

MCGG post higher profit Businesses talk about Wall-Mart

The Morrow County Grain Growers co-op had a significantly better year than in 1990, co-op members were told at the annual meeting Monday night.

Although gross sales were down the past fiscal year (mainly because of lower wheat sales), net profit showed a healthy increase.

In 1990 the co-op showed a net income of \$28,265 on sales of \$43 million, however, in the 1991 fiscal year net income jumped to \$294,576 on sales of \$29 million.

The drop in sales was attributed to the conservation reserve program, with less crop being planted and harvested, in addition to lower wheat prices. The grain department lost about \$13 million in sales and posted a net loss of \$8,548. This was down, however, from a loss of \$361,851 in fiscal year 1990.

Co-op Manger Larry Mills had a mixed message for farmers when he said the future will present challenges for the local agriculture. "The salmon issue may be costly," Mills said about efforts to declare the

Columbia River Salmon an endangered species. He said farmers may end up paying higher electric and freight bills because of possible changes in the water flow on the river.

Mills urged everyone to get involved and make agriculture's message better heard. "No one is better experts on the environment than farmers," Mills said. He said farmers have to be concerned with the environment because their livelihood depends on taking care of the land. "We're not against saving the salmon," he said, "we just think agriculture is not getting a fair message out."

On the bright side, Mills said wheat prices were up about \$1.50 a bushel, and "the price of cattle is not too bad."

In other business at the annual meeting, members elected four members to the board of directors. The following were elected to three-year terms: Ned Clark, Tom Curran, Stan Kemp and George Miller.

Local business people gathered last Wednesday to talk over the impending location of a Wall-Mart store in Hermiston sometime next year.

Wall-Mart is the largest retailer in the United States, but is just now beginning to move into the western states.

Business people heard from two local business owners who had visited Wall-Mart stores, and gave some tips on how to be competitive with the retailing giant, locating so close by.

Service was the main theme on how to compete, and local businesses were urged to look for those areas where they could give better service, something Wall-Mart is not known for.

The meeting was sponsored by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce and attracted about 25 people.

Many 4-H'ers attend achievement night

By Anne Morter

One of the best crowds ever attended the annual 4-H Achievement Night Dinner and Awards Ceremony held Sunday, October 20 at Heppner High School. Approximately 200 people from all over Morrow County attended the yearly awards ceremony, which also included dinner and entertainment organized by 4-H clubs in the north end of the county. The entertainment was mostly musical numbers performed by various talented individuals but also included a slide presentation by Casey Allison of Boardman on her trip to Japan. She traveled to Japan as an exchange student with the 4-H LABO program.

Master of ceremonies, Nancy Morter of Ione, started off the program by welcoming the crowd. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the 4-H Pledge, and a rousing rendition of "It's a Grand Old Flag" the awards began. Heidi Orem presented the record book awards for the various categories. Next, Jason Proudfoot presented the Beef All-Around Awards in the form of checks from the Morrow County Livestock Growers. Jake McElligott of Ione won the \$100 first place check. Shad Bishop was second, \$50; Andrew Herman third, \$40; Kristie Mason fourth, \$30; and Rondi Robinson fifth, \$20.

Justin Miller presented the Swine Rate of Gain trophy to John Qualls of Heppner. This trophy, donated by Pete and Lois Richards of Irrigon, goes to member with the fastest rate of gain between the first weigh in and the fair.

Bill Broderick, 4-H extension agent, recognized the junior and teen leaders in the county and adult leader. Geri Grieb presented special awards to various individuals who have actively supported the 4-H program. She thanked Sheridan Tarnasky, Sharon and Bob Harrison and Barbara and Lee Ansotegui for their many hours of support as well as the Jim Swanson family and the Mike Allison family for being LABO exchange student host families.

Carol Bennett recognized some of the club leaders who had made significant contributions during the year. Her list included Gladys Hobbs of Irrigon, Jan Coe of Heppner, Jean and Al Brazell of Lexington and Dee Gantenbein of Boardman. This was Dee's final year as a 4-H leader. The North Lexington Livestock club also recognized their club leaders, Geri Grieb and Kathy Rauch and presented Geri with a farewell gift. After five years Geri is also stepping down as club leader.

