

## Wheat Growers hold annual meeting

The Morrow County Wheat Growers League held their annual meeting Friday, November 9, at the Elk's Lodge in Heppner. There was an afternoon meeting at which major issues facing wheat growers were discussed, followed by a banquet featuring Scott Hutchinson, executive secretary of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, as guest speaker.

Fred Lundin, Morrow County Agricultural Extension agent, said of this year's meeting, "The issues facing wheat growers today are very important. Low prices, a poor farm program which cuts support payments, and a shaky economy combine to threaten the wheat industry."

One of the issues discussed was increasing the Oregon Wheat Commission assessment from two cents to three cents per bushel. According to the commission, a number of valuable programs have been cut or have not been funded for fiscal year 1990-91 because of a tight budget. They claim that reserves are very low and an additional \$500,000 is needed to fund research, marketing, and the OWGL.

"This county approved the increase," said Lundin. "A vote of those present voted to recommend approval of a one-cent-per-bushel increase in assessment. They felt that in hard times, it was just that much more important to fund research and marketing."

Another fee that was discussed



Ron Anderson of Pioneer Equipment Company, Hermiston, presents plaque to Judy and Keith Rea, 1990 Morrow County Conservation Farm winners Nov. 9 at Wheat League meeting.

was a penny per bushel additional assessment to go specifically for marketing, public policy information, congressional education, and customer relations. After some discussion, the county league voted to recommend against such a specific fee.

One issue that was approved was to include the new grains commission membership in the OWGL. The league would represent all grains commodities, except oats. Such a move requires a change in the by-laws to allow regular (voting) membership by small grains growers who do not grow wheat.

"There were a lot of issues discussed," said Lundin. "They will come up again at the Wheat League Convention this month at the Red Lion in Pendleton. I hope anyone who was unable to attend the county meeting comes to the state convention and participates in the committee meetings there."

New officers were elected during the banquet. Tim Holtz is the 1991 county president, and will take over from Lyle Peck, this year's president, at the convention in Pendleton. A vice-president has not been selected at this time, according to Peck.

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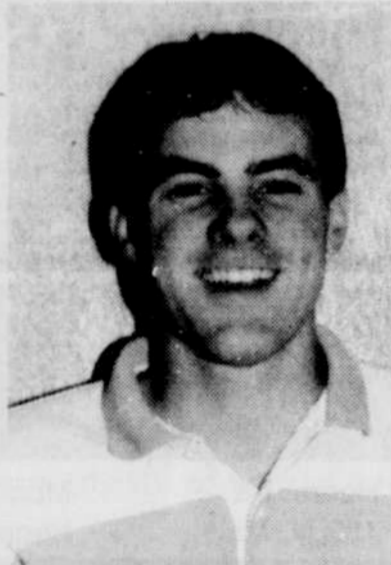
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## Johnston named outstanding student leader among Class 2A schools

Scott Johnston, son of Rick and Susan Johnston of Heppner, has been named the 1990 outstanding student leader for Class 2A schools in Oregon through the Senate Youth Program. The announcement was made at the Oregon Association of Student Councils' Fall Conference in Seaside, November 5.

Six Oregon high school leaders were awarded college scholarships through the program. Johnston will receive a scholarship for \$500. One student is selected from each of the four size groups of high schools in Oregon (4A, 3A, 2A, 1A) and two from among the student leaders who attended the Oregon Association of Student Councils' summer leadership camps. The scholarships are provided by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation.

Johnston, who is the Heppner High School student body president, has been a leader in student government since fifth grade. He was the student body president of Heppner Junior High. At Heppner High he has been a class or student body officer every year and he has been an active and hard working member of the student council. Principal Steve Dickenson said Johnston "is eager to attend state and regional leadership conferences. He has led the student council in implementing many of the ideas to which he has been exposed. He has been an active member in nearly every club oppor-



Scott Johnston  
tunity offered at Heppner High School."

Johnston was a leader in starting the Heppner High Against Drinking/Drugs and Driving group at Heppner High. His efforts earned him a trip to the National MADD Conference in Washington, D.C., his sophomore year. He served as regional representative of Oregon Student Safety on the Move his junior year. In addition he has been active in the Heppner High School athletic program.

Johnston has given tireless hours to community service through his church, 4-H and youth sports. Johnston, who wants to major in

education at Western Oregon State College, volunteered as a tutor to elementary school students this summer.

Nina Tucker, Heppner High student body vice president, in her letter of support for Johnston, wrote "I feel Scott Johnston has good leadership skills. Scott is able to work well with his peers and with adults. No one gets mad at him when he has to take control and be authoritative in a situation because he takes charge in a nice way. Scott is always willing to work as hard or harder than anyone else."

Each school in Oregon has the opportunity to nominate two seniors who are student leaders. At Heppner High School the nomination is made by the student council. This year the student council nominated Tricia Coe, senior class president, as well as Johnston.

Heppner High School has been participating in the program since 1985, according to student council advisor Liz Curtis. "The competition is tough for this award," Curtis noted. "I'm delighted that Scott is the winner for 2A schools. He is an outstanding leader and young man. This recognition confirms my belief that we have always had outstanding young people at Heppner High School."

Nine Heppner High student leaders and Curtis were on hand at the OASC Fall Conference in Seaside to see Johnston honored.

## MCGG profits show drop

The Morrow County Grain Growers recorded significantly lower profits last year, due mainly to a large loss in the grain department, co-op members were told November 5 at the annual Grain Growers dinner.

Overall MCGG profits dropped \$498,320 to \$28,265 on sales of \$43 million.

In the grain department profits went from \$122,000 last year to a loss of \$361,000 in fiscal 1990.

The drop was attributed to less wheat being grown, handled and stored in Morrow County.

