

KPUD Renovates White Salmon Office

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Customers who have stopped by our White Salmon office may have noticed a new look in progress.

Along with many improvements made to the interior, LandMark's Landscaping is replacing the old lawn with rock and giving a make-over to the exterior of the office.

Rick and Marjorie Baumgarten, who own and operate LandMark's Landscaping, have been in business for seven years. Landscaping has been a lifelong interest for them.

On a brisk Thursday morning recently, they were hard at work shoveling rock along the new sidewalk, but they didn't seem to mind the cold because they love their work.

Rick said one of the hardest jobs he has done was working for

Eleanor Dooley during the 1970s. Rick says he learned his work ethic from Eleanor.

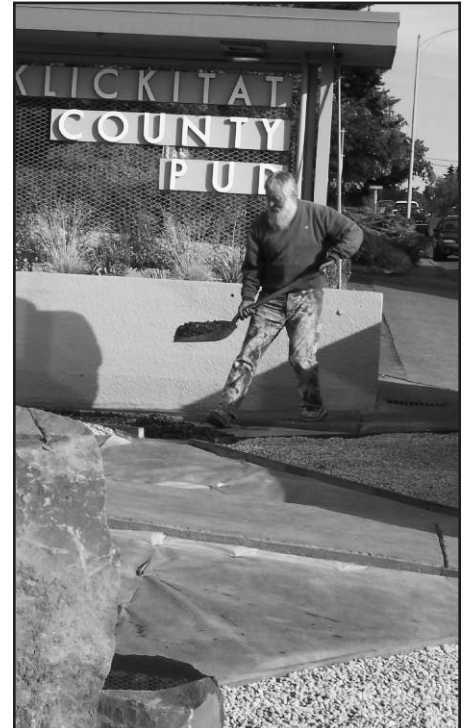
"She was the hardest boss I ever had," he said. "She never cut any of her employees an inch of slack, but I loved working for her."

Once Rick and Marjorie discovered how much they loved to landscape, they started out by doing their own yard. From that project, they offered their expertise to help their friends and neighbors with their landscaping needs.

Pat Morris from Trout Lake praised the Baumgarten's work at KPUD's White Salmon office.

"I really like the new look," he said.

More changes are scheduled for the White Salmon office. Keep an eye out when you are paying your bill or just driving by. ■



Rick and Marjorie Baumgarten at work at Klickitat PUD's White Salmon office. The Baumgartens operate LandMark's Landscaping. They are replacing grass with a rock landscape outside the White Salmon office.