

# Corbins win yard of the month Chamber announcements and upcoming events



Terry and Linda Corbin's yard on Sperry Street in Heppner is the winner of the May yard of the month. -Contributed photo.

A secluded haven within Heppner city limits has earned its owners, Terry and Linda Corbin, yard of the month for May.

Located at the end of Sperry Street, the Corbins lived in a large new home there for several years, with two-plus quiet acres leading to Willow Creek. Terry always wanted to live in the mountains, so they eventually moved to Blake Ranch and now rent out the large Sperry Street home and two smaller other homes on the same property. Linda has chosen to continue maintaining the yards and grounds.

During the 1960's Terry and his parents, Bert and Jet Corbin, lived in one of the smaller homes and Terry graduated from Heppner High School. Later, he served as a police officer in Beaverton. Linda, who is from Western Oregon, worked a variety of jobs including food service.

When Terry retired from the police department, the couple moved to Heppner and purchased the local bowling alley/restaurant. Renaming the business Corbin's Diner and Bowl, they did extensive remodeling and upgrading, establishing a fun 1950's theme. The diner was well known for Linda's pizza with made-from-scratch dough.

Both of their daughters, Tina Bowles and Teresa Corbin VanDoorn, lived in Heppner, although Teresa

now lives in Tri-Cities. All five of their grandchildren attended Heppner schools: Connor, Jesse and Kaden Corbin and Micha and Zech Hintz.

After years of working long hours at the diner, the couple sold it in 2001. Linda started a new career as regional director for I.C.S., an international student exchange program. She worked with local families and brought a large number of students to our area from around the world, with many families and students forming close, long term relationships.

To live on Sperry Street, the Corbins had to carve out a site for their new home, close to the basalt rock cliff forming the back of the property. A long stretch of fill dirt (from construction at Heppner Elementary) was brought in to raise the entire site 8' above the flood plain.

Linda scavenged volcanic rock from the property and elsewhere to build a lengthy terrace at the front. Several of her exchange students helped with the wall and Linda has sent them photos showing that "it is still standing."

Although Linda gardened in Beaverton, she faced a real challenge in their undeveloped eastern Oregon acreage. But the soil was good and she was able to start a lawn from seed. The four lonely starts of perennial Jupiter's

Beard that Linda planted on the long terrace wall thrived and spread or were transplanted to fill in the entire length, growing from crevices, too. She added perennial creeping thyme.

Other plants used in the lush landscaping are perennial baby's breath, snapdragons, clematis, lavender, asters, Korean lilacs and Linda's favorite, Snow-in-Summer, which thrived from four small, half-dead starts. A protected bed by the house grows Lenten roses. The paved sidewalk above the terrace with flowering plants on both sides was put in to remind her of landscaping in Beaverton.

A tall American elm that is perhaps 100 years old provides deep shade and a home to some kind of car park that was set down in the trunks forks so long ago that the tree has grown into it.

Pole fences were built and a healthy willow tree planted. Bricks from the demolished Heppner High/Junior High School were used in borders. Decorative grass begins at the curve of the driveway.

Linda enjoys beautiful sunsets from their property, but has to share their place with some wildlife. Besides the usual deer and skunks, there's been an aggressive owl that tried to carry away their cat and a raccoon playing on a light in the shop rafters.

While taking a short break from yardwork, Linda mentions how fun it is to do and how important it is to be outside in the fresh air, breathing in air that isn't full of car exhaust.

Heppner's Yard of the Month recognition is sponsored by the Heppner volunteers, MCGG-Green Feed and Seed and the City of Heppner. For information or suggestions, contact Kay Proctor at kayproctor@gmail.com.

## Chamber announcements and upcoming events

Morrow County Cultural Coalition, funded by Oregon's Cultural Trust Foundation is now accepting proposals for the 2019 grant period now through August 1. Categories for qualifying groups or projects are literary, historical preservation, visual and performing arts, and humanities and cultural organizations. Complete guidelines and grant application for 2019 projects can be obtained by contacting grant administrator, Gayle Gutierrez at 541-676-5630 or via email ggutierrez@morrow.or.us. Proposals must meet criteria noted on the application and include a timeline with the project to be completed no later than Oct. 15, 2019. Grants can be awarded up to 50 percent of total project cost.

