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Griffith wins Yard of the Month

By Kay Proctor

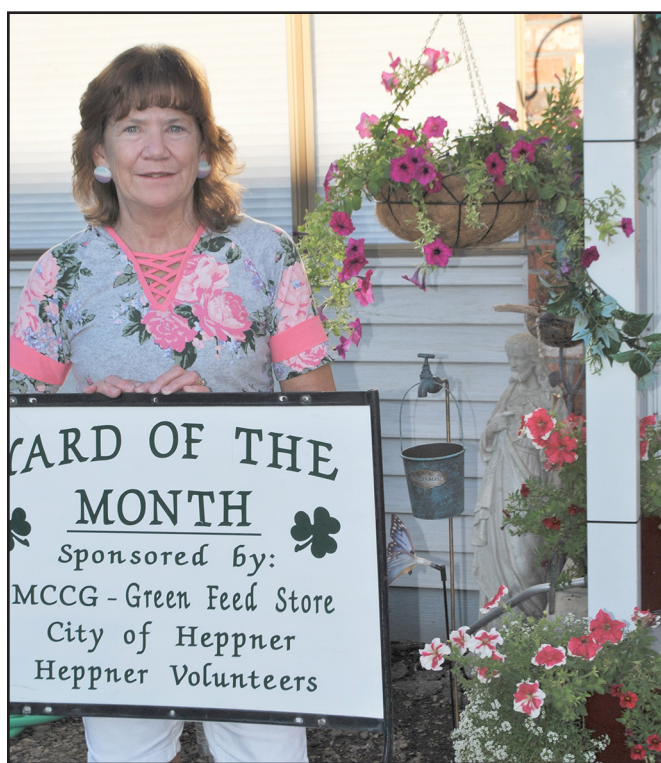
Keeping up a yard in Eastern Oregon during the month of August can be challenging but Donita Griffith has earned Yard of the Month for doing just that.

When Donita began renting the duplex at 140 Church Street four years ago, landlords Melissa and Todd Lindsay, and Wayne and Lori Seitz only said, "to keep it green and nice." Donita took that request up several notches. She nurtured what was there to begin with including the green smoke tree in the front yard, purchased numerous plants out of pocket, re-did the lawn edging and keeps everything well-watered and healthy. She also waters the neighboring yard of the duplex for Faye Seitz who greatly appreciates Donita's work.

There are always weeds to pull in the beds and mowing of the rich green lawn. Because of a steep slope, one side of the yard is mowed while Donita walks along on the sidewalk.

There is yard art displayed throughout including a miniature wishing well, two antique iron bed frames along a fence, a rustic wheelbarrow full of flowers and a little red wagon used for plants that her four sons, Rian, Casey, Dustan and Jay, played with growing up. A colorful directional sign made by sister-in-law, Karen Smith-Griffith of Heppner, stands on a corner of the duplex showing various places that Donita's boys have lived. Her family also includes six grandchildren, four boys and two girls.

A surprise is the enclosed and private back



Donita Griffith wins August Yard of the Month. -Photos by Kay Proctor.



patio that Donita has turned into a sanctuary with tomatoes, an extra vigorous, fragrant rose bush and lots of pots and hanging baskets

of flowers. With clear lights strung on the fence and an inviting table with chairs, Donita can use it almost year-round. The nice shade

and quiet surroundings make this her favorite part of her yard.

Originally from Spray, Donita has also lived in Prineville and Prairie City. Beginning at the Bank of Eastern Oregon in 2005 as a teller, she moved to Heppner over four years ago to work in the administrative department here. In Prairie City, Donita lived in two different homes and was awarded Yard of the Month for each place. Her Grandma E, known to most as Eva Griffith, lived in Heppner and was also a dedicated gardener.

When asked if she has a favorite plant, Donita can't narrow that down. "I like so many that I don't really have a favorite," she said. About working in her yard, she states, "I love it. It's relaxing and enjoyable, not a chore to me at all."

