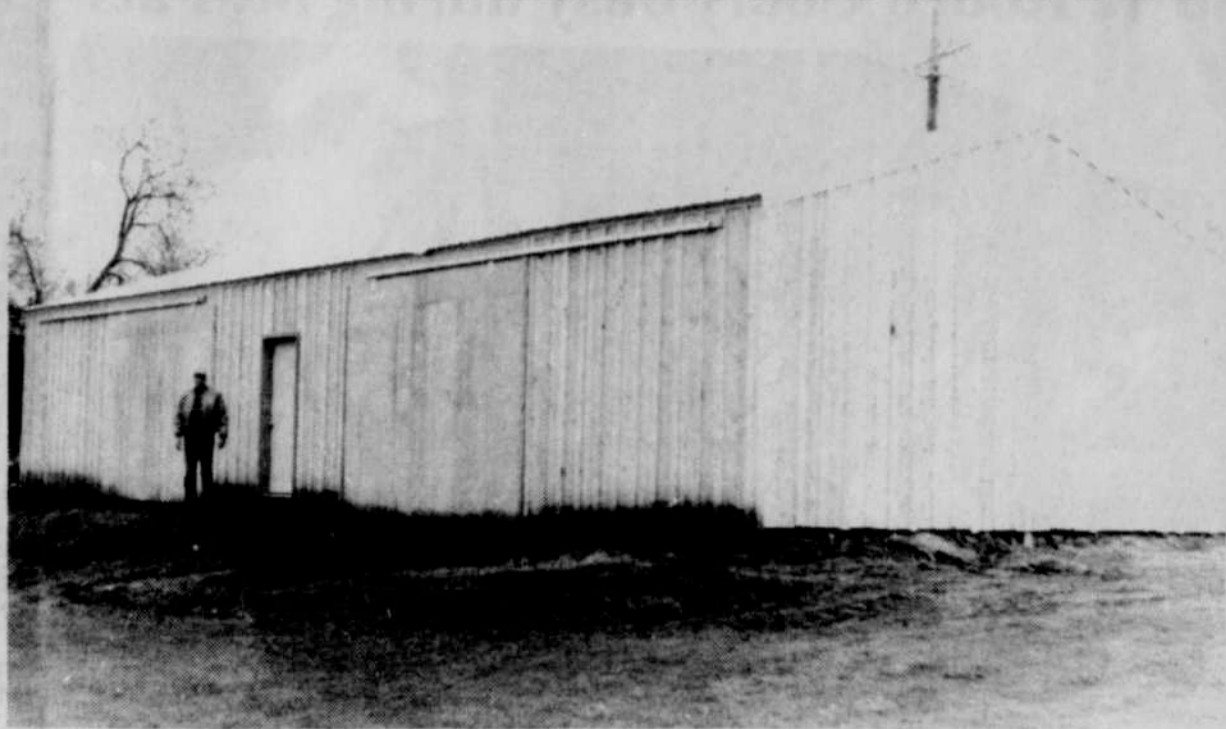


## Volunteers build machine shed for WCCC



Willow Creek Country Club president Les Paustian shows new machine shed built at the golf course

The hard work of members and donations from local businesses has helped Willow Creek Country Club in Heppner make some much needed improvements.

On Feb. 23, 20 members met at the golf course with hammers and the will to work built a new machine shed. Members had worked several weekends prior in preparation for the project. The shed will store all the

equipment and parts.

Kinzua Corp donated all the lumber and building equipment, \$750 was received from an anonymous business, \$200 from Devin Oil and \$250 from Les Schwab. The use of a cat for leveling the ground was donated by Pettyjohn's, concrete from Umatilla Redi Mix and Lott's Electric donated the electrical work for the shed. Dave Allstott also contributed his

expertise.

"The golf course through the years brings a lot of outside business to the community with tournaments as well as people who just pass through who stop and play," said WCCC President Les Paustian. "I feel that it is a real asset to the area. I want to thank all the businesses and individuals who helped make this happen."

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## Sunshine gives Luck O' the Irish to sheep dog trial competitors



Photo by Marilyn Robinson

Brian Thompson (l) presents Patrick Shannahan with sheep dog trial trophy

Sunshine, tempered by a cool breeze, gave a large gathering of dog owners the luck of the Irish for two days of open air competition during the Shamrock Sheep Dog Trials, a major fete during Heppner's annual weekend St. Patrick's celebration.

