

IONE GRAND MARSHALS

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 ministrator, and also did a brief stint as home economics teacher in Ione in 1978. She then worked in their insurance company for a while before taking a job with a local dental clinic. She was employed with the Morrow County Health District when the district bought the dental clinic in 1993; she worked as office manager there before transferring to Pioneer Memorial Clinic. Since then, she has worked at PMC and Irrigon Medical Clinic, first as office manager and medical coder, and then as medical coder. She retired from the district on April 4 of this year.

The Swansons have also been active in the community over the years. They were awarded the conservation farm award for Morrow County in 1984, and he was selected Heppner Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year in 2004.

"That really took me by surprise," said Jim.

Monica says her activities were mostly on the quiet side.

"We're involved in a lot of things in Ione and Morrow County, but my things were more around home," she said. She added that she was active as a 4-H leader, and was involved in the interior design during the remodel of the Ione High School gym and St. William's Catholic Church, which she enjoyed.

"I sort of 'led the charge,'" she said.

The couple also hosted several exchange students throughout the years, and Jim was involved in various organizations.

"Jim is on or has been on every committee anywhere," quipped Monica. For Jim, one of his proudest accomplishments came as one of the founding members of one particular board, the Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

"It's been so rewarding to see how well that has done to provide (sports opportunities)," he said. "That was back when sports were one of the things that were going to be cut because of funding. We were able to create that (district) to maintain sports for kids in Morrow County schools."

Sports are dear to Jim's heart; he was a long-time coach in Morrow County, enjoying the opportunity to coach many different sports. He retired this year from coaching boys' junior varsity basketball for Ione High School. He still substitute teaches in Heppner and Ione.

As Monica follows Jim into retirement, they now have to figure out a new routine of hobbies and free-time plans. Monica says time with the grandkids is first on her list, followed by sewing and yard work. The couple also loves to travel, and hopes to continue their habit of seeing new places. Jim likes to play golf, and both expect to spend time in Corvallis, rooting on their OSU teams.

Despite all their community involvement, the couple says they were surprised to be chosen as grand marshals for the 2013 Fourth of July parade.

"We were really surprised," Jim said. "There are so many deserving

people."
 "I thought, 'Maybe they ran out of people,'" joked Monica, adding that she first thought it was a joke. "I thought someone was pulling a fast one on us. When we realized it was sincere, we were quite honored."

Betty Gray of the Ione Fourth of July committee says those who made the decision saw it differently.

"The reasons Jim and Monica Swanson was selected to be grand marshals for our 2013 Fourth of July parade are numerous," said Gray. "They have been a pillar of our community for many years. They support and contribute to the community of Ione whether it is the school, ICABO, education foundation, students or St. William's church. It will be a pleasure to honor them during our Ione Fourth of July celebration."

The Swansons said they are simply happy to have had a community like Ione in which to raise a family.

"We're so grateful for the wonderful small community; we're lucky to be in this place to raise a family. We've had a lot of exchange students live with us and they feel the same way. That tells you something, too, when you have kids from all over the world (see that)," Jim said, adding that they always enjoyed the Fourth of July celebration.

"It's been fun to see it grow into a really cool event. We're very honored to be selected."

The 2013 Red, White and Blues Fourth of July parade will take place Thursday, July 4, at 1 p.m.

June Yard of the Month announced for Heppner

By Kay Proctor

Mike and Christy Correa's cheerful yellow house on the Heppner/Condon Highway, with lots of roses blooming out front, has received Yard of the Month honors for June.

Christy is a Heppner native whose parents, Don and Jan Stroeber, received Yard of the Month recognition in 2005. The family tradition continues with daughters Makenzie and Morgan, who both say they like to help in the yard.

Mike moved to Heppner from Pendleton during his school years. He and Christy began dating as high school seniors during the St. Patrick's celebration, and later married and attended college in Bend. Returning to Heppner, Christy began work at the Bank of Eastern Oregon in 1992. Mike has worked for the US Forest Service and Bob Mahoney, and has been with Morrow County Grain Growers for 17 years now.