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

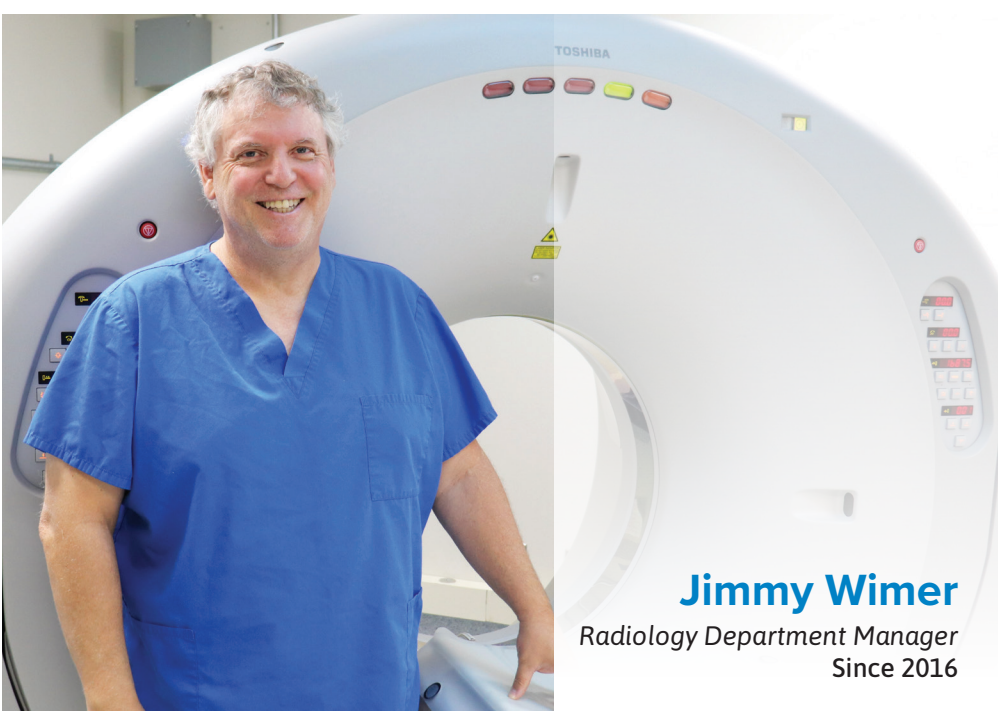
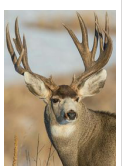
Slottee scholarship available

The South Morrow County Scholarship Committee will be accepting scholarship applications for the Beth Slottee Memorial Scholarship. It is available to students entering their junior or senior year or graduate school at an accredited college. The student must be majoring or minoring in music, but if no applicants are available, it may be awarded to a student majoring or minoring

in education.

The scholarship application can be found on the Heppner Jr Sr High School website under the information category; college and career then select the common local scholarship application. The applications may be turned into Mrs. Bowman at HJSHS no later than September 18. For additional information contact Brandi Sweeney at 541-256-0358.

The Heppner Gazette-Times wants to see pictures of your trophy animals from this hunting season. Stop by to have your picture taken, drop off photos, mail them to PO Box 337 in Heppner, email them to editor@rapidsolve.net or text cell phone photos to 541-980-6674.



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Local soldier promoted in the US Army

Kyle E. Brown was promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7) in a unit ceremony at Ft. Benning, GA on August 9. Attending and participating in this ceremony were his parents COL(R) Chris and Kathy Brown of Heppner.

SFC Brown is currently assigned as a combat arms instructor with the Military Advisor Training Academy (MATA) at Ft. Benning.

He graduated from Pendleton High School in 2005, attended Blue Mountain Community College and then enlisted in the U.S.



Kyle E. Brown

Army as a Combat Cavalry Scout in March 2007. SFC Brown has completed two combat tours in Afghani-

stan as a Cavalry Scout, in 2009 with the 4th Brigade 25th Infantry Division (Airborne) and in 2011 with the 3d Brigade, 2d Infantry Division.

Among his awards and decorations are the Army Commendation Medal, Combat Action Badge and U.S. Army Airborne wings.

He is married to the former Chelse Bermel of Pendleton and they have two children, Emily and Patton. Chelse's parents, Rick and Theresa Bermel currently reside in Pendleton.

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