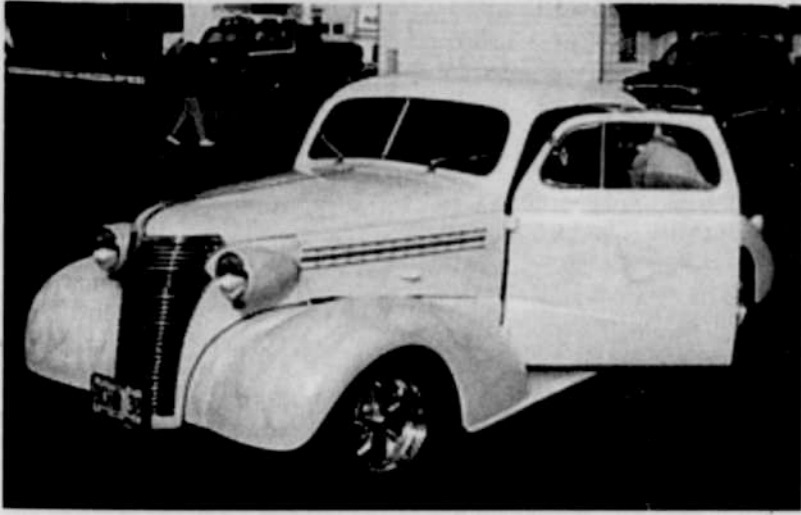


Cruz-In draws 53 entries to Heppner's St. Paddy's festivities



One of the entries in the Cruz-In

The Second Annual St. Paddy's Cruz-In, held during the 20th St. Patrick's Celebration, drew 53 entries to Heppner. Award winners were:

-Daryl and Anita Dick from Welches, Oregon, won the Classic Ford Car Award and also the Mustang Award for their '65 Mustang Fastback;

-Gary Watkins from Heppner won the Classic GM Car Award and The County Judges Award and was also the Leprechaun's Choice Award Winner with his 1956 Chevy four-door Belair;

-Larr Franklin from Kennewick, Washington, won the Classic GM Pickup Award with his '75 Gentlemen Jim Classic;

-Gary Jones from Hermiston with a '71 Dodge Dart Savage won the Modified Chrysler Car Award;

-Andy and Donna Anderson, Hermiston, brought their '63 T-Bird and won the Modified Ford Car Award;

-Danielle Looslie, Lexington, with a '72 Chevelle Malibu SS won the Modified GM car award;

-Cathy and Rex Baker from Pendleton with their '55 Nash Metropolitan were Modified Orphan Car award winners;

-Jim and Susan Klock from Gresham entered their '58 Chev Fleetside Pickup and took home the Modified GM Pickup award and also were the People's Choice Award Winners;

-Mac and Pat Wells from Kennewick, Washington entered their '47 Hudson Pickup and won the Modified Orphan Pickup Award;

-Dick Sargent, Heppner, entered his '30 Ford Model A and won the Vintage original prior to 1949 Award;

-The Vintage Steet Rod Award went to Gerald McBee from Umatilla with his '32 Ford Pickup;

-Michael Smith from Pendleton entered his '52 MG-TD and won the Foreign Classic Award Plaque;

-Chris Roop from Pendleton took home the Men's Attire Award for his 70's British costume;

-Debbie Tracy from Hermiston won the Women's Dress Award for her 50's dress;

-The Hermiston Classic Car Club, with six entries, won the Club Participation Award.

Sponsors of the 2002 Cruz-In were Artisan Village, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Brannon Auto Repair, Columbia Basin Escrow, Coppock Surveying, D & L Auto Parts, Devin Oil Company, Gardner's Men's Wear, Heppner Auto Parts, Heppner Gazette-Times, Heppner Hardware, Heppner High School Student Body, Jay Coil Fabricating, Klamath First Bank, Les Schwab Tires, Lott's Electric, Murray's Drug, Northwestern Motel, Peterson's Jewelers, Pettyjohn's Farm and Building Supply, Heppner Red Apple Market, R & W Drive-In Restaurant, Wheatland Insurance, Whistling Wings Taxidermy, Willow Creek Realty, Osmin Century Welding, Lexington Polaris, Morrow County Grain Growers, R.J.'s Steakhouse and Lounge in Lexington, G.D.'s Restaurant and Linger Longer Lounge in Heppner, Green Feed and Seed, Ali-Kat Creations, John's Other Place, Bucknum's, Shamrock Lanes, Pot O' Gold Cafe, Sherrell Insurance Agency, Lexington Auto Body, Kuhn and Spicer Attorneys at Law, and Miller Manufacturing.

Heppner band students participate in honor band



High school band participants (left to right): Luke Murray, Jody Maddern, Darren Van Cleave.



Junior high school band participants (left to right): Brendan McElligott, Matthew Van Cleave, Laurie Murray. Not pictured is Heather Rill.

Seven band students from Heppner participated in the Mid-Columbia Honor Band in Trout Lake, WA, March 10-11. They were accompanied by their band teacher, Wendy Appleton.

