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Funniest, biggest and most welcoming scarecrow winners announced

John & Pat Edmundson

Barb and Jacob Moore

Willow Creek Terrace

Wheatland Insurance

U.S. Post Office

Victorian Rose

Heppner Day Care

Seventeen scarecrows were entered into this year's contest and seven won prizes. This year's prize was $10 each in "Heppner Money."

"This year was really tough. Every single scarecrow was good in it's own right, so it took some discussion and tough decisions to come up with the winners," said Chamber Director Terry Baker.

Winners include: Commercial- Victorian Rose as funniest, Wheatland Insurance as most welcoming and the U.S. Post Office as biggest; Residential- Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living as biggest, Barb and Jacob Moore as most welcoming and John Edmundson as funniest; and School- Heppner Day Care.

BEO celebrates 'Viva La Banking'

The staff at Bank of Eastern Oregon celebrated Halloween with a theme of "Viva La Banking." Staff members dressed up in Las Vegas fashion with groups of tourists, gamblers, cocktail waitresses, game dealers, cards and a bus driver.

Health district discusses staffing, phone system, cardiac monitor

Morrow County Health District CEO Victor Vander Does told the board at their regular meeting Monday night in Ione that a nurse practitioner interested in a job with MCHD is planning to visit the district.

Vander Does said that the nurse practitioner, who is currently living in Florida, has had extensive emergency room experience, primarily in Alaska, and is accustomed to rural areas. The nurse practitioner indicated that he would visit between Christmas and New Year's.

Vander Does also told the board that information he had gleaned from attending a meeting of a rural recruiting organization indicated a severe doctor shortage in years to come, especially in rural areas.

In other business, the board:

-learned from Vander Does that the district has received additional bids for the telephone system that was scheduled to be replaced. He said the most recent bids were less than the previous bid, but were not equal. He said he would report back to the board with a recommendation.

-heard a report from Vander Does concerning purchase of a new cardiac monitor. Two companies have presented bids-Space Labs and GE. He told that board that Space Labs' bid was around $10,000 more than GE's because additional equipment would have to be purchased, while GE's bid, at around $30,000, would not require additional equipment to interface with the district's current equipment. Vander Does said he would poll the board if the district is required to purchase the equipment prior to the next meeting. Molly Rhea, director of nursing, Home Health and Hospice, said that replacing the aging cardiac monitor as soon as possible is imperative. Vander Does said the monitor is 15 years old.

-received a call from a new board member of the Columbia River Health Services in Boardman who said he would be interested in attending a MCHD meeting.

-learned from Chief Financial Officer Nicole Mahoney that the district ended September with an $8,218 profit and an average $34,006 monthly year-to-date loss.

-received the following report: the Heppner Ambulance had 26 total runs for September with 21 transports for $22,131 in revenue; Boardman Ambulance had 24 total runs with 14 transports for $13,614 in revenue; Irrigon Ambulance had 18 runs with nine transports for $7,742 in revenue; there were five flights; Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 350 patient visits with 25 new patients and 43 patients seen by a nurse; Irrigon Clinic had 177 patients visits with 27 new patients, 36 patients seen by a nurse and 24 no shows;

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HHS drama department prepares for Grease performances

The Heppner High School Drama Department is currently preparing for their upcoming performances of "Grease" (school version), book, music and lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey. The performances will be held at the HHS cafeteria on Nov. 2, 4, 5, 7 and 9. Tickets are $3 each and can be purchased by calling 676-8161 or from the Victorian Rose Gift Shoppe in Heppner. Tickets are not sold at the door due to limited seating availability.

The cast consists of 23 students from Heppner High School. The production is choreographed and directed by Jodi Chapa.

Other Heppner scarecrows

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