

CoverWorks owner upbeat about John Day

New flooring store opened in September

By Richard Hanners
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Stacy DeLong has an upbeat view of the John Day area — and her investment in a new business here shows it.

DeLong, who spent 14 years as a hospital administrator, and her husband, Mark, a building contractor, bought the Coverworks Plus store in Baker City in January 2016. Bob and Fern Taylor had operated the business for more than 40 years, she said.

Soon after acquiring the Baker City store, the DeLongs met Mike Douglass, and their plans to expand the flooring business into John Day moved up.

“When we bought the Baker City store, we never thought about branching out until we met Mike,” DeLong said. “We had talked about starting a satellite store, but we had figured in 2019. Then we saw signs of growth in the John Day area and went ahead and started up a store in John Day.”

DeLong follows news about the John Day area and said she is enthused by the numerous projects spearheaded by City Manager Nick Green.

Douglass started managing the John Day store at 160 Dayton St. in September and is keeping busy with installations. He’s been in the flooring business for 25 years, including 13 years in the John



Mike and Tawnia Douglass recently opened the Coverworks Plus flooring store in John Day.

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Day area.

Douglass said the new store will grow more after the first of the year, with his wife, Tawnia, staffing the store while Douglass is out on installations.

Coverworks John Day offers a full range of flooring products, from linoleum and porcelain or ceramic tile

to carpeting, hardwood and rugs.

“The newest product that’s going crazy is called luxury vinyl planking that looks like wood or tile,” DeLong said. “It’s waterproof, scratch-proof and dent-proof. It’s a nice-looking product that comes in a wide range of prices.”

A popular style of wall-to-wall carpeting in central and Eastern Oregon is frieze (pronounced free-zay), DeLong said — a low shag carpeting with colored speckles. Area rugs that are popular in this part of Oregon feature Western designs, including cabins, bear paws and cowboys. Coverworks also carries tra-

ditional European designs, she said.

In addition to helping with interior design, Coverworks will install linoleum, carpeting and tile. They also install and restore hardwood flooring.

For more information, call the store in John Day at 541-620-4831.



Brad Armstrong

Armstrong to serve as GENEX Beef representative

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Brad Armstrong of John Day now serves as an independent contractor for GENEX, providing personalized beef genetic and reproductive services. As an independent contractor, Armstrong works with purebred and commercial beef producers to develop customized reproductive programs to meet immediate and long-term genetic goals.

He also provides complete chute-side service including heat detection, synchronization program assistance, artificial insemination and sire recommendations. Armstrong has raised registered Angus cattle for over seven years. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Oregon State University. For more information about GENEX beef programs, sires and services, visit genex.crinet.com or contact Armstrong at 541-620-2007 or barmstrong@crinet.com.

New lawyer enjoys the Grant County outdoors

By Angel Carpenter
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Justin Morehouse is the newest member of Robert Raschio’s law firm in Canyon City.

Morehouse mainly works as a court-appointed criminal defense attorney for Grant and Harney counties. He also works on court-appointed juvenile dependency cases and does some general practice work, including wills, estate planning and family law.

Morehouse, who lives in John Day, says he feels at home in Grant County. He grew up on a farm in a small town in Illinois the size of John Day and Canyon City combined, he said.

Previous to starting work with Raschio, Morehouse was employed at the non-profit Alaska Legal Services Corporation, providing legal services to low-income families in Bethel, Alaska.

“In Bethel, it was 10 min-



Justin Morehouse

utes from the airport to the other end of town,” Morehouse said.

Bethel, a town of about 6,000, is a fly-in community on the Kuskokwim River about 400 miles east of Anchorage, he said.

The area is detached from the rest of Alaska and is part of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Wildlife Refuge, the size of Oregon, but with a population of about 45,000 and not many roads due to the terrain.

Morehouse began building connections in the state when he moved to Oregon in 2010, earning his law degree from the University of Oregon in Eugene.

He said, after living in the Portland area, he was tired of city living. An outdoor enthusiast, Morehouse said Grant County is a good fit for his hobbies, which include hiking, fishing and hunting.

“I love the river and mountains out here,” he added.

He said he arrived too late to purchase deer or elk tags, but he hopes to apply for the 2018 season.

“I’m looking forward to getting out there next fall, and seeing what the winter is like here compared to the valley and the tundra,” he said.

His other interests include reading and cooking at home.

“I’ve really enjoyed all the people I’ve met, clients and people in the community — I like it here,” Morehouse said.

BEO Bancorp announces share dividend

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BEO Bancorp and its subsidiary, Bank of Eastern Oregon, announced an 80 cent per share dividend for 2017.

“The dividend will be paid to shareholders of record as of Dec. 1, 2017, payable on or before Dec. 15, 2017,” said President and CEO Jeff Bailey in a press release.

According to Board Chairman George Koffler, “BEO Bancorp has paid a dividend 31 of the past 32 years. Dividends reflect the financial stability and profitability of the bank. We are very happy to be able to

provide this dividend to our shareholders.”

The company also announced third-quarter 2017 consolidated net income of \$816,000 or \$0.69 per share, compared to \$735,000 or \$0.60 per share for third quarter 2016. Year-to-date earnings were \$2,359,000, up 1.2 percent year over year. Total assets were \$403.8 million, up 7.3 percent year over year. Net loans of \$327.0 million were up 12.3 percent from the same period in 2016, while deposits were at \$359.5 million, up 7.6 percent year over year.

President and CEO Jeff Bailey said third-quarter

net income is up 11 percent from last year, with year-to-date profits in line with last year.

“We are an agricultural-based bank,” Bailey said. “Improved yields in dryland crops along with steady to increasing commodity prices across the board make us cautiously optimistic about a better renewal season for our agricultural producers.”

“On a national and even global level, it will be interesting to see what the rest of the year brings in terms of the economy with potential tax and regulatory reform.”

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Advent Services begin at Redeemer Lutheran in John Day

Advent is the story of how Love came from heaven to earth — how God Himself became a tiny human baby for the sake of a world that didn’t recognize Him when He came. This is an astounding story; no other religion has anything like it. And that is no surprise — no human imagination could come up with something so unexpected and yet so wonderful. That God would humble Himself so for our sake — that He would take on human flesh and blood — that He would ultimately lay down His own life on a cross, then rise up again, so that we might share His eternal life — who could make this story up?

Redeemer Lutheran Church will begin midweek Advent services on December 6th at 7:30. The midweek Advent services continue until Christmas on December 13 and 20th at 7:30 pm. Those will be lay led using PowerPoint presentations developed by one of our visiting pastors. Our Sunday services consist of using a hymnal for liturgy or PowerPoint presentations or a combination of the two.

During Advent in December, we will have a visiting pastor on December 17th at 4:30 pm and on January 28th at 4:30pm.

Pastor Peter Pagel comes from LaPine, Oregon and travels after his own service in LaPine. We have a pot-luck after each pastor-led service for fellowship and questions.

We also have a bible study every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm. We are studying Foundations provided by Answers in Genesis. This is a program taught by some Church Seminaries on how to defend the bible against non-believers. It assists Christians to re-establish the Christian foundations in our Western culture that is turning its back on the Love of Christ. All visitors are welcome. These services and studies are for the community at large as well as members of the church.

If you need directions or have questions about the services, call 541-575-5840 or 541-542-2333.