Also down from last year was the co-op's fertilizer department which posted only \$146,000 in profit as compared to almost \$190,000 in 1989. Dry weather was blamed for the drop in sales and profits at

fertilizer.

On the upside, because of increased farm equipment sales, and the acquisition of the Heppner propane plant, the farm supply department at the co-op posted a gain of almost \$30,000 in net income last year on sales of just over \$7 million.

Overall the co-op rung up over \$43 million in sales last year, an increase of about \$7 million.

"The decline in wheat prices plus increases in fuel are going to squeeze things just a bit," co-op manager Larry Mills predicted to the crowd of about 225 who turned out for the annual roast beef dinner.

In other business Keven Haguewood, Steve Hill, John Kilkenny and Paul Proudfoot were elected to the board of directors for a three year term.

## Finley Buttes Landfill accepting solid waste

Finley Buttes Landfill Company began receiving solid waste at its Morrow County facility on Thursday, November 1. Initially, about three truck loads per day are expected from Vancouver, WA. The city of Heppner is delivering one load per day, according to a Finley Buttes Landfill company spokesperson.

Finley Buttes is also prepared to accept recyclables from the public. Old newspapers, used motor oil, glass, tin cans, aluminum and metals are being accepted.

The company will begin to receive individual loads of solid waste from the public when all of the entrance facilities are completed, about January 1, 1991.

## Boardman man sentenced on drug-related charges

A Boardman man was sentenced Friday, November 2, on drug related charges in Morrow County Circuit Court, according to District Attorney Jeff Wallace.

David William Evans, 36, had plead guilty earlier to delivery and possession of a controlled substance. He had admitted selling methamphetamine to an undercover police officer in Boardman during May 1990. His arrest took place later that month during a roundup of people suspected of dealing in narcotics in the north Morrow County area.

Circuit Judge Pro-Tem Ralph Currin placed Evans on two years formal probation on the delivery of methamphetamine charge, and imposed 120 custody units, 60 of which can be used for jail time. Imposition of the jail time was suspended and given over to his probation officer to be used as required during the

term of probation. Evans was also fined a total of \$500, ordered to reimburse the state of Oregon \$240, for court-appointed attorneys' fees, required to pay a victim-witness fee totaling \$100, ordered to undergo drug evaluation and treatment, as well as comply with a series of standard drug-related probation conditions.

Evans was also placed on 18 months formal probation on the charge of possession of methamphetamine. Judge Currin imposed 90 custody units on that charge, 30 of which can be used for jail. Imposition of the jail time was also suspended and given over to Evans' probation officer to be used as required during the defendant's probation period. The sentence in that case will run concurrently with the sentence in the delivery charge, according to Wallace.

## Bids going out for garbage hauling

The Heppner City Council, at its meeting Nov. 13, approved bid specifications for garbage haulers to provide franchised garbage service for city residents. Bids are expected to be advertised within the week.

Bids will be received until 7 p.m. on Dec. 10, the next regularly scheduled council meeting. After the bid is awarded, the provider is expected to begin service seven days after the franchise agreement with the city is signed. City Attorney Bill Kuhn says that he estimates that service will begin around Jan. 1.

Current garbage hauler, Heppner Disposal, owned by Cliff Green of Heppner, has begun hauling loads to the new landfill site, Finley Buttes, which is located around 30 miles from Heppner. The former city landfill, located on the outskirts of Heppner, was closed in October.

According to new specifications, garbage haulers are not required to provide pickup of garbage stored in underground containers, appliances or other bulky refuse, toxic materials and cans containing excess liquid. Providers may refuse pickup in certain circumstances when access to the cans is limited. Pickup of refuse not in containers, brush or other debris, for example, will be by special arrangement between the customer and the provider.

Garbage service will not be mandatory for city residents. Kuhn said he expects the franchise fee to range from \$7 to \$9, of which the city will receive five percent.

## Thanksgiving theme for story time

"Thanksgiving" is the theme for children's storytime at the Heppner Public Library Monday, Nov. 19 at 10:30 a.m. All children are welcome.

## Weather Report

by City of Heppner

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Tues.	50	34	T.
Weds.	54	42	.16
Thurs.	57	46	.0
Fri.	64	50	.0
Sat.	62	38	.0
Sun.	76	34	.0
Mon.	77	43	.0

## Linda Morter, Jory Crowell place in Make It With Wool Contest



Linda Morter models wool skirt she made for the Make It With Wool contest. She placed first alternate in the senior division.



Jory Crowell shows off his wool jacket. Crowell was runner-up in the pre-teen category.

By Anne Morter  
The District 11 Make It Yourself With Wool Contest was held Monday, November 12, in Ione, gathering competitors from Morrow, Umatilla, Gilliam and Wheeler Counties. Jimmi Kaye Alexander of Milton Freewater was the Senior Division winner and Carrie Levy of Hermiston was the winner in the Junior Division. Both girls won an

expense-paid trip to Portland to compete in the state competition to be held in late December. Both girls competed at the state level last year. At the state competition, contestants will vie for a chance to advance to the national contest as well as scholarships and other prizes.

Linda Morter of Ione was selected as the first alternate in the senior division and Jennifer Christiansen is the junior division alternate. In the pre-teen category, which does not advance a representative to the state level, Julie Anderson of Pilot Rock was the first place winner and Jory Crowell of Ione was the runner-up.

This year, the district 11 contest featured 21 contestants including two boys, a first for the area. Each contestant was awarded a length of wool fabric.

District director, Maureen Krebs of Ione, was very pleased with the turnout. "We had a top-notch group of contestants," she said. "The beauty of wool was shown in their outfits. I could feel that the contestants really love to sew with wool," she added.

The Make It Yourself With Wool Contest is open to participants of all age groups. Garments are judged not only on construction but also on style.

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