

Papineau to compete in national road operators' contest

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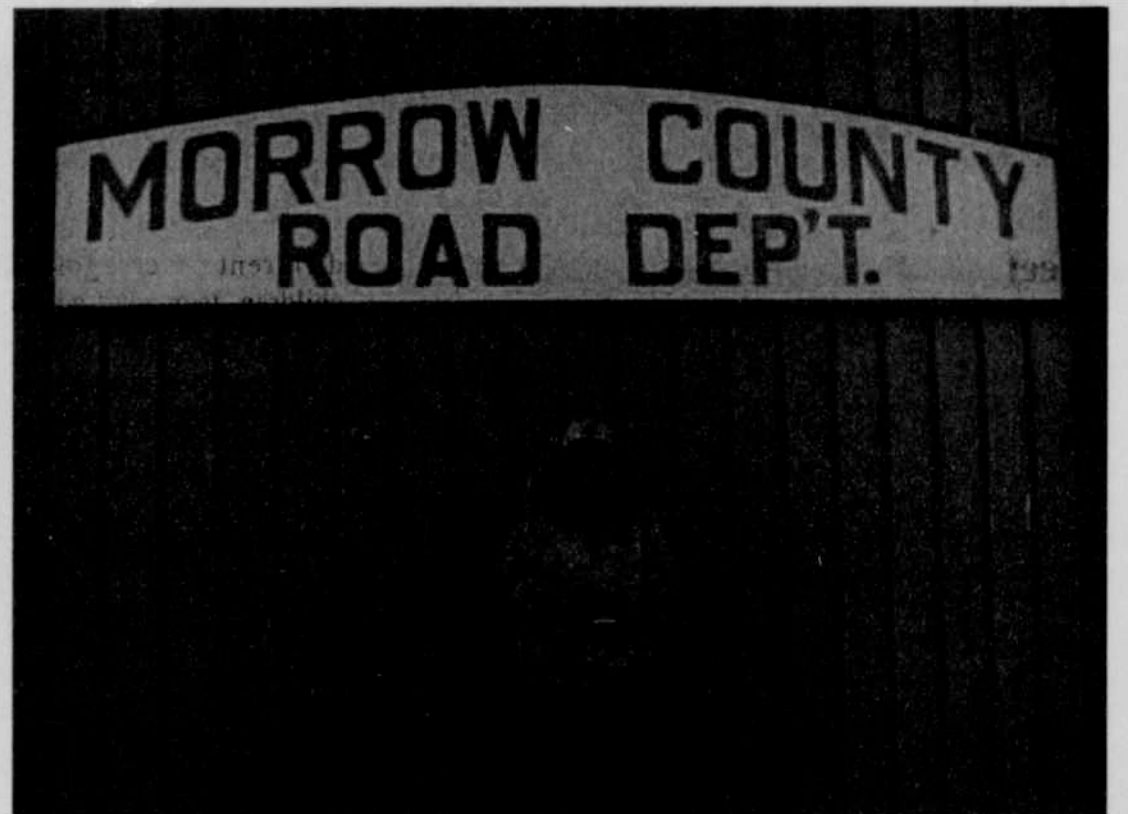
The Grader contest (above and below), where a grader is driven through a course and then try the driver tries to push a bowling ball into a slot



Chains-On-Off



Loader, where a ball is dropped into a garbage can and then maneuver a course



Jay Papineau with road equipment operator's awards (top and bottom)

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Jay Papineau, Lexington, will represent Morrow County in Denver, Colorado, at the road equipment operators' National Skills Demo Competition. Papineau earned this honor this month in Roseburg at Oregon's Skills Demo Competition.

This competition is a week-long skills and

knowledge competition for road equipment operators. Employees from Oregon Road Departments as well as ODOT show their skills on obstacle courses using a variety of types of equipment. In addition to Papineau, Tom Bedortha, Bill Morris and Greg Close, all Morrow County, also competed.

maneuver a course; Chains-On-Off, where the truck driver grabs a set of chains, puts them on their dump truck, pull forward and stop exactly on a line, check the chains, back up to the exact same spot, take off the chains and return the chains to the starting point.

There were a total of 120 operators at the competition. Each person is eligible to compete in all of the events. The people with the top two scores are then eligible for the all expense paid trip to "Top Gun". Papineau placed second overall. First place went to our neighboring county, Wheeler County, who will be represented by Scott Richardson.

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