Every Tuesday in June (June 5, 12, 19 and 26) from 12-1 p.m., webinars will be offered on Dementia and Alzheimer's by Willow Creek Terrace. These webinars are open to anyone to attend, bring your lunch or have lunch with us. Lunch with us cost \$5 and you must RSVP on Monday before. There is no cost for the webinar.

June 2 to Aug. 25 from 1-4 p.m. the Neighborhood Center will be open on Saturdays. Donations are accepted and the thrift store will be open to shoppers. No food boxes will be distributed on Saturday. For questions contact 541-676-5024.

Friday, June 8 through Friday, July 6 applications will be accepted for the business enhancement grant provided by Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group (WCVEDG). Businesses must be a local business operating in any of the south Morrow County communities. Funds are designed for outside/exterior improvements only and the requestor must provide at least 50 percent of the funding. Completed grant applications must be emailed, mailed, hand delivered or faxed to the Chamber office no later than Friday, July 6 to be eligible for consideration.

Willow Creek water park is now open. Regular hours are 1 to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Daily admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for students and \$2 for children. A family pass is \$140 and a single pass is \$75. Swim lessons for levels one through six begin July 9 and July 30 and run for two weeks.

Thursday, June 21, Rocking the Longest Day will be held at Wil-

low Creek Terrace. This event is being held to raise awareness and support for advancing research on dementia and Alzheimer's. The Longest Day is all about love, love for those affected by dementia & Alzheimer's. A free continental breakfast will be served from 5:30 - 10 a.m., free BBQ lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cupcakes will be provided by Sweet Delights and Community Bank will provide cookies and snacks. Free Dementia/Alzheimer's awareness and support education will be available at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. contact Willow Creek Terrace for additional information.

Friday, June 22 from 9 to 11:30 a.m., Immigration Legal Services in Collaboration with Domestic Violence Services, Inc. presents Using Immigration Laws to help survivors of domestic violence and child victimization. This meeting will be held at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Room in Boardman. RSVP to Griselda Cuevas or Manuel Gutierrez at 541-567-0424.

Sunday, June 24 from 6 to 8 p.m., Ione Music in the Park concert series will feature Brady Goss. Concessions available by Tacos Hometown at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, June 26 at 7 p.m., Vegetarian cooking class with blueberries as the theme at the Heppner SDA church gym. Samples and recipes will be available to take home. For additional information or to RSVP call 541-561-9132.

Thursday, June 28 at 6 p.m., Drop in Teen Time glow party at the Heppner Library. All teens are welcome for fun, snacks, games and prizes. Sponsored by the Oregon Trail Library District.

Saturday, June 30 at 9 p.m. (or at dark), Ione summer movies in the park will feature Ghostbusters. The movie is rated PG and will be shown at the Ione City Park. Ione Fourth of July is the sponsor.

Sunday, July 8 from 5 to 7 p.m., Music in the park at the Heppner city park, featuring Lindy Gravelle. Additional information available soon. This concert is facilitated by Hopeful Saints Ministry. As a fundraiser, a tent will be set up to serve pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, cookie and drink for a donation. The music for this event is being funded by Morrow County Unified Recreation District. Bring your own chairs.

Saturday, July 14 at 9 p.m. (or at dark), Ione sum-

mer movies in the park will feature Cars. The movie is rated G and will be shown at the Ione City Park. Columbia Basin Electric is the sponsor.

Sunday, July 22 from 6 to 8 p.m., Ione Music in the Park will feature Frank Carlson. The event will be held at the Ione Legion Hall and is sponsored by Morrow County Unified Recreation District and the Ione Library Board. Concessions will be available by Tacos Hometown at 5 p.m.

Monday, July 23 through Friday, July 27 from 6 to 8 p.m., Vacation Bible School at the Heppner Christian Church. There will be a BBQ dinner provided on Friday. Additional information soon.

