

# Memorial golf tournament held Brosnans earn yard of the month

The second annual Father Condon Memorial golf tournament was held at Willow Creek Country Club in Heppner Saturday, August 28. The tournament raised money for the Holy Name scholarship fund.

Thirty-eight golfers participated this year to honor Father Condon, who was an avid golfer. Golfers raised their glasses in a toast to Fr. Condon prior to teeing off. Many local businesses donated prizes and money to the event, which was organized by St. William parishioners Mark McElligott and Jim Swanson.

The brunch for golfers was prepared by St. Patrick altar society members Mary Haguewood and Karen Wolff.



The golfers toasted Father Condon prior to teeing off.



Event organizers were Jim Swanson and Mark McElligott



Brunch was prepared by Mary Haguewood (left) and Karen Wolff.

**By Kay Proctor**  
Dan and Doris Brosnan's home at 240 Center Street has earned them and their beautiful, loyal Collie dog, Katie, Yard of the Month for August.

Knowing each other since they were kids growing up in Heppner, Doris had a crush on Dan since their junior high school days. She says that Dan was a country kid, and she was a town kid, so they didn't begin dating until their senior year in high school.

The couple raised their children, Damon and Darci, in western Oregon. Doris had a career as a school-teacher and Dan was with the Oregon State Police. When retirement time came



Doris Brosnan and Katie in front of their 'historic' sycamore tree. -Photos by Kay Proctor.

## Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

**August 2, 2021:** - Sydney Jean Maben, 23, Heppner, and Alan Lester Blackman, 24, Heppner.

**August 4, 2021:** - Jason Robert Carson, 40, Ione, and Ellen Michelle Moore, 36, Ione.

**August 12, 2021:** - Jorge A. Pantoja, Jr., 51, Hermiston, and Connie L. Landon, 54, Hermiston.

## Morrow County Fair champion livestock winners announced



Champion market hog, shown by Briar Reeves of Irrigon and purchased by JVB Dairy, represented by John Vandenbrink.



Reserve champion hog, shown by Jace Wilson, purchased by Silver Creek Construction and represented by Gay Newman.



Champion market lamb, shown by Brooklyn Hendricks of Heppner, purchased by Umatilla Electric Co-op, represented by Tanner Britt.



Reserve champion goat, shown by Zaleta Masterson, purchased by NW Farm Credit, represented by Darcie and Calvin Sexton.



Reserve champion lamb, shown by Zandra Masterson, purchased by Community Counseling Solution and represented by Kimberly Lindsay.



Reserve champion steer, shown by Radley Griggs of Boardman and purchased by Lamb Weston, represented by Marie Linnell.

for Dan, he only wanted to live in one place: Heppner, so back to their hometown they went.

After moving back Dan served as Morrow County commissioner, then later worked security for the justice court. Doris plays tennis regularly, volunteers at their church and at many local organizations. She currently writes a column she created for the Heppner Gazette-Times called Good News Only. The couple has four grandchildren.

Frank and Kay Anderson built this brick house in the 1990s, and Brosnans purchased it in 2014 after living on Hinton Creek for several years.

It's easy to find their home, just look for the giant Sycamore tree in the front yard. The Brosnans have been told that this tree was part of the original homesite of the long-gone Barnett home and that it is a historical tree of Heppner.

The tree provides deep shade and curb appeal, and also chunks of bark that it naturally sheds.

The large lot is on a hillside, but extensive leveling and terracing, up to four tiers high, with large basalt rocks carved out a flat yard. Doris is the gardener of the family and climbs those terraces to take care of a wide variety of plants. Dripline has been laid for irrigation on the terraces and an underground irrigation system keeps the lawn green.

Many more plantings

have been added to the established landscaping by Doris including her favorites, a diversity of ornamental grasses and a large, spikey yucca that thrives next to a ruby red flowering hibiscus.

She enjoys volunteer plants that pop up but doesn't enjoy having to thin them out at times, not liking to cut back anything green. She does admit that she is death on weeds though, pulling those greedy things out by the roots.

Like all gardeners, Doris has her challenges, mostly trying to establish itself, moles, stubborn Bermuda grass. Also, a small pond that she had always wanted was put in the backyard only to have its solar pump constantly plug up, so she just let some rude English ivy take the pond over.

Doris calls their yard "a work in progress" as she likes to try new plants, appreciating their greenery, their colors, and textures. Her favorite places for that appreciation are at the sink looking out the kitchen window to view the soaring tiers of flowers beyond, and relaxing on the back patio, listening to the wild birds chattering. She says, "There are so many benefits to a green yard; especially now as earth needs more trees."

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



Champion market goat, shown by Sierra Simmons, purchased by All-American Heating and Colling, represented by Dave and Nicole Loper.



FFA donation hog, sold for \$23,000 with all proceeds going to support the backpack programs in Irrigon, Boardman, Ione and Heppner communities facilitated by the FFA chapters in each respective town. JVB Dairy and John Vandenbrink supported \$18,000.-Contributed photos.



Left: Champion market steer, shown by Mason Orem, Ione, purchased by Devin Oil, represented by Tim Wilkins.

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