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**Rosemary Manor Owner Alysia Hafer (left) and Resident Care Manager Jamie Kennedy hold a photo of Hafer's grandmother, Rosemary. The facility was named after Rosemary to acknowledge her dedication to caring for the elderly.**

## Rosemary Manor offers care around the clock

Facility specializes in memory care

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It's Johanna Harvey's 84th birthday.

She relaxes in her bed as the TV murmurs quietly in the background. A young girl runs over and gives her a hug.

"Happy birthday, Jo!" Johanna hugs back. "You're so precious," she says as the girl sits on the edge of Johanna's bed and tells her about school.

Johanna has dementia and is living at Rosemary Manor, an assisted living center specializing in memory care in John Day.

Johanna's son, Pastor Mike Harvey, said he moved his mother to Rosemary after she began falling multiple times a week.

"My mom has received great care," he said.

The facility opened roughly a year ago and has two caregivers working around the clock with eight employees. Rosemary Manor specializes in patients with memory problems like Alzheimer's and dementia.

Kennedy lives at the facility with her three daughters and describes it as one big family.

"There's no such thing as a day off but obviously I wouldn't do it if I didn't love what I do. Every one of the

residents here have become my family," Kennedy said.

Rosemary Manor owner Alysia Hafer named the facility after her grandmother, Rosemary, in recognition of her dedication to caring for the elderly.

Rosemary Manor has three current residents but can accommodate up to five. The facility offers hospice and end-of-life care, and though death is difficult, Hafer said it's part of the job.

Families of residents are able to visit as they please. Rosemary has an open-door policy.

One way Rosemary differs from traditional care facilities is the ratio of care providers to residents.

"It's a lot more one on one. It's a lot more personal," Hafer said. "We have the time to get to know them on a personal level and really cater to what they need."

They offer a home-like atmosphere with nursing-level care, according to Hafer.

The day-to-day life for residents varies. They have scheduled mealtimes but aren't required to stick to them. Much of the day is dedicated to patient care, and some specialists and doctors are willing to make regular house calls and visits to the home.

Residents can take part in activities like trips to the Kam Wah Chung Museum, county library and, for Johanna, celebrating her birthday with a family dinner at the Outpost.

## Retreat at Silvies Valley Ranch opens in July

Luxury ranch to bring jobs to area

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The Retreat at Silvies Valley Ranch hopes to attract international guests and provide a variety of jobs to locals.

The retreat plans to open in July and will emphasize natural beauty and the Western tradition of the area, according to a Silvies Valley press release.

The boutique resort is being developed in partnership with the Campbell family, who have lived in the area since the 1800s.

"Our family has had the opportunity to relish in the breathtaking vistas, abundance of wildlife and natural beauty of this region for generations, and we are eager to share our experience with the rest of the world," Dr. Scott Campbell said. "Our hope is that guests from across the globe will be drawn to the property through golf and outdoor activities, fostering a connection with the natural beauty of the landscape; a place that we have had the privilege to call home for so many years and helping to recover the local economy."

The ranch will continue to raise goats and cattle in conjunction with guest services.

Visitors can experience activities like shooting, rounding up cattle, fishing, exploring, wagon rides, Indian cave tours and Western gourmet dining.



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The golf course at the Silvies Valley Ranch.

The 140,000-acre ranch will add a 34-person ranch house, 40-person conference center, a fitness center, a carriage house, pistol and rifle ranges and hiking and biking trails.

Developers are placing an emphasis on making the facility self-sustaining. The clubhouse will rely on solar power, and swallows and bats will be used for mosquito control instead of insecticides.

Native plants will be used on the property, and gravity-powered well irrigation will cover 60 percent of the property.

The ranch hopes to offer as many as 55 jobs ranging from \$12 to \$60 an hour,

many of which will be available to locals, according to Vice President for Livestock and Guest Services Colby Marshall. This number could almost double by 2019 if all goes as planned.

An influx of tourists would also create opportunities for local craftsmen, contractors and entrepreneurs, Marshall said.

The property also plans to provide dozens of scholarships to local college-bound students.

Guests and locals will be able to use two reversible 18-hole courses, an eight-hole ridge course and a mountain meadow nine-hole par 3 course golf course.

