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## Weather

by Don Gilliam

	High	Low	Precip.
Tues., Nov. 4 -	57	41	
Wed., Nov. 5 -	56	40	
Thurs., Nov. 6 -	58	46	.29
Fri., Nov. 7 -	64	49	.88
Sat., Nov. 8 -	57	43	.02
Sun., Nov. 9 -	49	35	.11
Mon., Nov. 10 -	48	28	

## MCGG celebrates 50 years, record crop with dinner

"Your overall financial picture has improved over the last year as a result of net savings up 43 percent," Morrow County Grain Growers' accountant told gathered members of the co-op at the annual meeting and 50th anniversary Monday night.

Accountant Steve Green of Pendleton said net savings were \$423,216 this year, an increase of 43 percent over last year.

With a record crop of wheat this year, grain growers were hearing good news at the annual MCGG meeting, however, because of the bumper crop there were also some problems expressed.



Gene Majeske

Co-op Manager Larry Mills told members that 1.25 million bushels of wheat had to be stored on the ground this year, but that the outside storage should not significantly hurt prices received for the wheat. "Loss of grain has been minimal," said Mills.

In other business the membership adopted an amendment to its bylaws and elected board members.

Green recommended that the co-op adopt into its bylaws an option whereby the board could, at its discretion, change notice of allocation from qualified to non-qualified. In the past co-op members have been paid 20 percent in cash and the rest in paper. With the amendment, the board could pay with 100 percent paper. The move would be made on a year-by-year basis, and would be done for tax purposes, said board President Gene Majeske.

In other business, members elected Robert Stevens, Kenneth Nelson, Allen Hughes and Paul Hisler, Jr., to three-year terms on the board of directors.

Steve Wagenblast, James Swanson, Leonard Munkers, Monte Evans and Charles Nelson were elected to serve as associate directors.



Corrine Lindsay prepares to help the Morrow County Grain Growers celebrate 50 years. MCGG celebrated their 50th anniversary at an annual meeting and dinner held Monday evening at the fairgrounds in Heppner.

A full house of MCGG members and guests were treated to a roast beef dinner, birthday cake and door prizes of beef. The evening's program included a slide show, "Our Past is Prologue," presented by Rick Pennell, assistant general manager of North Pacific Grain Growers.

## School board to discuss construction, eligibility

The Morrow County School District board will hold its regular November meeting at the Sam Boardman Elementary School in Boardman on Nov. 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Bob Smith, district architect, will be present to discuss some aspects of the district's new school construction.

The board will receive a report from the special com-

mittee that has been studying eligibility. The board will also discuss a problem related to student foot traffic at Sam Boardman Elementary.

In other business, the board will consider requesting bids for an agent of record to secure the district insurance and will also consider a problem related to transporting of children living at the Blake Ranch near Heppner.

## National Education Week: teacher aides a vital component

On Sept. 30, President Carter proclaimed Nov. 16 through 22, 'American Education Week,' saying, "It gives us a time to acknowledge the accomplishments of an education system that serves more than 58 million young people and adults. We have much to be proud of—our schools, our teachers, and the administrators who make the system work..."

One group of teachers who make the system work here in Heppner, and don't even get paid for it, are the teacher aides—adults and high school students who assist the regular classroom teachers in their work, and give one-on-one instruction for students in the grade school reading program.

Head of the volunteer teacher aide program is special reading teacher, Linda Shaw, who says the aides offer something regular teachers are often short on—time.

"The main thing the aides



Kevin Peck (left), Kelly McLaughlin, Carri Brownfield and Michael Newsom work with high school student, Don Lott, a teacher aide. Lott is participating in the teacher aide program at the Heppner Grade School.

have to work with kids individually. They (students) are made to feel more important; they feel special when they get a little more attention," says Shaw.

Nella Britt, Kay Patterson, Peggy Fishburn, Ruth Bergstrom, Faye Ruhl, Eleanor Gonty, Marion Robinson and Lauri Hire are the eight teacher aides who help children with reading at the Heppner Elementary School.