It also took lots of work by organizers William and Sandy Rill and plenty of volunteer helpers including the Ewes R Us 4-H sheep club. Around 100 sheep donated and trucked to Heppner by the Krebs Ranches helped make the trials a success.

Entrants logged many miles traveling from all over Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California to be a part of this first dog trial of the season in Heppner.

Once bitten by the sport of working dogs, contestants said that they travel many miles during the year to participate in a dog trial circuit at different locations. The camaraderie

and the sharing of knowledge has attracted many new dog lovers to these sporting events, they claim.

For instance, first-time competitor Jim Lunders, Boardman, was the only Morrow County contestant.

"It was the best \$10 (the entry fee) that I ever spent for all the knowledge that I gained," Lunders said. He said that before the trials his knowledge of dog trials was limited to designated patterns on paper. But with the help of friendly competitors, he placed third with a 37 on one run in the two day event. That has whetted his interest in participation at the next dog trials to be held at Arlington, Washington.

"The sheep were better than ever," said judge Cliff Steelman Cecil, who has been a regular contestant in the Heppner trials since it started nine years ago.

He said he appreciated the opportunity to judge a quality group of

cooperative dog handlers, as well as the hospitality of the community and the Krebs Ranches for providing the sheep.

Using well-trained border collie dogs, Patick Shannahan, Nampa, Idaho, bested competitors by capturing all three top places in the open class division.

Shannahan's participation made a difficult course look easy, it takes well-schooled dogs to herd six sheep at one time through a course marked with fences and to pen the sheep in a small enclosure at the end of a run.

Shannahan's Irish heritage helped capture the spirit of the occasion as his border collie dog jauntily sported green-dyed white hair on the dog's neck.

Shannahan also won the high point trophy, sponsored and presented by Brian Thompson, local owner of a purebred Rambouillet flock.

Thompson commented that there should be more awards given to these dog handlers who spend many long hours schooling dogs that respond to almost invisible commands.

Each division of the contest has a different pattern and scores from both days' runs are tabulated to determine the winners, who compete against the clock.

Winners of the pro-novice class were: first place to Robert Apleebee, Molalla, WA, with his dog Bobkat scoring 111.5; second place went to Judy Norris, Roy, Washington when her dog Spot received a 101.5; and the third place finisher was Kathy Brunetto, Oregon City as her dog Skye racked up a 94.

First place novice winner with two successful runs was Dick Walton, Moxee, Washington, whose dog Ringo earned a 68; second place went to Shagay Gregory, Star, Idaho, with a 65 score for her dog Sweet; and third with a 38.5 was Ruff, the dog belonging to Bonnie Block, Poulosbo, WA.

place winner.

Along with other taste testers, the out-of-town dog owners got a late Saturday morning start on the dog trials as they dropped in at the lamb cook-off in the downtown Farley building before returning to the fairgrounds.

The judges were Beth Mills, Pendleton and Crystal Holmes, Hermiston, a graduate of a culinary institute in Portland.

Holmes remarked that all the entries were very well prepared and attractively garnished. It wasn't an easy contest to judge, she said.

Superior Farms of both Hermiston and Ellensburg, donated cuts of American lamb for prizes. Lamb and game seasoning spices were donated by Johnny Enterprises of Tacoma, WA.

## Clint Krebs captures lamb cookoff title

In conjunction with the weekend St. Patrick's celebration, Heppner's first lamb cook-off was a mouth-watering success, according to food samplers and the organizers of the event, Maureen and Penny Krebs.

A variety of conventionally-cooked gourmet dishes were sampled along with hickory-smoked meats that sizzled on barbecue grills. Maureen Krebs said that they were pleasantly surprised by the variety of dishes entered in the contest that ranged from shish kabobs to different types of roast, ground lamb casseroles and stuffed lamb.

Clint Krebs made good on his prediction that no one could best his culinary talents after 20 years experience. Krebs captured the all-around award of a \$50 cash prize, donated by the Oregon Sheep

Growers Association. However he returned the money to the association for a special fund to promote an upcoming 100-year celebration of Oregon's sheep industry.

Krebs' hickory smoked lamb chops marinated overnight in red wine, bested the savory well-seasoned barbecued roast prepared by Jim Boor, Ione, who placed second.

