

# 4-H leaders and businesses recognized



Pictured: Eric Jepsen (presenting the award), Nancy Jepsen and Morrow County 4-H Leader Association President, Heidi Nelson.

Each year all the volunteer 4-H leaders in Morrow County have the opportunity to nominate and vote on the 4-H leader of year for the county. This past year, Nancy Jepsen, a longtime supporter and 4-H volunteer was recognized with this honor.

This past year the Morrow County 4-H Leaders Association selected three businesses to receive the Friends of Morrow County 4-H Awards for

2018. The purpose of these awards are to recognize businesses and individuals outside of the program who have provided outstanding support to 4-H in Morrow County. Each year at the annual county 4-H achievement night, businesses are recognized for their contribution to the Morrow County 4-H Programs.

The first award was presented to Rogers Toyota of Hermiston. For several years,

Roger's Toyota has brought display vehicles to our fair and has also been the wheels for our ambassadors during the parade. In addition to supplying vehicles, Rogers also supports our members through the livestock auction, purchasing animals and giving back to our community.

Another award was presented to Ross Machinery of Hermiston. Ross Machinery is modest in their contribution to our program and while they would prefer to remain 'behind the scenes' we wanted to make sure our county members knew what efforts they have made on our behalf. When it came to new tent poles for our 4-H camp, Ross Machinery stepped up donating several hundred dollars in materials. Additionally, they helped supply materials for the hog ramp in the barn for loading.

The final recipient of the Friends of Morrow County 4-H award was presented to Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative. CBEC has been a longtime supporter and contributor to Morrow County 4-H. For years, they have added a monetary cash donation to the showmanship win-



Ambassador Roy Collins presents the award to Andy Fletcher with CBEC.

ners in each species area to recognize hard work. CBEC also purchases auction animals, has helped repair the flagpole at the extension office, adds additional premium monies to showmanship winners and makes

significant contributions to the 4-H Leader's Council to use to purchase awards for members. They are a supporter of many things outside of 4-H as well and we're lucky to have them in our community.

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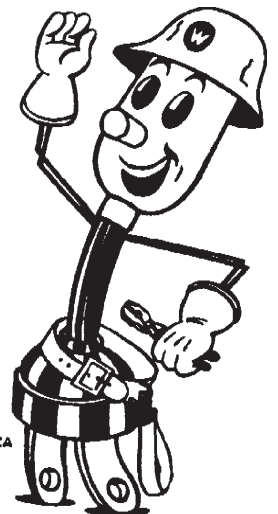
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