High school participants included Jody Maddern, tuba, Luke Murray, trumpet, and Darren Van Cleave, trumpet. Junior high participants included Brendan McElligott, oboe, Laurie Murray, trumpet, Heather Rill, trumpet, and Matthew Van Cleave, trombone.

The students rehearsed for 10-1/2 hours on Sunday afternoon, Monday morning and

Monday afternoon. They then performed a concert on Monday evening.

The Mid-Columbia Honor Band is an annual event sponsored by Columbia River Music. Band members are chosen by nomination by their instructors. This year's event included band instructors and students from 17 different schools. The high school band included 73 students and was conducted by Chuck Bolton of Mt. Hood Community College. The junior high band included 79 students and was conducted by Mel Hotchkiss of Spokane, WA.

Oregon Trail Appaloosa Club meets

The Oregon Trail Appaloosa Club discussed the poker ride at their meeting on Feb. 21. Final preparations for the April 6 ride have been initiated. This ride is open to all ages and will begin at the Columbia River Equine Center four miles west of Umatilla. Sign-up time is from 8-10 a.m. with the ride beginning at the center and traveling west along the river. The fee is \$5 a hand with no limit. According to Sheldon Marnee, who is in charge of this event, everything is on track and the group hopes to have a good turnout. Awards will also be presented.

Information was received concerning changes in the regional appaloosa club breeding program. Anyone interested should contact the Moscow, Idaho, office for more input on this subject.

Shannon Mayfield, who is in charge of the awards and obtaining show judges, has been in contact with two judges for the July and September. Their names will be posted at a later date. Additional ribbons are needed as the club is running low on assorted placements.

Times for the July show have been rescheduled. The trail course will start at 1 p.m. and the halter classes, English and Western will start at 3 p.m. Games and classes are planned for the youth and all ages. This show is open to anyone who has a horse of any breed. The show was previously an evening show, but it has been changed due to more classes. The judge for the show will be announced at a later date. Prizes and awards will be presented for all winners.

Tickets for the raffle held at our meetings were available. The winners this month were Shannon Mayfield, who won a digital thermometer, and Jackie Smith, who won curved scissors for mane and fetlock trimming. Bob Quimby won the Dutch oven, however, he was not there, so the money goes back into the oven for next month's drawing.

On February 9, a show committee meeting was held with Sue Jankunis, show chairperson, to begin to organize the work and people helping with the shows. Most of the planning was finalized for the July show. Except for receiving answers from judges, all help has been organized.

A clinic with Dr. Don Peter was discussed at a future date. The next meeting will take place at the Gordon Schmidt's residence for the equine massage clinic on March 23. Those planning to attend may call for instructions to the location.

Anyone interested in the appaloosa club is asked to call 541-567-3076, 541-567-3531 or email primrose@eoni.com.

Allen to retire after 30 years in education



Dick Allen

Long-time Morrow County principal Dick Allen has announced his plans to retire at the end of this school year. Allen, 52, will retire June 26 after 30 years in education.

Allen was born in Ontario and spent his first three years at Oregon Slope on the Oregon side of the Snake River. His mother was from Weizer; her family had moved to Kinzua during the 1950s. His paternal grandparents had a farm in Nebraska, where his father grew up, but the family lost the farm during the Depression and moved out West. Allen's parents met after World War II. His father tried his hand at farming at Oregon Slope for awhile and then the family moved to Kinzua in 1952.

Allen attended grade school at Kinzua and went to high school at Wheeler High School in Fossil, where he was active in sports, especially football and basketball. He graduated from Wheeler High School in 1968. He and his wife, Jannie, who was two years younger, knew each other in high school, but didn't start dating until he left for college. Allen attended Eastern Oregon College at LaGrande, now Eastern Oregon University, two years before transferring to Western Oregon College, now Western Oregon University, at Monmouth. He graduated from WOC in 1972 with a degree in elementary education.

After graduating from college, Allen taught two years at Faye Wright Elementary School in Salem. By that time, Jannie had also graduated from Western Oregon and they decided to move to a place where they could both work. They took the first position offered them—at Fossil High School. He taught grades six-eight for five years. His wife taught at Fossil for four years, before their son, Steve, was born in 1979. Steve graduated from Lone High School in 1997. Now 23, he is a senior at the University of Oregon in Eugene, majoring in international studies and Spanish. He plans on going into the Peace Corps.

Allen, who had been working toward his administrative degree, then got a call from the Spray school district asking him to apply for the combined principal/superintendent position. He interviewed two days later and was hired on the spot. He was administrator there from 1979 to 1985 and also taught classes and coached. Their daughter Elizabeth was born while the family lived at Spray. Elizabeth, now 20, spent a year studying in Scotland during high school. She is currently attending Lane Community College at Eugene, studying to become a masseuse.