The women work with children in several areas of reading, including word recognition and reading comprehension. Some work two and others one day per week in the classroom, all without pay.

In addition to the adult teacher aides, students from Heppner High also work in the aide program. Seven students come into the classroom for one hour a day to help the teacher with special instruction for reading students. The high school students receive credits for their time.

## Co-generating may produce electricity

If all the details can be worked out, two co-generating plants may someday be producing electricity in this area. Fred Toombs, manager of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op told a gathering of stockholders at the annual meeting, Nov. 5.

Toombs says that, in addition to a much-discussed co-generating plant using wood waste and built near Kinzua Corp., a second plant using waste heat from two large natural gas pumps located in the hills near Ione is also being discussed.

Company, which owns the pumping station, a booster on a large natural gas line from Canada to other parts of the West, "has indicated a real interest in this," said Toombs.

Toombs says waste heat from the pumps could be used to heat water and drive a turbine to produce electricity. The plant in Heppner, if given the go ahead, would be constructed on the hill near Kinzua Corp. and would burn wood waste from the forests to power steam generators.

"If they both come to be, it puts us (Columbia Basin)

our supply problem," says Toombs. Under present planning, the wood-waste plant would be financed, owned and operated by Columbia Basin and the gas transmission co-generating plant would be owned by PGT, said Toombs.

On a related matter,

Toombs said Columbia Basin has received word that its supplier of electricity, Bonneville Power Administration, plans to increase power rates by 50 percent the first of July. What this means to consumers here, Toombs was not sure yet.

## Elementary open house

Open house will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 19, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Heppner Elementary School. Principal Don Cole has announced.

The open house has been scheduled to coincide with National Education Week which is Nov. 17 through 21.



A multitude of flags, but few passers-by, line the sidewalks Nov. 11 as Heppner commemorates Veterans' Day. The schools, post office, and most local businesses were closed for the day.

## \$1,500 in guns stolen from store

A break in at the Coast to Coast store in Heppner early Saturday morning resulted in the theft of four pistols valued over \$1,500, the Heppner Police Department reports.

Entry to the store was

gained by forcing open a side door. The burglary occurred sometime between midnight and the following morning when owners discovered the theft.

Taken were one Colt Py-

thon, one Dan Wesson .357 magnum, one colt automatic .45 cal., and one single shot Thompson Arms .44 mag. Also stolen were an extra barrel and forearm, according to police.

## House fire put out by resident

An early morning fire Monday had been put out by a resident of the home when Heppner firemen arrived at the scene.

Wallpaper around a wood-

burning stove caught on fire around 4 a.m. at the home rented by Mr. and Mrs. Allen Burkenbine. Burkenbine, a member of the Heppner Volunteer Fire Dept., was able to put the fire out unassisted.

The home, which is located about two miles south of Heppner and is owned by Mrs. C.N. Jones, suffered minor damage only, said Fire Chief Forrest Burkenbine.

## Ione Council contracts

The Ione City Council decided, at its meeting Nov. 4, to contract Dan Meador of Tenneyson Engineering, The Dalles, to assist, if necessary, in maintenance of Ione's comprehensive plan for the Land Conservation and Development Commission. Ione received LCDC approval of its comprehensive plan this summer.

In other business, the city asked water users to pack insulation around water meters for the winter. Genny

sacks, rags in plastic bags were suggested materials for insulation.

## Lexington accepts bid

The Town of Lexington, at its city council meeting Nov. 4, accepted a bid from Circle D Construction, Lexington, to do work for the city.

Circle D Construction's bid was the only one received.

## HHS to play 1st round state playoff action

Heppner High School's Mustang football team will play in the first round of state

playoff action this weekend at Elgin. Game time is at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15. Tickets

will have to be purchased at the gate, as pre-sale tickets are not available. Admission

prices will be \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for students.

Elgin is hosting a hospitality room prior to the game and all Heppner fans are invited to attend.

For those unable to attend the game, it will be broadcast on KUMA's AM frequency.