

# NEOEDD offering free services for some counties, cities, nonprofits

Wallowa County Chieftain

ENTERPRISE — The Northeast Oregon Economic Development District is offering up to 20 hours of free help to cities, counties and nonprofits in Baker, Union and Wallowa counties.

The free services include project and organizational development, grant prospecting, grant writing and project administration services.

The services are possible due to funding from the Oregon Legislature and an Oregon foundation, according to a press release from NEOEDD.

NEOEDD will provide services based on available staff time, an organization's readiness to proceed, and the timing of grant deadlines.

"Our goal is to assist as many organizations as possible; however, our funding is limited, so we may not be able to serve every eligible organization," said Lisa

## MORE INFORMATION

More information is available by emailing Chantal Ivenso at [chantalivenso@neoedd.org](mailto:chantalivenso@neoedd.org) or by calling 541-426-3598, Ext. 4.

Dawson, NEOEDD executive director.

The money from the Oregon Legislature supports services to cities with populations under 2,500, counties with populations under 15,000, and special districts in these cities and counties. NEOEDD will use the same criteria to prioritize the free services.

Cities, counties and nonprofits can submit a request for services online at <https://bit.ly/3R6nIZy>.

"We may also refer organizations to Sequoia Consulting for help to identify appropriate grant sources for a project or to prepare an organization to apply for and successfully manage a grant," Dawson said.

# Banker hands out burgers along with cash

Deena Perin is new manager at Joseph's Community Bank

By BILL BRADSHAW  
Wallowa County Chieftain

JOSEPH — Being a banker isn't all figuring interest rates, taking deposits and other money-related matters. On Tuesday, Aug. 23, Deena Perin was dishing out hot dogs and hamburgers in the Community Bank parking lot in Joseph in her first community appreciation barbecue as manager of the Joseph branch.

"We are having our customer appreciation back," she said as she was dishing up the final meal. "It's been off for two years and we're bringing it back."

Perin said the annual event had to be skipped for the past couple of years because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

But this year, the bank handed out 300 to 400 free hamburgers and hot dogs during the event, she said. There also were prizes, both for adults and kids. The theme of the prizes this year related to camping. There were Dutch ovens and cook-



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Deena Perin, left, the new manager of Community Bank in Joseph, works alongside Laurie McAfee, drive-up teller, Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022, during the bank's customer appreciation barbecue.

books for the adults and water bottles and water guns for the kids, she said.

While the annual barbecue is usually in August, Community Bank also holds a "shred day" in June to take care of unwanted documents in the wake of the tax-filing deadline.

## Family ties

Perin said her family has deep roots in the Joseph area. Her grandfather, Anah Jennings, was town sheriff of Joseph in the 1950s.

She has spent most of her banking career in the area.

## COMMUNITY BANK, JOSEPH BRANCH

**Who:** Deena Perin, manager  
**Where:** 609 N. Main St., Joseph  
**Phone:** 541-432-9050  
**Online:** [www.community-banknet.com/](http://www.community-banknet.com/)  
**When:** Founded in 1955

to take over at her favorite Community Bank branch.

"It's God's country," she said. "I love to hunt and camp and hike."

She also is strongly supportive of the business community.

"We want to keep the businesses going here," she said. "Everybody's like family."

One of the "family" members she introduced was drive-up teller Laurie McAfee.

"All the customers love her — and their dogs, too, because she gives every one a bone," Perin said.

In addition to Joseph, Community Bank has branches in Enterprise, Baker City, Pendleton, and in Washington at College Place, Clarkston and Walla Walla.

"I started here (in) 1986," she said, and has been in the area "off and on" since then.

She also worked at a La Grande branch of the bank for seven years doing mortgages.

In all, Perin has worked her way up.

"This was my first job and I've learned all the aspects of it. We have a great team," she said. "I've been doing all sections of the bank. My latest position is branch manager."

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Pastor Beth Estock

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409 West Main - Enterprise  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP at 9am**  
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[web:gracelutheranenterprise.com](http://web:gracelutheranenterprise.com)

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NE 3rd & Main St  
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541.398.0597  
Hwy 82, Lostine  
Stephen Kliever, Minister

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School 541-426-8339  
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- CLUES ACROSS**
- Injures
  - Drastically reduce
  - Is real
  - Guacamole fruits
  - "Where the Wild Things Are" author Maurice
  - Starting point for most video games
  - Shoot for the moon
  - Armstrong who reached the moon
  - Many laptops
  - Wild things
  - Dr. Frank-enstein's workplace
  - "Humph, humbug!"
  - Musical finish
  - Tours' river
  - Pop star Grande, informally
  - "Don't worry about me"
  - Pays to play poker
  - Stick-on design
  - "All Things Considered" network
  - Signal silently
  - Low site for a bracelet
  - Pie crust fat
  - Moody music genre
  - Control the wheel
  - Accolades
  - Raven sound
  - Letters from the government?
  - Slow movement, in music
  - Word before "balm" or "reading"
  - Put-down
  - Some upscale hotels
  - What's needed to split "the check" online?
  - Big toe woe
  - Set apart
  - Goat known for its wool
  - Bills that will feature Harriet Tubman
  - DJs' selections

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  - Windows precursor
  - Poke with a toothpick
  - Indian dish hidden in "vindaloo"
  - "Be that as it may"
  - Sinfully desire
  - Floes?
  - National \_\_\_ (D.C. park)
  - Big fuss
  - Whole heap
  - Suffix for "Japan"
  - Vail regular
  - Hop aboard
  - They may serve as chefs and chauffeurs
  - What prevented a biblical boat from leaking?
  - Choice made while drunk?
  - Tourist's reference
  - Grant, as an award
  - Totally awesome
  - Heads-up for Edmonton hockey fans?
  - Yoko who sang "No, No, No"
  - Brew that may be brown
  - AM/FM device
  - Automated sweeper
  - Kind of chop or kick
  - Home of the world's tallest building
  - Specialized talk
  - Glance over
  - Women in habits
  - Jet that broke Mach 1: Abbr.
  - Church bench
  - Tailless primate
  - Low-\_\_\_ image
  - End of Mozilla's URL
  - Lil \_\_\_ X ("Industry Baby" rapper)

