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## Fair parade winners announced



Members of the Threemile Canyon Farms Dairy Heifer Project were the first-place winners in the commercial float category.

The winners of the parade categories have been announced by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce. The parade was held Saturday, August 21 in down-

town Heppner.

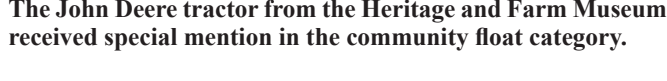
Wranglers Riding Club took first in the rider's category and Owyhee Nite Dazzlers were second.

There were two categories for float entries, with the Heritage and Farm Museum taking first in the community floats. Special

mention went to the John Deere tractor. The Grow 'Em and Show 'Em 4-H Club took second.

Commercial float winners were Threemile Canyon Farms Dairy Heifer Project in first and Morrow County Health District in second.

The John Deere tractor from the Heritage and Farm Museum received special mention in the community float category.



Morrow County Health District was the second-place winner in the commercial float category.



The Grow 'Em and Show 'Em 4-H Club float took second in community floats.



The Owyhee Nite Dazzlers took second-place in the rider's category for the parade.

## Dollar General completes purchase of Main Street property

### New store opening slated for early next year

By David Sykes

The purchase of property has been completed and a new Dollar General store will soon be built and open on Main Street in Heppner. Construction is expected to be completed and the new store open for business by early next year, a store spokesperson told the Gazette-Times Monday.

"Dollar General is currently under construction on a new location at 388 N. Main St. in Heppner. At this time, a store opening is slated for early 2022, but understand that construction progress may alter this date," said Katie Ellison, senior manager for public relations.

According to documents filed at the courthouse, the property was purchased by Heppner BTS Retail, LLC, an Oregon limited liability company with headquarters in Lakewood, Ohio. Dollar General will apparently lease the store from BTS when completed.

The property was purchased from Heppner businessman Alvin Liu for \$375,000. Liu is also owner of the Northwest Motel across the street, and the Gateway Café further down Main Street. He also owns a food catering business and trailer called Happy Pappy's Catering Service. Dollar General's land pur-

chase for the new store included an RV park, adjacent gift and coffee shop on .6 acres, and a two-bedroom home on .2 acres at 315 Chase Street.

Other legal documents pertaining to the deal and filed at the courthouse Monday, include a mortgage and security agreement between BTS Retail, LLC, and Fifth Third Bank of Rosemont, Illinois. The note and deed of trust covers an initial \$1.9 million line of credit to build the new store, with a total line of credit up to \$3.8 million.

According to Dollar General, the store will sell "quality, name-brand and private brand merchandise such as foods, health and beauty products, home cleaning supplies, housewares, stationery, seasonal items and basic clothing." In its statement to the Gazette-Times, Dollar General emphasized the company is "deeply involved in the communities it serves and is an ardent supporter of literacy and education through the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, which awards grants each year to nonprofit organizations, schools and libraries within a 15-mile radius of a Dollar General store or distribution center to support adult,



Sale of this Main Street property has been completed and construction of a new Dollar General store will now begin in Heppner. Monday workman were already inside the former Cornerstone Gallery building, and the former RV park now sits empty of trailers (inset). -Photo by David Sykes.

family, summer and youth literacy programs."

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