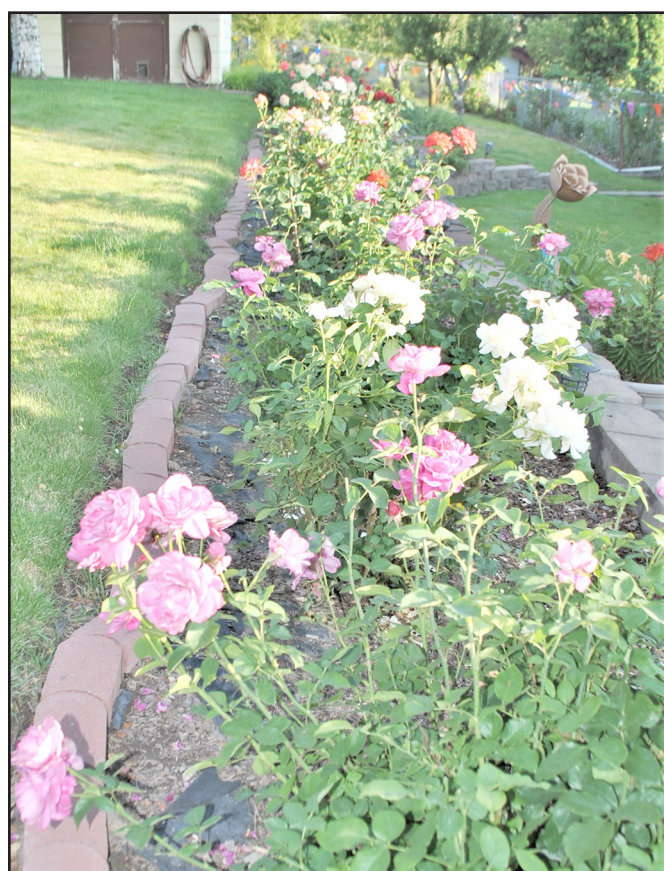
was installed along the back of the property, the original barbed wire fence was left in place about 6 feet behind, creating a double fenced, open barrier that the deer will not cross into the backyard.

The house was built in 1979 when the neighborhood was being developed, so country gal Martha bought the empty lot next door for some elbowroom when it became available. Some remodeling in the home was done to create a better flow and air conditioning was added right away since there were no established shade trees yet. Martha took care of that by planting a variety of trees such as sycamore, maple, Eastern Redbud, dogwood, flowering crabapple, a red-leafed Maple with another maple tree showing up as a volunteer. In this area of northeast Oregon, birch borers often attack and kill mature trees making them difficult to grow, but Martha has managed to keep two weeping European white birch thriving in the backyard.

Additional improvements to the home and yard are front stairs leading up from the street to the wide deck with a view to the west. A small backyard porch was extended and covered and a porch swing added providing "a peaceful and quiet spot to sit and enjoy all the colors" of the yard and an unobstructed view of Cross Hill.

At one time, there was a large vegetable garden and an orchard where a couple of pear trees and an apple tree now remain. A huge rhubarb plant still flourishes in a section where "it sure loves its spot." Grapes are grown against a side fence along with two gooseberry shrubs and strawberries. Martha and her mother were both members of the Heppner Garden Club and also entered produce in the county fair.

Terracing has been done by Martha herself in the backyard with large blocks stacked six high as there is "nothing flat" on the property. The front yard is steeply sloped and Andre Kendrick takes care of lawn mowing. The soil is hardpan and rocky, but no topsoil has ever been brought in. Martha has planted daffodils in a naturalizing manner throughout



the lawn. She waters by moving hoses and sprinklers but uses a timer on the faucet, a water-saving device that she recommends.

Other plants, often grown in mass, are peonies, several varieties of irises and lilies, Johnny Jump-ups and creeping phlox. Six lilac bushes landscape the back property line. Martha recommends planting things that spread on their own. "Just plant it. If it doesn't grow, try something else," she says.