Saturday, July 28 at 9 p.m. (or at dark), Ione Summer Movies in the Park will show Lion King, which is rated G.

Sunday, Aug. 12 from 5 to 7 p.m., Music in the park at the Heppner city park, featuring Wasteland Kings. Additional information available soon. This concert is facilitated by Hopeful Saints Ministry. As a fundraiser, a tent will be set up to serve pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, cookie and drink for a donation. The music for this event is being funded by Morrow County Unified Recreation District. Bring your own chairs.

Week of Aug. 15-19, Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. Wednesday, Aug. 15 from 7 to 10 p.m., dinner by Paradise Rose Chuckwagon and music by Trevor Tagle. Thursday, Aug. 16 from 6 to 10 p.m., Murray's Wine and Micro-Brew Tasting. Dinner by Heppner Chamber of Commerce and music by Nate Bosford. Friday, Aug. 17 at 1 p.m., chili cook-off sampling. 7 p.m., OTPR rodeo performance. Saturday, Aug. 18 at 10 a.m., Morrow County Fair and Rodeo parade. 7 p.m., OTPR rodeo performance. Sunday, Aug. 19 at 1:15 p.m., Morrow County rodeo.

Saturday, Aug. 25 at 9 p.m. (or at dark), Ione Summer Movies in the Park will show the 1995 version of Jumanji, rated PG.

Sunday, Aug. 16 from 6 to 8 p.m., Ione Music in the Park will feature Absolutely Nobody, with the Joe Lindsay and Corey Cooley families. Concessions available by Tacos Hometown at 5 p.m. The event will be held at the Ione City Park and is sponsored by Morrow County Unified Recreation District and the Ione Library Board.

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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health care services, staying in school, a safe place to live, having enough food to eat and getting to appointments to be healthy and ready to learn. These are the foundations of the CARE program goals to help Morrow County students lead healthier lives and achieve educational

success in their lifespan including having skills for employment by staying in school and graduating.

The Morrow County CARE team assists with dental screenings, vision screenings, medical/mental health appointments, health education in the school setting, immunizations in the

school setting and helping families with transportation to follow up appointments.

During the 2015-16 school year the CARE Team had 2,235 encounters providing assistance to students and in the 2016-2017 school year the CARE Team encounters increased to 2,836.

## Library district to host the Puppet Town Musicians

Oregon Trail Library District will be hosting the Puppet Town Musicians Friday June 22. Penny's puppets return this summer with a new production as Penny puts her twist on the traditional German folk tale of the Bremen town musicians. Penny's puppets

is part of the Oregon Trail Library District's 2018 rock summer reading program.

The puppet show will be held at all three OTLD branches on June 22. Boardman's show will be at 10 a.m., Irrigon will be at 1 p.m. and the Heppner show will be at 4 p.m.

This program is open to all ages and is free. Summer Reading programming is supported by Friends of the Heppner Library, Friends of the Irrigon Library and the State Library of Oregon Ready 2 Read grant.

For more information please call your local OTLD branch, Boardman 541-481-2665, Heppner 541-676-9964, Irrigon 541-922-0138 or the visit the OTLD website at <http://oregontrail.ploud.net/>.

## Summer safety bingo to be held at area pools

Summer safety bingo, an activity for children and families to learn about summer safety while playing a fun game of bingo, will be held June 20 at 2 p.m. at the Ione pool and June 21 at 2

p.m. at the Heppner pool.

This event is sponsored by Morrow County Health so children and families can learn about the effects of the sun, how to stay safe when swimming and how to have

a safe and fun summer.

Prizes will be awarded as well as take-home gifts. All ages are welcome. For additional information, contact Robin Warren at 541-676-5421.

**Ione Music in the Park**  
**Sunday, June 24th**  
**6-8pm Music by Brady Goss**  
**Pianist & Song Writer**

*Everyone invited*  
*Bring chair & cooler*

*Sponsored by Morrow County Unified Recreation District & Ione Library Board*  
*Music in the park will have Performances through September*

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