Intermediate and senior county medals were distributed to round out the evening. Record book awards: Home economic-beginner, Jessica Krebs, Ione; junior-Jessica Keersemaaker, Heppner; intermediate-Tina Kemp, Lexington and Heather Ennis, Boardman; senior-Nancy Morter, Ione. Livestock-beginner, Shane Matheny, Lexington; Kristi



Senior record book contestants l-r Nancy Morter, Ryan Currin, Justin Miller and Casey Allison.



Intermediate medal winners l-r: Brent Wright, Sara Greenup, Shelly Ashbeck, Sandy Allison



North Lex Livestock club members recognize leader Geri Grieb. l-r Justin Miller, Nancy Morter, Heidi Orem, Tony Kemp, Jossie Evans, Kara Miller

Worden, Heppner; junior-Toni Kemp, Lexington; intermediate-Kelsie Evans, Heppner; senior-Casey Allison, Boardman.

Creative arts-beginner-Jill Barber, Heppner; junior-Annie Hisler, Heppner.

Horse-beginner-Kevin Baker, Boardman; junior-Kara Miller, Ione; intermediate-Char Coe, Heppner.

Secretary-Michelle Brown, Irrigon; Shelly Ashbeck, Heppner.

Intermediate medals: leadership-Kelsie Evans; achievement-Jenni Krein; citizenship-John Qualls; beef-Jason Proudfoot; sheep-Char Coe; swine-Dani Hill; horse-Rondi Robinson; breeding beef-Sandy

Allison; breeding sheep-Shelly Ashbeck; consumer education-Roseann Daltoso; photography-Sara Greenup; wood science-Brent Wright; public speaking-Laurel Temple; clothing-Heather Ennis; food and nutrition-Tina Kemp; food preservation-Bridgett McElligott; breads-Melissa McElligott; home environment-Heather Anderson; fashion revue-Bridgett McElligott.

Senior medals: leadership-Nancy Morter; achievement-Casey Allison; citizenship-Amy Gantenbein; swine-Justin Miller; sheep-Ryan Currin; consumer education-Andrea Mesteth; fashion revue-Alecia Tarnasky.

IHS drama class puts on production



l-R: Melissa McElligott, Dawn Sheirbon, Lynde Minster, Becky Wagenblast, Joey Baker, John Doherty, Steve Allen, Corey Baker.

The Ione High School Drama Class, directed by English Teacher Gordon Nance, performed the play, "The Halloween Witch" by Marjorie Thayer, for Ione Elementary students on Wednesday, Oct. 30.

The production was an old fashioned theater effort, with all members of the group performing duties of

planning the program and costumes and building sets, as well as acting. Steve Allen was assistant director.

The elementary students and staff were delighted with the play and enjoyed Halloween treats served by the cast members, said a spokesperson.

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We will be closed Mon. Nov. 11 for Veterans Day.

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4-H News

Martingale

By Erin Crowell, Reporter
On Saturday, October 26, the Martingale 4-H club had a trail ride at Erin Crowell's house. Eleven people went on the ride. The group rode to Krebs ranch where Maureen Krebs had the cookshack warmed up. After lunch members rode up on the hill and then back to Crowells.

Present on the ride were Jared Thompson and his mother Kim, Clint and Cody Bellamy and their mother Mary Kay, Erin Crowell and her mother Kristy, Jaclynn Hughes, Shelby and Jessica Krebs and Laurie Barrow.

Wildlife authority to speak at Garden Club meeting

The November meeting of the Heppner Garden Club will be held Tuesday, November 12, at St. Patrick's Center. Potluck dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Hostesses for the evening will be Irene Swanson and Eleanor Gonty.

Karl Urban, a renowned authority on wild flowers will be the guest speaker. Urban is author of a publication by Blue Mountain Community College entitled "Spring Wildflowers of The Blue Mountains," illustrated throughout by Elizabeth Miller.

The program will be followed by a business meeting to make plans for the Artfactory in December.

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All Saints Episcopal church to hear presentation on homeless people

The Rev. Richard Thew from Cove will celebrate communion at All Saints Episcopal Church on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 10:30 a.m.

At 11:30 a.m. following the worship service coffee will be served in the parish hall. At that time Crystal

Minster will present a slide show telling about her trip to Portland with the Ione Youth Group.

"These young people spent time helping feed the homeless in Portland and Crystal has some important things to tell us," said a church spokesperson.

With the holidays coming our thoughts turn to setting a lovely table. What better way than to start with a tablecloth of Battenberg lace, cut work lace or 100% cotton crochet lace. White/ecru. We also have a good supply of doillies.

We will be closed Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day.