Allen was hired as principal at Lone Schools in 1985 and served in that capacity for 15 years, until he accepted the position as principal at Heppner High School. This is his second year at HHS. "I thought it was an excellent opportunity," said Allen. "Both Lone and Heppner

have outstanding students, good parents and excellent staff. I feel I was always blessed by being surrounded by such dedicated and outstanding people. I've thoroughly enjoyed working with the staff, site councils, advisory committees and the parents. It was a good move for me."

While his tenure has had many high points, Allen admits that he won't miss the numerous evening meetings he has had to attend. "It was time to retire," he says. "I will enjoy the flexibility. Now I'll be able to take a little longer vacation and certainly can do a little more hunting and start fishing. I've never been a

fisherman." Retirement will also give him a little more time to work on his hot rod, a 1967 Chevelle Supersport 396 which he has painted "Tahoe Turquoise", its original color. "It's fun to work on and Jannie's anxious to get her garage back," he laughs. Also on tap are some minor remodeling jobs around the house.

Allen says that he can also foresee some substitute teaching. "I've always missed being in the classroom," he added. And he has considered the possibility of contracting with the school district for a teaching or administrative position. Jannie will continue in her teaching position at Heppner Elementary School. The Allens make their home in Lone.

Soccer club gears up for 2002 season

Willow Creek Soccer Club is gearing up for the 2002 soccer season. Last year was the first season for the soccer club and it was a "huge success" according to organizer Tina Edwards. Registration for this year will be held in May with dates, locations and times to be announced soon.

In the 2001 season, 32 kids from Heppner, Lexington, and Lone formed three teams, with two coaches, a team parent, and a sponsor for each team. The teams were formed according to American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) age divisions as follows "under six", "under eight", and "under 10". These age divisions are determined by the age of the player as of July 31 prior to the upcoming season, with the exception of the under six division for which the youngest age is 4-1/2. Those players must be 4-1/2 by July 31, 2002.

For the 2002 season organizers expect to fill at least one team in each of these age divisions, and are hopeful that they can add an "under 12" division. Teams are co-ed unless they have enough players to form both a girls' and boys' team in a given age division.

Registration last season was \$31 for the first child and \$28 for each additional child per family. The league (Columbia United Soccer Club) expects to be able to keep the fees at that price for the 2002 season. Registration includes insurance and a team uniform with shorts, jersey and soccer socks. Players are required to have shin guards which are not provided. Soccer shoes are not required. Cleated baseball shoes are not allowed.

The season lasts approximately 10 weeks with a game usually every Saturday at the soccer fields on Elm Street in Hermiston. For the under-six teams all games are on Saturdays. The under-eight team had one weeknight game last season and under-10 had two weeknight games. The 2002 season should follow that same pattern. Anyone who is considering joining but is concerned about the time burden of traveling to Hermiston for games is urged to speak with families who played last season. "I guarantee you that you will more often than not hear that once the season was under way the fun and enthusiasm easily superseded the burden of a trip to Hermiston," says Edwards. "For those who are concerned about not being able to make it to all games due to work or other conflicts I guarantee you that players will have no problem finding a ride with a teammate."

Anyone with questions, or who is interested in helping out is asked to call Tina Edwards or Darrell Raver at 676-8710. Registration notices will be posted in late April - early May.

Morrow County Gun Club news

By Sandi Day

A group of shooters from Morrow County Gun Club traveled to Fossil this past weekend to bring home some meat from their annual St. Patrick's meat shoot. The gun club was represented by Curt, Sandi and Chance Day, Barry Munkers, Keith Papineau, Rob Ashbeck, Jimmy Walton, Tony Greenup and Jason Maben.

MCGC will hold their own annual spring meat shoot on Saturday, March 23, beginning at 10 a.m. The shoot will run all day and into the evening for a night meat shoot.

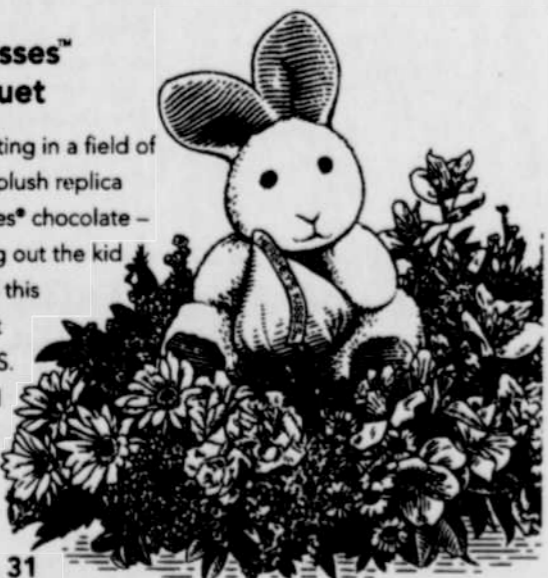
The winter league shooting came to a close on March 10 with the team of Jeff Cutsforth and Mark Schlichting coming from behind to win the buckles donated by Harvey Childers and PegLeg Farms of Lone.

MCGC will continue shooting on Friday nights beginning again on Friday, March 29, starting at 6:30 p.m., with a spring league competition running through May.

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