

Doherty home earns June yard of the month Canine team performs



A corner lot under two shady evergreens have earned Chad and Alicia Doherty Yard of the Month for June.



By Kay Proctor

Even in 100+ degrees, the front yard at 390 W. Union remains shady and cool. The automatic underground sprinklers that the couple installed together last year keep the lawn green. Digging all the trenches for the irrigation system by hand was a bit challenging through the tree roots, so Alicia discovered that a Sawzall makes a handy root cutter. They found their soil to be good, not rocky at all and the project only took about three weeks total.

Chad does regular maintenance on the lawn to keep the weeds out. Other upkeep has been pressure washing the deck, replacing some boards, then painting with Deckover. A board fence they built is preserved with stain.

The Doherty's favorite place in their yard is the long front porch enjoying hummingbirds at the feeder and butterflies visiting the four large, matching flower boxes full of bright petunias, Alicia's favorite flowers. Chad has all flower containers on drip lines and feeds them with a fertilizer

purchased at Green Feed and Seed.

Plans are to plant two deciduous trees on the west side of their lot. Chad had to protect their strawberries and tomatoes from deer from reaching over the fence to dine on them, so he wire-caged the plants this year.

Family BBQs are held with different yard games. Son, Nathan, is stationed in the US Air Force in Minot, North Dakota for now. Daughter Bridget will be a senior at Hermiston High School while daughter Brittany is married and teaching preschool in Richland while earning her degree to become an elementary school teacher.

Alicia has lived in Heppner for seven years now but grew up across the United States: California, Delaware, Washington DC. Her father retired from the Navy as a Lt. Commander and her parents now live in Tri-Cities. Dad enjoys woodworking and built the deck flower boxes, a wishing well, and a sturdy decorative post for hanging baskets for her. Alicia mentions that her mother al-



Left: Chad and Alicia Doherty show their June Yard of the Month sign to pets, Benny and Toby.

ways had a beautiful garden wherever they lived with lots of flowers, including petunias.

Employed at Wheatland Insurance for five years now as personal lines manager, Alicia previously worked at Kennewick General Hospital for 14 years.

Chad grew up in Heppner and has also lived in Hermiston and Portland when employed by Safeway. He fought fires with the US Forest Service, too, but has been with the City of Heppner for 17 years, now as public works director, including making sure our town's utilities are operable and our parks are well taken care of. While Chad states that all anyone needs to do to have a nice yard is "make sure the water is working and kill any bugs," the Doherty's yard shows TLC has been added, too.

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



Feta and Reed had to wear shoes to protect the floor while they performed for the Ione Library Summer Reading group.

The Border Collie International Performing Canine Team thrilled the audience at Ione Library's Summer Reading Program on June 29. Because of the weather the team and audience of 47 children and 20 adults met in the American Legion Hall where the air conditioning was available.

Rescue dogs Feta and Reed demonstrated their skills at soccer, frisbee and football. The shoes they wore for traction and to protect the floor proved a distraction to the dogs, but entertainment for the kids as Feta often stopped the show to remove her boots. Wiggles joined the

audience to show off her Oregon themed outfit and sneak a few pats and kisses from the onlookers.

Handler Greg Gustafson reported he was pleased with the reception he and the dogs received and hopes to come back to perform again.

Forest public use restrictions increase

Umatilla National Forest officials implemented Phase B Public Use Restrictions on Thursday, July 1, 2021, due to high fire danger, the potential for human-caused fires, and concern for public safety. The increased restrictions pertain to the use of campfires, smoking, chainsaws, internal combustion engines, and generators.

Beginning last Thursday, campfires are only allowed in designated campgrounds and recreation sites. Liquefied or bottled gas stoves and heaters are allowed for cooking and heating. A list of designated recreation sites is available on the forest's website.

Operating an internal combustion engine, such as a chainsaw, is prohibited without a valid permit. Commercial and personal

use firewood permits are regulated by the conditions of the permit and separate from restrictions under this public use restriction.

Generators will only be allowed in the center of an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is cleared of all flammable material, or when fully contained within a pickup truck bed that is devoid of all flammable material, or when factory installed in a recreational vehicle and the generator exhaust discharge is located in the center of an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is cleared of all flammable material.

Smoking is only allowed within enclosed vehicles, buildings, and developed recreation sites or when stopped in an area cleared of all flammable material.