Shelley Turner, Heppner, took first in the conventional cookery division with her apple cider marinated broiled lamb chops enhanced with garlic, mushrooms, carrots and potatoes.

And an attractively prepared lamb medley recipe using lamb shanks, lentils and vegetables was prepared by Morrow County Home Extension Agent Carol Bennett was the second

## Ranger district Sagely named to health co.

### plans free tree give-away

The Heppner Ranger District is having a "Tree Give Away" in conjunction with their open house, Thursday, March 28, at Heppner St. Patrick's Senior Center. The open house will be held from noon to 8 p.m.

The variety of tree seedlings that will be given away free include: maple, pine, birch, honey locust and mountain ash. There will be a limit of five trees per family.

The open house will also feature information about the Heppner Ranger District's proposed projects. This will give the public an opportunity to become involved in the planning process of the district and the district's program of work.

Information and displays ranging from timber harvest, reforestation, timber stand improvement, tree improvement, firewood sales, fire control, planned burns, access management, human resource programs, the Blue Mountain Scenic Byway and other recreation projects will be featured.

For additional information, please contact the Heppner Ranger District at 676-9187.

### Sagely named to health co.

Pam Sagely has been recently hired as the Morrow County Community Encourager. "This position is part of a community decision-making project, seeking to involve county residents in the development of solutions to the problems facing rural health care," said Sagely.

Sagely will be acting as a liaison for the county's residents facilitating citizen participation in the decision-making process. She received training for this position through an intensive training seminar, which utilized staff from Mountain States Health Corp., and faculty from Northwest area colleges and universities.

As a part of this project the Morrow County Health Care Council will be formed to help identify the community's needs and to address the issues that confront a rural health care system. This council will be made up of county residents from various socioeconomic, demographic, and geographic sectors to provide the broad base necessary to achieve a balanced council.

Sagely will also be doing presentations to various social and civic organizations around the county. The purpose of these presentations will be to raise awareness of the community decision making project and to encourage citizen involvement in the process.

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Pam Sagely

"Community awareness and involvement are key components to the success of this project," stated Sagely. She added, "I am very excited about working with Morrow County residents to identify their needs and solutions as well as identify opportunities available to them."

Sagely moved to the Heppner area in Sept. from Corvallis. She and her husband, Bob, who is the science teacher at Heppner High School, have two children, Olivia, 7, and Kaitlyn, 5.

Anyone wanting further information about the project or wishing to participate is encouraged to call Pam Sagely at 676-9133 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

## Crystal Minster takes second in contest

By Anne Morter

Crystal Minster, sophomore at Ione High School, took second place in the recent United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Contest sponsored jointly by the Oddfellows and



Crystal Minster

Rebekahs Lodges. Her second place finish entitled her to an all-expense paid trip to the United Nations.

Minster qualified for the contest by writing an essay. She was then required to give a speech in front of three judges at the contest held March 10 in Pendleton. Suzanna Hansell of Weston-McEwen High School was the overall winner.

The two girls will travel with a group from the state of Washington, leaving Spokane on June 29 for a 21-day bus tour of the country. Besides the U.N. they will visit various sites in Washington, D.C., and New York and will see Niagara Falls and also a Broadway play.

Crystal is the daughter of Rick and Pam Minster of Ione.

## Teacher contract talks continue

Negotiations continue in Morrow County for a new contract between the teachers and the school board. Negotiations began five months ago, with both sides agreeing to meet face-to-face without hired negotiators. The current contract expires in June 1991.

Negotiations continued with some progress, according to an MCEA news release. On February 19, the school board hired Ed Rutledge, a negotiator with the Oregon School Boards Association from Salem, to negotiate for them. A meeting was held on February 27 at which the teachers met directly with the board and Mr. Rutledge.

A meeting scheduled for March 13 has been postponed until March 26 because the board was unable to have all its team members present, said the release.

## McCaslin resigns to take position at Eagle Point

Morrow County School superintendent Doyle McCaslin has signed a contract with the Eagle Point School District, which is just northeast of Medford, to become their superintendent, effective July 1.

McCaslin, who has been Morrow County superintendent for the past seven years, said that he will receive

a \$65,000 salary at the Eagle Point District, which serves the areas of White City, Eagle Point, Shady Cove and Trail. He received \$51,000 as Morrow County Superintendent.

McCaslin said that he has offered his assistance to help in the recruitment of a new superintendent.

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