

Jeff and Christine Bailey receive September Yard



The Bailey's moved into their new home at 860 Lakeview Court in 2003. There was only hillside, rocks, and lots of alkaline dirt and later mud on the lot that first fall and winter until Jeff could sow grass seed in the spring. First came some leveling and almost daily picking out load after load of rocks, then hauling in two loads of topsoil. He and Christine had their front sidewalk poured in a slight arc to create a large planting bed next to the front entry and then a bit ironically brought in rock to cover the new bed's plantings. Automatic underground sprinklers installed by Jeff, his brother and father keep everything green and growing. Since Jeff mowed lawns for hire beginning at age nine, he is the official lawn caretaker.

Christine created a circle at the center of the front bed, made of special large stones including petrified wood. Rocks from her childhood Texas panhandle home were moved by her parents over the years to their homes in Milton-Free-water and Tri-Cities as they followed her Dad's employment with Phillips 66, and now some of those rocks are in Christine's 'Ring of Rocks' in Heppner. This year, Christine planted red, white, and blue flowers within its circle. Scattered throughout the bed are heart shaped rocks that she finds various places.

Part of a side yard has been neatly terraced by Jeff as the property slopes down to a backyard where the family dogs can watch

what's going on through the cyclone fence.

Here around the tidy lawn can be found a fenced off corner plus a metal and wood raised bed for vegetables. Although her mother always had a large vegetable garden, Christine has only recently started canning with the encouragement of a friend.

The back deck has large hanging baskets of colorful annuals and also several pots of vegetables, all watered with a drip line system. The top deck is a quiet spot to watch morning sunrises or to sit in its afternoon shade with a view to the reservoir and Heppner hills, making this the favorite outdoor area for both Baileys.

Multiple pots hold bright annuals around the yard and Jeff's favorite is the same as what his Mom liked; bright red geraniums. Christine's are the vibrant gerbera daisies. Some of the plantings are lavender, boxwood, trumpet vine, burning bushes, lilac, hosta, cosmos, snapdragons, miniature rose, alysium, and forget-me-nots.

They do have deer visit, and an occasional skunk including one that visited their garage, but fortunately left without leaving a trace. Neighbors reported that a cougar passed through. There are lots of birds and a flock of geese to watch take off each morning and return later to the lake. The goats brought in to graze the Willow Creek Dam front can be seen from their back deck and are entertaining to watch.



Jeff is originally from Enterprise in Wallowa County. After college he worked as a grain trader, then eventually joined the Bank of Eastern Oregon, first at the Arlington branch, then to Heppner for a total of 26 years with the bank. He and Christine lived in Kennewick, Beaverton, Olex, and then Heppner. Christine had a little shock when moving from populat-

ed Beaverton to Olex with two small boys, but it didn't take long to thoroughly enjoy country life. All three of their children graduated from Heppner High School; Justin, Jordan, and Caitlynn and went on to college.

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Meet the Heppner Mustang Cheerleaders

By Tylynn Cimmiyotti

"We are the Mustangs, and we can't be beat! We will never ever take defeat!" - Will forever be one of my favorite cheers.

There's lots of clapping, snapping, and leg slapping; maybe you know it, or maybe you need to know it...

This year's cheer squad is made up of six spunky gals ready to show their Mustang Pride at each home football game.

You might recognize a few; returning for cheer are seniors: Brook Wilson (4th year), Camryn Scrivner (3rd year), and junior: Ariana Worden (3rd year).

New to the squad this year are sophomore: Keeley Nairns, freshmen: Lily Nichols and Sarah Munkers.

Coach Aymee Wilson, who is on her tenth season of coaching the Mustangs overall and second year as head coach, says the team is working hard on new cheers and dance routines for this season.



Heppner Mustang Cheerleaders! L-R Camryn Scrivner, Arianna Worden, Keeley Nairns, Sarah Munkers, and Brooklyn Wilson. Not pictured: Lily Nichols. Photo by Tylynn Cimmiyotti

Coach Wilson also coached for a PALS youth league in Portland and was a Varsity Basketball Cheerleader at David Douglas.

She tells me that these girls are committed, getting up at 6 am every weekday and giving morning practice their all before heading to school for the day. A few are juggling multiple sports as well this

Warrenton downs Mustangs 27-0

The Heppner Mustang football team traveled to the Oregon Coast and played the Warrenton Warriors. The Mustangs lost the game 27-0 to the 10th ranked 3A team in the latest OSAA football rankings. Heppner took the field and played 11 man football, not the 2A brand of 9 man that has been implemented this year.

Neither team got much going early in the game as they traded several possessions before the Warriors scored to make the score 6-0. Another Warrenton touchdown in the second quarter made the score 12-0 at halftime.

In the second half the Mustangs continued to not get much offense going against the stout Warrenton defense. The Heppner defense played well enough and only gave up two more touchdowns in the second half. That made the final score of the game 27-0 in favor of Warrenton.

Heppner could only manage 75 total yards in the game compared to 293 for

Warrenton. The Mustangs had -10 passing yards in the game.

The Mustangs managed only 85 total yards of rushing and were led by Landon Mitchell with 37 yards on 12 carries and Caden George followed with 23. Saul Lopez ran for 19 yards and Cameron Proudfoot and Hayden McMahon each had 3 yards in the game.

On the defensive side of the ball, Lopez led the Mustangs in tackles with 9. Ty Boor and Jaime Cavan each had 8 tackles and Cade Cunningham finished with 7. Mitchell recorded 5 and with 4 tackles each were George, Proudfoot and Karver Wilkins. David Cribbs had 3 tackles and with 2 each were Jake Lentz and Landon McMahon. Mason Orem and Hayden McMahon each had 1 tackle in the game.

The Mustangs play the Irrigon Knights at home this week on Thursday night at Les Payne Field. Game time has been changed to 7:30 pm.

season.

The cheerleaders are looking forward to homecoming and all the school spirit that week of events brings.

Homecoming 2022 will be Friday, October 7, vs. the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots.

I hope you all will come out to support the squad that roots the loudest for our boys of fall.

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