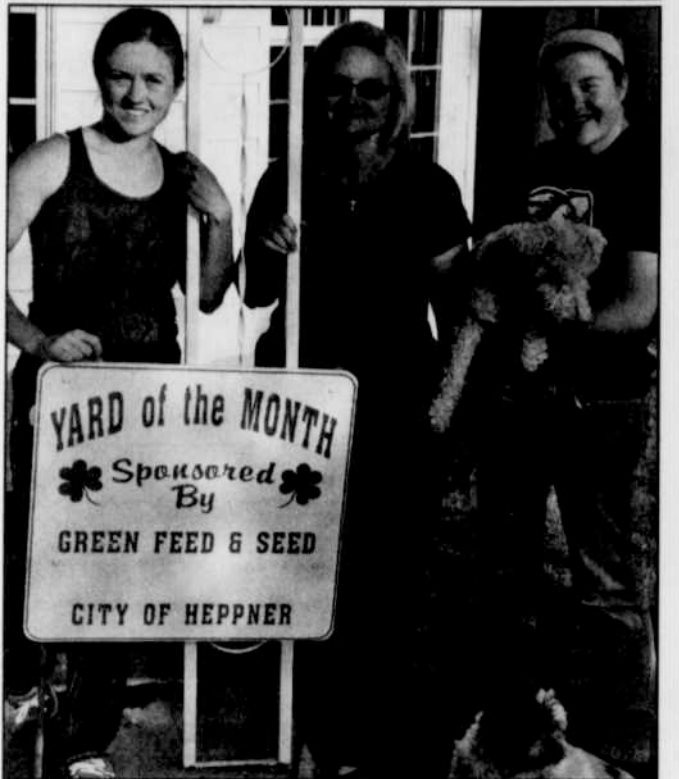
The couple purchased their home in 1993 from the estate of long-time residents Herman and Mary Bletell.

When remodeling inside, they discovered the stud-less walls covered with barn board. The house began as a one room cabin in 1912 and the house was built around it. The Correa's added a bay window, moved the kitchen, added a backyard patio and re-finished the basement with help from skilled friends.

Two huge, dying locust trees were cut down between the house and highway, opening up their view from the front porch. A chain-link fence was still in good shape after a row of overgrown, giant arbovitae was cut away from it. Two mature walnut trees produce a good crop and provide shade.

Flower beds have been added in every nook and cranny, and Christy has filled them with a mix of annuals, perennials and shrubs. Found objects, planters and birdhouses made by family members are scattered throughout. The girls' favorite plant is an oriental tiger lily. Christy admits to being a "plant freak," and can't choose just one favorite.

A few years ago, the Correas purchased the prop-



Top: Mike and Christy Correa's cheerful yellow house on the Heppner/Condon Highway was chosen Heppner Yard of the Month for June. Bottom: Christy Correa (center) with daughters Makenzie and Morgan and the family dogs. -Photos by Kay Proctor

erty next to them from the Tom Hughes family. The old farmhouse was cleared off and Mike has been improving the pasture since, taking out many dying trees with help from friends. Christy's retired 4-H/rodeo horse, Sadie, enjoys the larger area to graze. The girls keep 4-H/FFA market pigs nearby. Camo and Co-coa, the family dogs, keep watch over everything.

Another pet is a miniature rabbit, Buddy. Because the house is painted yellow with a green roof, University of Oregon colors, Buddy's hutch was painted orange and black, Oregon State University colors, to make things fair. Jeff Orr was painting contractor for the hutch project.

Shobe Creek runs through the back of their property and owls live in the tall cottonwoods along it. Other wildlife observed are toads, snakes, a raccoon

and foxes. A black pheasant rooster was seen for several years. Deer leave Christy's roses alone, but love the crabapples growing in their side yard.

A raised bed full of strawberries was a recently completed, and Christy would love to have a water fountain feature someday. She says Mike is "patient" with her ideas and projects.

The family keeps busy with their daughters' sports, FFA and 4-H activities but, when at home, their favorite place is the covered patio between the house and shop. From there, they can see who drives by heading to the mountains or to town, so be sure to wave at this hard-working family when you go by.

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

Boardman will thunder on July 4

Boardman's Fourth of July celebration, Boardman Thunder, will be held on Thursday, July 4, this year.

The day begins with a Fun Run and Walk for those interested in starting the day with a little exercise and fun. Have a great breakfast at the Pavilion at the Marina Park and support the local scout troop. They are serving an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast (with all the trimmings) for a suggested donation of \$4 for kids and \$6 for adults from 7-10 a.m.

Line-up for the parade begins at 10 a.m., and it is not too late to enter a business in the parade. The parade begins at 11 a.m. Beginning at 1 p.m.

there will be kids' games, a horseshoe tournament and bingo, all happening at the Boardman Marina Park on the Columbia River. Several vendors will be available to grab lunch and find some items to remember the day.

At 3:30 p.m., spectators can enjoy the talent show and, if they are lucky enough to have a talent, be one of the performers. Cash prizes are offered for the winners. Sheila Corpus is the host of the talent show; she usually sings a song for the crowd.

At 5 p.m. Jason Ropp and the Dragon Theater Puppets will present a puppet show, "The Pirate and His Pet." The performers

will be dressed as princess characters and will have craft activities, as well as face painting and animal balloons. This is their first time in Boardman.