As a reminder, travel restrictions prohibit motor vehicles traveling off designated Forest roads and trails, except for the purposes of going to or from campsites located within 300 feet of an open road. Motorized travel on segments of road where access is blocked by gate, barricade, log, boulder or earthen berm is also prohibited. Vehicles must still abide by all laws and regulations pertaining to the area of travel.

Regulated closures may be in effect on state and private lands protected by Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) in northeast and central Oregon. For more complete information, contact a local Oregon Department of Forestry office or visit the interagency dispatch center's webpages.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office has released the following information:

June 20: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report t Boardman Chevron on Main St N., in Boardman. Hysterical female advising a male has a warrant and she is in Boardman. Female is in Jetta Green in color ***Vaca, Luis Manuel was arrested by BPD for MCCC warrant, lodged at UCJ on bail of \$10,000.

-MCSO received a report at Port View Apartments on Columbia Ave Ne., in Boardman. RP is advising the neighbor above him is slamming the walls and being very loud.

-MCSO received a report on Highway 74, in Lexington. RP is advising that they need to report that they have hit a deer. Referred to other agency.

-MCSO received a report at Morrow County Ohv Park on Forest Service 21 Rd., in Heppner. OHV deputy was advised by camp host that there was a male subject looking for his family last night. Female located, is ok.

-MCSO received a report on Se Division St, in Irrigon. Caller advised that her husband needs stitches from being punched in the face by her son. Johnson, Joseph William was arrested by Morrow County Sheriff's office on warrant. Subject lodged at UCJ with no bail.

-MCSO received a re-

port at Se Utah Ave/Se Tenth St, in Irrigon. 2 cars, silver dodge dart, Goldish Suzuki SUV spare tire on the back.

-MCSO received a report at Love's Travel Stop and Country Store on Tower Rd., in Boardman. Caller advised her boyfriend threw a water bottle at her son. He took off walking towards the Highway.

-MCSO received a report at Ne Washington Ave/N First St, in Irrigon. Caller advised he lost two steers in this area, both black angus steers, one with a white face, only about 700 lbs. each.

-MCSO received a report at Mountain Glen Apartments 1-8 on Ne Pioneer Dr., in Heppner. Caller can hear a male screaming at someone at the Mountain Glen Apartments. It's been on and off for the last ten minutes. She can hear it over her air conditioning and her Netflix.

-MCSO received a report at Kunze Ln/Peters Rd, in Boardman. Dark green Toyota Hybrid vehicle shooting a gun out of the window, heading west towards Tom's Camp Road

-MCSO received a report at Columbia Ln/W Sixth Rd, in Irrigon. Caller advised there is a brown cow and a black cow with red tags in their ears that are loose.

-MCSO received a re-

port on Highway 730, in Irrigon. Caller is advising of two black cows on the loose b/w the Irrigon Shell and Irrigon Market heading towards Division.

June 21: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report at Se Cowins St/Se Alfalfa St, in Heppner. Caller is requesting welfare check on a small dog, possibly a box terrier, is in a white work van with the windows partially down.

-MCSO received a report at Ac Houghton on Ne Main Ave., in Irrigon. Caller is reporting a theft that happened over the weekend at the elementary school. Caller advised the theft is on video of someone stealing both the American and state flag from property.

-MCSO received a report at Vadata PDX 90 on Olson Rd., in Boardman. Caller is advising of speeding traffic in the area of Olson, heading to and from the PDX site.

-MCSO received a report on Se Utah Ave, in Irrigon. Grey/brown ford fusion flew down towards tenth.

-MCSO received a report on W Highway 730, in Irrigon. Caller is advising a white Subaru failing to maintain lane and speeding,

-MCSO received a report on I 84 E, in Boardman. Caller is advising that a dark Subaru hatchback is in the median with all 4 of its doors open, appears originally heading east bound. A blonde female is standing out with vehicle.

NEW LISTING

\$300,000

A classic beauty in Heppner. From the front sitting room thru the woodworked dining room and open kitchen with island, this 4 bedroom 3 bath home is a unique find. The large living room is overlooked by a balcony upstairs where three of the bedrooms are located. Master bedroom is on the main floor with bath and walk-in closet. Skylights give natural light to the interior. Home includes a two car garage and basement for storage along with a big utility room.

Call for an appointment to see this!

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Join us as we celebrate **George Nairns** Gilliam & Bisbee Building July 8th, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

We will celebrate her hard work and dedication that she has put into Willow Creek Terrace over the years and wish her good luck on her new journey!

Ione Community Church
470 E Main Street, Ione
Summer worship at 10:00 AM
Sunday Mornings

"You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart."

-Jeremiah 29:13
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