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## Spiders, Spiders everywhere!



If you've got Arachnophobia you might want to avoid the Kuhn Law Offices in Heppner this week. Or maybe if you like a good Halloween display, just stop by and take a look. Spiders are crawling everywhere, but just until Halloween is over. Attorney Bill Kuhn and his assistant Bobbi Winter are in the spider's web above. -Photo by David Sykes

## Ione FFA member wins national contest

Ione FFA member Grace Ogden took second place in the National FFA Creed Career Development event held in Indianapolis, IN on Oct. 25 and 26. Ogden became eligible to compete in the event after winning the Oregon State FFA Creed Career event in March at the state FFA Convention held in Bend, OR. "It is estimated that over 144,000 first year FFA members participate in the creed contest at some level throughout the country. Grace was number two, an absolutely incredible feat for a young freshman," said OSU Extension agent and former FFA advisor, Erin Heideman. "Our school and our community is overwhelmingly proud of Grace and her efforts." Grace is a freshman at

Ione Community School and is the daughter of Jarrod and Alison Ogden. In addition to FFA, Grace plays volleyball and basketball, is a member of 4-H and serves as a 4-H ambassador for the county.

The FFA Creed Career Development event allows students to develop leadership skills by participating in public speaking activities and by stimulating interest in leadership and citizenship. Participants must recite the FFA Creed from memory and answer three questions from the judges indicating familiarity with the subject and the ability to think quickly. Participants are judged on voice, stage presence, power of expression, general effect and response to questions.



Grace Ogden with her Creed Speaking award. -Contributed photo.

## Morrow County Health District selects surveyor

Morrow County Health District Board selected Primm Land Surveying, Hermiston, to survey Pioneer Memorial Hospital campus to determine if the site is amenable to expansion for renovation or rebuilding. Primm's bid was not the low bid at \$8,850, but another bid, from JUB at \$6,850, did not include the specificity required. "We need expertise," said a board member. Primm had indicated a start date of November 12. The board directed CEO Bob Houser to make arrangements with Primm.

Now that the Irrigon Clinic remodel is nearing completion, MCHD is seeking to determine the feasibility of "modernization" of the hospital and clinic facilities.

Houser also reported the telephone interview with a physician from Polson, MT,

and is working on an onsite visit with her sometime in November. He said the district has also conducted a skype interview with a physician from Cheyenne, WY, who was to have visited the district on Oct. 30, with an interview on Oct. 31.

He also said he has interviewed several physician's assistants for the Irrigon position and the district has made an offer to a candidate for the Pioneer Memorial Clinic position. That candidate was to have responded Tuesday.

Also at the meeting, the board approved a request for \$3,498 for the purchase of 25 football helmets for the Irrigon Grid Kids Football program and for \$3,000 to \$3,400 from Greg Grant, Heppner High School athletic director, to purchase portable Automated Artificial Defibrillators for the school and for travel. The purchases will come from

the health district's community benefit grant funds.

Newly-hired communications/community relations manager Katie Siri was introduced at the meeting.

In other business, the board received the following information from Houser:

-the annual Critical Access Hospital report was presented on October 16 with public/patient input given by David Sykes and Robin Bredfield.

-annual Rural Health Clinic reports were scheduled for October 18 for the Ione Community Clinic, October 22 for the Irrigon Medical Clinic and October 30 for Pioneer Memorial Clinic.

-Pioneer Memorial Hospital has held its annual Chicken Soup and Flu Shot Clinic for employees.

-Toni Young was named third quarter safety champi-

## Bookworms celebrate 90 years



Pictured (L-R): Linda Riney, Claudia Hughes, Sally Walker, Jackie Allstott, Suzanne Jepsen, Pat Edmundson, Cara Osmin, Babette Wall, Molly Rill, Sharon Harrison, Doris Brosnan and Cherry Webber. -Photo by Bobbi Gordon.

The Bookworms Club of Heppner celebrated their 90th birthday on Oct. 23 at the Morrow County Museum. Each of the ladies in the club dressed as a different decade to celebrate

the occasion. The group also celebrated Suzanne Jepsen's 90th birthday on the 23rd. Suzanne was born in Heppner on the same day the Bookworms held its first meeting, Oct. 26, 1928.

Ninety years ago a group of 12 women in Morrow County gathered to form a book club, calling it Bookworms. The original members were Mrs. Charles Smith, Miss Madge Coppock, Mrs. J.T. Lumley, Mrs. E.F. Bloom, Mrs. Spencer Crawford, Mrs. Paul Gemmell, Mrs. J.O. Turner, Mrs. A.A. McAtee, Miss Leta Humphreys, Miss Lulu Hager, Mrs. H.C. Case and Mrs. Rodgers.

In 1998, while celebrating their 70th anniversary, a news story stated that the city library was located next to the Gazette-Times, where the city police used to be housed. During that time, some of the members served as librarians. School teachers brought their classes to the library for story hour, but since there was no furniture, the Bookworms wove strips of newspaper into mats for the children to sit on.

In the early years of the club, the same book was discussed at each meeting because they could only obtain one or two copies at a time. The books were passed around the members



Suzanne Jepsen celebrated her 90th birthday.

and each had only a day or two to read the book. According to records, there were some amusing stories about the ladies ironing and reading, bathing and reading and cooking and reading just to get the book finished and passed to the next lady.

The club now meets twice a month September through May and each member chooses their own book to review. Over the years the Bookworms have donated books to the current library as well as to other groups, such as, Hillcrest School for Girls, the Veterans' Hospital in Walla Walla, Pioneer Memorial Hospital, the Salvation Army and the Neighborhood Center. When the current library opened in Heppner in 1960, the ladies sponsored a silver tea to celebrate the opening and have held other events to benefit the library throughout the years.

## Local veterans to be honored

Heppner High School will be hosting a program to honor local veterans for their service to our country on Thursday, Nov. 8 at 10:30 a.m. in the high school gymnasium. All veterans, past and present

military personnel are invited to attend.

A complimentary lunch will be provided for all veterans and their spouses following the program. The program is open to the public.

## 'Fall back' this Sunday



The days are getting shorter, and it's time to "fall back." The Gazette-Times would like to remind everyone to set their clocks back for the end of Daylight Savings Time this Sunday, Nov. 4.

station to accommodate the Omnicell units in a safe and timely manner while staff worked around them."

-Scott Coombs, architect with Clark/Kjos will be on site November 8 to review proposed renovations to the hospital clinic with department managers and providers.

-the new Irrigon Medical Clinic addition is completed and staff moved in October 23-25, with the first patient seen on October 26. "Phase II now begins," said Houser. The new schedule was moved

from the end of January to the first part of February.

The board also declared numerous no longer used items as surplus.

Chief Financial Officer Nicole Mahoney presented the following profit and loss statement through September to the board: MCHD received \$919,727 in gross patient revenue for September, less \$18,332 in provision for bad debts, plus \$5,169 in contractual and other adjustments for \$13,163 in revenue de-

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New communications/community relations manager Katie Siri

on for her role in sterilizing the scopes following procedures. Co-champions were Danny Sharp, Nate Kennedy and Mike Skow, Maintenance Department, for the "outstanding job of remodeling the Emergency Department and main RN

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