At 7 p.m., Tony Madrigal will perform at the Pavilion while the city gets ready for the fireworks show that begins at dusk (usually around 10 p.m.). The fireworks are funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

Anyone wanting more information about the Boardman Thunder Fourth of July Celebration, sponsored by the Boardman Chamber of Commerce community and business members, call 541-481-3014.

Sheriff's Report

May 18: The Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of a 25-year-old female with a lot of stomach pain. She was transported to Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

-MCSO received report of a large red horse out next to the highway on Hwy. 207, Heppner.

-MCSO received report that Hermiston Police Department arrested Joseph Arthur Manning, 27, on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Parole Violation/Assault IV. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$10,000 bail.

-MCSO, Boardman Fire Department, Boardman Ambulance responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident with injuries and telephone lines down at Homestead Lane/Pole Line Rd., Boardman. Irrigon Ambulance and Station 7 stood down before responding.

-MCSO received report of a large group of motorcycles headed into Morrow County from Umatilla. Umatilla Police Department called back to advise that

the subjects were going the wrong way. They were given directions and turned around.

-MCSO received request for a deputy from an Irrigon man who wanted to know how to get a restraining order against people who were harassing him.

-MCSO received report from a Boardman man of an ongoing issue of loud music at a neighbor's place.

-MCSO received report of a two vehicle accident on I-84 Boardman. MCSO was unavailable and the call was transferred to Oregon State Police.

-MCSO received report from a woman that her \$3,000 bed frame was stolen from a storage unit in Irrigon. She advised that she had seen the frame at a second hand shop in Hermiston. It was determined that the incident occurred in Umatilla County and the caller was advised to contact Umatilla County Dispatch.

-MCSO received report of a white and tan male Jack Russell dog missing in Heppner. The caller said the dog was last seen near Hwy.

207 and Basey Canyon Rd. headed toward Clarks Canyon.

-MCSO arrested Mario Garcilazo, 18, on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Rape III and Sexual Abuse II. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$75,000 bail.

-MCSO received request for a deputy for family problems at an Irrigon residence. The caller said a male had been drinking and the family was upset about it and he did not want the situation to escalate.

-Ione Emergency Services received report from Life Alert of an 82-year-old male who had fallen and was unable to get up. The ambulance stood down before going en route.

May 19: Morrow County Sheriff's Office cited Fabian Olvera, 19, for Violation of the Speed Limit, 72 mph in a 45 mph zone and Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance.

-MCSO responded to a report of three subjects yelling and making noise in Irrigon.

-MCSO received report of a nine-month to year-old

hound dog found at a Heppner residence.

-MCSO received report from a Boardman man that he and several others were having a dispute with neighbors over noise. A deputy responded and spoke with both parties, advising them of their options.

-MCSO received request for deputy contact concerning felons and firearms.

-MCSO received request for information concerning a lien on a storage unit.

-MCSO received report of a black cow out near the road in front of the caller's house in Boardman.

-MCSO received a request for deputy contact from an Irrigon man about some things his wife is doing that are possibly fraudulent. He requested that the deputy stop by his house as his phone was not working.

-MCSO received report of cars going past the "Do Not Enter" sign at Barratt and Pioneer in Heppner and speeding in the area. The caller requested extra patrol.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon man that his ex-wife moved out and took his tools with her, moved into another place and then was arrested and was in jail. The caller said that the male who also lives with the ex-wife was having a yard sale and selling the tools. The caller requested phone contact.

-MCSO received report of four kids smoking marijuana at the Irrigon Skate Park. The caller said they were sitting in the grass next to the road, all of them were juveniles, wearing baggy clothes, one with a striped shirt and another with shaggy blonde hair.

-MCSO cited Rosalio Rojas Cruz, 37, for Driving Uninsured and Failure to Register Vehicle. The subject was also arrested for Driving While Suspended-Misdemeanor and lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$6,000 bail. He also received a verbal warning for Failure to Maintain Lane.

-MCSO, Boardman Fire Department, Irrigon Fire Department received report of a field fire west of the Boardman Fire Hall,

north of Wilson.

-MCSO advised a female to leave the Willow Creek Reservoir in Heppner because it was after dark.

-MCSO received report of a trespass at Double T Farms in Boardman.

-Ione Emergency Services received request for assistance from a subject who needed help getting into his chair. It was a non-injury.

-Heppner Ambulance received request for an ambulance for an 83-year-old male in Heppner who hadn't been feeling well and felt like he was about to pass out. The ambulance responded.

May 21: Morrow County Sheriff's Office, Heppner Ambulance, Heppner Fire Department responded to a request for an ambulance for a 51-year-old man who was breathing, but unconscious. He was transported Pioneer Memorial Hospital by ambulance.

-MCSO received report of child or elder neglect. No further information was available.