Locals may be able to access the courses at a discounted rate, according to Marshall.

Northwest golf architect Dan Hixson, known for the Bandon Crossings course in Bandon, designed the courses to cater to a variety of skill levels and feature a multitude of bunkers, but no water hazards.

"Our goal was to create the most unique golf design in the world, providing dozens of golf rounds that are fun, challenging and picturesque," Hixson said. "We were inspired by the purity of Scottish links, allowing for true personal connections as you play, and I think we achieved that."

## BEO Bancorp earnings up 12 percent in 2016

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BEO Bancorp and its subsidiary, Bank of Eastern Oregon, announced consolidated year end 2016 earnings of \$3,389,000, an increase of 12.3 percent, compared to \$3,017,000 in 2015, according to a press release from the business.

Basic earnings per share were up 13.8 percent from \$2.46 in 2015 to \$2.80 in 2016. Total assets increased 7 percent from

\$357.3 million to \$382.2 million. Net loans ended 2016 at \$302.3 million, up 6.6 percent year over year. Deposits increased 7 percent from \$317.7 million to \$340.1 million.

"Net income is at an all-time high for BEO Bancorp," President and CEO Jeff Bailey said in the release. "The increase in profits was fueled by strong net interest income and provision for loan losses which was down 51.7% year over year."

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**Oregon Department of Transportation**

**STIP Public Meeting - February 27**

LEARN ABOUT FUTURE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS PLANNED FOR EASTERN OREGON

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The Oregon Department of Transportation invites you to attend a Public Video Conference Meeting regarding the Draft 2018-2021 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The 2018-2021 STIP identifies major Oregon transportation projects proposed for construction between 2018 and 2021. Meeting participants will hear information on how projects are selected for funding and review projects identified for the eastern Oregon region. Interested parties are encouraged to attend this meeting at a site in your area, or connect on-line with your computer, tablet or smart phone (see below for web connection details).

**Date/Time: Feb. 27, 2017, 6-8 p.m. Pacific Time**  
(Ontario site: 7-9 p.m. Mountain Time)  
Meeting Locations: Eight eastern Oregon sites listed below


- Attend at one of these eight meeting sites Feb. 27, 6-8 p.m.
 

<b>BURNS</b> - Harney County Courthouse Basement Mtg. Room, 450 N. Buena Vista	<b>La Grande</b> - Eastern - Oregon University Inlow Hall, Room 013, One University Blvd.
<b>John Day</b> - Oregon Telephone Conf. Room, 155 W Main Street	<b>Boardman</b> - Blue Mountain Comm. College 300 NE Front Street
<b>Baker City</b> - Public Library 2400 Resort Street, Baker City, OR	<b>Enterprise</b> - Wallowa County ESD 107 SW 1 <sup>st</sup> Room #105
<b>Pendleton</b> - Blue Mountain Comm. College Emigrant Hall Rm. 128, 2411 NW Carden Ave.	<b>Ontario</b> - OR Dept. of Transportation Office 1390 SE 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave. (7:00 p.m. Mtn. Time - Ontario site)
- Or, connect remotely to the Feb. 27 meeting via computer, tablet or smart phone.  
If you can't make it to one of the above meeting sites, you can connect to the meeting on-line at Zoom.com. Type <https://zoom.us/join> in your internet browser, enter Meeting ID: 175-119-566 and password: odotstip. This Zoom connection information is also posted on the ODOT Region 5 web (see below).
- Busy Feb. 27? View the STIP information anytime at [www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5](http://www.tinyurl.com/odot-region5).

There you will find project listings, maps, comment forms and other information about Oregon's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Have questions about the meeting, Zoom connection or ODOT website, call ODOT Public Information Officer Tom Strandberg at 541-963-1330 (email: [thomas.m.strandberg@odot.state.or.us](mailto:thomas.m.strandberg@odot.state.or.us)). This meeting is open to the public and accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities. To request an accessibility accommodation, please call 541-963-1330 or statewide relay 711 at least 48 hours in advance. Meetings sites are accessible to persons with disabilities per ADA requirements.

We hope to see you Feb. 27



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