

Small Business Happenings

Register now for free Business Foundations workshop series

LA GRANDE, ENTERPRISE — Northeast Oregon Economic Development District is offering a free, six-week workshop series to help entrepreneurs and small-business owners build the basis for a successful enterprise. The workshops will meet in Union County and in Wallowa County. Lisa Dawson has taught “Business Foundations” for more than 10 years. This hands-on class covers the basics of running a successful business — overhead and inventory costs, goal-setting and sales projections, marketing, taxes and licensing, and other considerations, and brings it all together in a business plan. Thanks to a Community Development Block Grant through the City of La Grande, the classes are offered free of charge.

The workshops are held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. In La Grande, the series will be on Tuesdays, April 23 through May 28, at IGNITE, 104 Depot St. In Enterprise, the series will be on Mondays, April 22 through June 3 (not meeting May 27), at Building Healthy Families, 207 E. Park St.

Seating is limited. To reserve your seat, go to <http://tinyurl.com/y39bnk5a> or contact the office at 541-426-3598, 800-645-9454, or kristyathens@neoedd.org by April 19. Preference is made for people with low-to-moderate incomes; income verification is required.

La Grande yoga business hosts “special spring session”

LA GRANDE — On April 19 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., YogaDawn, 105 Depot St., La Grande, is hosting a special “SpringTime Yoga” session. Take time to listen to spring’s inspiration and creativity with a gentle, yet warming yoga practice, meditation and seasonal tea. Carrie Caselton Lowe, RYT, and Dr. Lorraine Ferron, naturopathic physician and acupuncturist, will explore how certain spring practices can clear stagnation that may have formed during winter and inspire a sense of renewal for the coming seasons. The workshop will end by enjoying and discussing seasonally inspired herbal tea.

This workshop is part of a Seasonal Nourishment Series in which the seasons are used as cues for living and moving in alignment with the time of year. Ancient and contemporary sciences inform the practice. All levels are welcome.

Registration prior to the event is \$20 or \$30 for two people. Walk-ins are welcome for \$25. To register or for more information: go to www.yogadawnstudio.com, redtwig.weebly.com/yoga or drlorraineferron.com

BEO Bancorp reports first-quarter earnings

HEPPNER — BEO Bancorp and its subsidiary, Bank of Eastern Oregon, announced first-quarter 2019 consolidated net income of \$1,094,000 or \$0.92 per share, compared to \$758,000 or \$0.64 per share for the first quarter of 2018. Total assets were \$468.2 million, up 19.9 percent year over year. Net loans of \$340.1 million were up 8.7 percent from the same period in 2018, while deposits were at \$421.6 million up 20.6 percent year over year.

“There were a few non-ordinary events that occurred during the quarter,” said President and CEO Jeff Bailey. “The bottom line is that the first quarter was a very good start to 2019 from a net income standpoint.”

Grand opening this Saturday: ‘The Pour Pony’ mobile bar

By Trish Yerges
For WesCom News Service

A new mobile bar business, The Pour Pony, owned by sole proprietor Breanna Partney, will host its grand opening April 20 at the White Barn, 62788 Hunter Road, La Grande.

“The grand opening is from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., but we have Loveland driving from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., so we’re planning on going a little longer to 11 p.m. in case people want to stay,” said Partney.

The event will include live music and barbecued meats by Hines Meat Co. of La Grande, along with game activities and nonalcoholic drinks for kids, expectant mothers and anyone who prefers them over alcohol.

Partney works full time for her family’s business, but she wanted to work at something on the side.

“I wanted to go out on my own,” said Partney. “I’ve been working for my family, Mount Emily Rock and MITRAC Construction, for four years, and I wanted a little side business to keep me busy on the weekends.”

The Pour Pony is a mobile bar for hire, first established in November 2018 and now ready for the road.

“We bought and rebuilt a horse trailer and made it into a really neat looking, custom bar,” she said. “We will be revealing the mobile bar at the grand opening.”

Partney will go anywhere there is an event that wants a cash bar, including



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Breanna Partney, owner of The Pour Pony mobile bar, will be serving beverages at its grand opening from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday at the White Barn on Hunter Road.

birthday parties, company parties, anniversaries, reunions, holiday gatherings and picnics.

She will also serve nonalcoholic beverages, so The Pour Pony can set up at kids’ birthday parties and baby showers, wherever there is a gathering in

need of thirst-quenching beverages.

At the grand opening, the cash bar will be in the horse trailer just outside the barn manned by two bartenders, including Partney. Near the mobile bar there will be a menu and drink board so

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Assistance may be available to farms and ranches damaged by flooding



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Water is shown along Highway 203 next to Ladd Marsh on April 8.

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SALEM — Flooding has caused major damage throughout Northeast Oregon, and farms and ranches suffering severe damage may be eligible for assistance from the Farm Service Agency.

Producers who have suffered a loss from a natural disaster can find additional information on the following programs and other assistance options at www.fsa.usda.gov or by con-

tacting county FSA offices:

- Baker County — 3990 Midway Drive, Baker City, 541-523-7121 ext. 106
- Union County — 1901 Adams Ave., Suite 5, La Grande, 541-963-4178
- Wallowa County — 401 NE First St., Suite E, Enterprise, 541-426-4521

EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM



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The Grande Ronde River is shown at Hilgard State Park on April 8.

For land to be eligible for the Emergency Conservation Program, the natural disaster must create new conservation problems that, if untreated, would be so costly to rehabilitate that federal assistance is or will be needed to return the land to productive agricultural use; is unusual and is not the type that would recur frequently in the same area; would affect the productive capacity of the farmland; or would impair or endanger

the land.

A producer qualifying for ECP assistance may receive cost-share levels not to exceed 75 percent of the eligible cost of restoration measures. No producer is eligible for more than \$200,000 cost sharing per natural disaster occurrence. The following types of measures may be eligible:

- removing debris from farmland

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‘State of Small Business’ events come to NE Oregon

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SALEM — The Secretary of State, Government Contract Assistance Program, Northeast Oregon Economic Development District, Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce and Launch Pad Baker announced free events for the business community and notaries in Baker and Wallowa counties in late April.

Commissioned notaries and members of the business community are encouraged to take advantage of the events and trainings. It is not often that these Secretary of State staff are able

to come to rural Northeast Oregon.

Oregon Secretary of State’s notary educator, Heather Wilson, will lead notary seminars in Baker City and April 25 in Enterprise. The Baker County training will cover notary basics from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Launch Pad Baker, 2019 Main St., Suite A. There will be two training sessions in Wallowa County on April 25: notary basics from 9 a.m. to noon, and an advanced training from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The sessions will be held at the Tomasa Conference Center, 209 S. River

St., Enterprise.

The information presented at the notary basics seminar covers the rules, regulations and best practices for Oregon Notaries Public and will include training on how to properly identify the signer, what to record in your journal and the requirements of an Oregon Notarial Certificate. This training meets the education requirements for those applying for a commission. Current notaries are also encouraged to attend to refresh their memory and learn new content.

The advanced notary seminar will include topics such

as employee notary issues, elder abuse fraud, troublesome notarial certificates and journaling witnesses. The classes will include plenty of time for questions and answers. For registration and information on the Notary Public classes, go to <http://notsem.sos.state.or.us>.

Another business event takes place the evening of April 24 in Baker City. A Pub Talk on “Women’s Entrepreneurship” begins at 6 p.m. at Lefty’s Taphouse, 1934 Broadway St.

On April 25 in Enterprise, in addition to the notary trainings, the Oregon

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