As well as yard art, Martha flies an American flag or an Irish flag on a flagpole at curbside. Close by is her very own parking meter. She decided that since the cities of Heppner and Pendleton did away with their meters, she wanted one for herself. A few feet away sits a special remembrance from the family ranch; a very old 20' long wood stock trough.

Martha attended Lex-

ington grade school and graduated from Heppner High School. An alumna of the University of Oregon with a master's degree, she has taught school and coached basketball and tennis, worked part-time at the family ranch and then later full-time with brother, Tony, after their father, Bernard, passed away. She retired a few years ago from CSEPP (Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program) in Heppner, then kept extra busy taking care of nephew Ben Doherty's young children. Family is an important part of her life and she has researched and composed extensive family trees. For now, she enjoys photography and traveling, especially to Ireland.

Heppner's Yard of the Month recognition is sponsored by the Heppner Volunteers, MCGG-Green Feed and Seed and the City of Heppner.

## Stolen vehicle recovered

A vehicle matching the description of a vehicle that had been reported stolen earlier in the evening was spotted in Lexington by Sergeant Todd Siex just after 10 p.m. on July 17. The pickup turned south onto Highway 74 and Siex conducted a traffic stop near MP 42.

After determining the vehicle was stolen, Siex arrested Tristan Reilly Moses, 20, of Heppner. Moses was charged with supplying contraband and unlawful possession of a schedule I controlled substance. His total bail is \$40,000.



Tristan Reilly Moses

jail, staff found a fentanyl pill in Moses' wallet. Subsequently, he was also charged with supplying contraband and unlawful possession of a schedule I controlled substance. His total bail is \$40,000.

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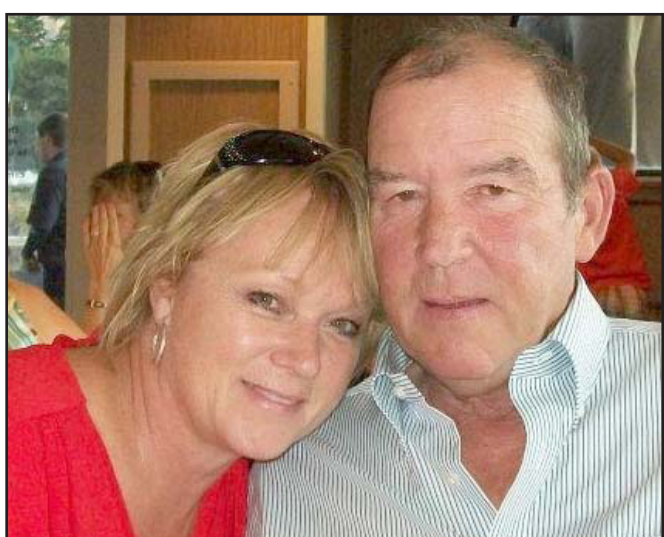
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## Benefit dinner and auction scheduled for Cindy Greenup

A benefit dinner and auction for Cindy Greenup will be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds on Saturday, Sept. 7 at 6 p.m. Cindy was diagnosed with breast cancer in December 2018.

The form of cancer Cindy has only affects one percent of the population and very little is known about it. She is fighting the fight to help those who may find themselves in her shoes in the future. She began treatment in January and by February was unable to return to work due to the debilitating side effects. She has since retired due to additional chemo treatments scheduled to begin in August that make it impossible for her to work.

Cindy Ekstrom Greenup grew up in Ione and is married to Bill Greenup. They have three grown sons, Travis, Truitt and



Cindy and Bill Greenup

Tony and nine grandchildren. Cindy has worked for the Morrow County School District in Ione, Farm Service Agency and most recently for the Morrow County District Attorney since 2009.

Donations for the Greenup family may be made at any Bank of Eastern

Oregon branch, payable to Heppner Community Foundation (please note Greenup in the memo line). Donations are 501(c)(3) tax deductible and all will directly benefit Cindy.

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