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Columbia All-Stars headed to state



Heppner members of the Columbia All-Star 10U baseball team stopped by the Heppner Gazette-Times last week while they were out raising funds for their upcoming trip to La Grande. After winning the District 3 championship in Hermiston last month, they are now headed to the state tournament in La Grande this Friday. Anyone wanting to sponsor the team to help cover costs of lodging and meals at the tournament can contact Stefan Matheny at 541-371-0881. Pictured L-R are Columbia All-Star Heppner players Keller Sweeney, Lucas Matheny, Cooper Patterson, Kason Botefur, Urijah Wedding, Sonny Matheny, and Casyn Adams. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

Death Notice

Robert L. Stevens— Robert L. Stevens, 84, of Hardman died July 9, 2023, at Heppner. He was born July 22, 1938, at Heppner. A memorial graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Lorraine Ruth Bates— Lorraine Ruth Bates, 94, of Condon passed away July 17, 2023. She was born October 29, 1928. Arrangements are pending with Sweeney Mortuary. A full obituary will follow in next week's Gazette-Times.

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Jones receives Yard of the Month recognition



Theresa Jones with parents, Sharon and Bob Jones. Sharon states that she is very proud of what her daughter has accomplished with her yard and home with her hard work. -Photo by Kay Proctor



By Kay Proctor
Heppner's Yard of the Month recognition for July goes to Theresa Jones. The home at 220 W. Willow was the site of an older home that sat vacant after being purchased by neighboring Randall Peterson. Peterson had the home demolished and the lot sat empty for years. Theresa asked Peterson if he would sell it; he would and did, and her work began. After leveling and foundation work, a manufactured home was maneuvered into place. Prior to that, Theresa bought a shed in Pendleton, dismantled it, and reassembled it on her lot. She uses this for her wood shop, which is her favorite place in her backyard. Sitting on a semi-graveled, dead-end and quiet

street meant lots of terrace work to do to create a level yard. Using landscape blocks and large rectangle pavers, Theresa created a sloped path through the front terracing, and then planted the beds along the terrace with perennials and shrubs, mulching them in. Her favorite is her Weeping Cherry tree. Other plantings are roses, hostas, two healthy yuccas, two older lilacs and rhododendrons. More terracing behind the house was done with basalt rock, all found on the property. Found and gifted old bricks are used in several areas and a fire pit sits below the back terrace. A little arched bridge between a fence that Theresa made of some free posts leads to a gazebo, with an angel garden nearby. Shaped beds

are topped with river rock. Theresa laid realistic but artificial grass for her back lawn because her lawnmower didn't fit over the little bridge, so now some vacuuming is needed.

The front lawn was started with grass seed which did not turn out well, so sod was placed. Theresa always wanted a wishing well, and there is one in the corner. Theresa does have future plans such as a metal sculpted tree on the side of the home that faces the street, a waterfall and railings for the sloped path to the woodshop.

Since deer had claimed the empty lot for years, they returned to sample the new plantings. For some reason, no deer have bothered things this year, but two large bullsnakes have visited. She did have goats to keep weeds down, but they are at a new home now.

The lot has a cut bank against the hillside where remnants of some sort of building show. There is also some low-grade opal in the bank and Theresa found obsidian when working the grounds. A friend found a large brass ring when doing some groundwork and, since they discovered it, Theresa let them take it home.

While she had professionals do work and other people including boyfriend, Richard St. Clair, helping out, Theresa worked solo on many of the projects, just figuring out what and how to do them. She states that she is not a gardener, and had never landscaped before, but imagined a vision of what she wanted and accomplished it, enjoying the results. She recommends others try that process because "they can make it happen with hard work."

Theresa grew up in Tigard and has worked at the Heppner Post Office as a USPO Clerk for eight years. Her daughter, Jamie, lives in the area, and son, Romney, lives in Arizona, as do her parents, Bob and Sharon Jones, former Heppnerites.

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