

# BEO announces third-quarter earnings

Blue Mountain Eagle

BEO Bancorp and its subsidiary, Bank of Eastern Oregon, announced third-quarter 2019 consolidated net income of \$1,229,000 or \$1.04 per share, compared to \$1,196,000 or \$1.01 per share for third quarter 2018.

Year-to-date earnings were \$2,973,000, up 5.2% year over year, according to a press release. Total assets were up 20.4% year over year at \$483.3 million. Net loans of \$401.5 million were up 24.0% from the same period in 2018, while deposits were at \$432.6 million, also up 21.6% year over year.

“The expansion projects announced earlier in the year are translating into significant growth in deposits, loans and assets,” said President and CEO Jeff Bailey. “The expansion has

resulted in additional overhead costs, but these costs are now translating into increased revenue. Earnings for the quarter are up 2.76% year over year. Year-to-date results show a 5.2% increase from 2018.”

Chief Financial Officer Mark Lemmon said, “Our shareholder equity is up 9% year over year, while our book value per share is up 9.3%. Return on average assets for the quarter was 1.03% and return on average equity was 13.28% compared to 1.19% and 14.12% respectively year over year.”

Chief Operations Officer Gary Propheter said there has been a tremendous reception from the new communities in southeast Washington, and the expanded locations in Hermiston, La Grande and Pendleton have also exceeded expectations.

“We look forward to expanding our

market share across our footprint in years to come,” he said.

Bailey said the 2019 wheat harvest was at least average in most of the trade area and better than average in many regions. Cattle producers are reporting good weight gains on their calves as they come off of summer grazing, he said.

“All of these factors bode well for producers, but the volatility of input costs and commodity prices brought about by global and political pressures have swayed the commodity markets and provide an extra level of angst for our producers,” Bailey said. “On the bright side, decent soil moisture has provided better fall seeding conditions than we have seen for a number of years.”

For more information, visit [beo-bank.com](http://beo-bank.com).



## BIRTHS Larson



A boy, Jacob Drew Larson, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, 21 inches tall, was born Thursday, Oct. 17, at Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day to Justin and Emmaleigh Larson of Dayville. He joins a 2-year-old sister, Hallie Jean Larson. Grandparents are Jeff and Babette Larson of Dayville, and Shane and Tandi Schatz of Harrisburg. Great-grandparents are Joe Larson of Dayville, Terry and Nancy Schatz of Harrisburg, Debra Denton of Eugene, Buck and Kari Coe of Madras and Dave and Terri Denton of Heppner.



## OBITUARIES

### Tom Boyer

April 4, 1954 — Oct. 23, 2019

Tom Boyer, 65, of Canyon City passed away Wednesday, Oct. 23, at his home surrounded by his family. A graveside service was held Monday, Oct. 28, at 11 a.m. at St. Andrews Catholic Cemetery in Canyon City, Oregon.

Thomas Keith Boyer was born April 4, 1954, in Dallas, Oregon, to Roger Clark Boyer and Mary Sue Boyer (McCord). He was the third child born in his family, joining his brother David and his sister Susan. He had a younger brother Byron that was to follow.



He grew up and went to school in Klamath Falls, Oregon, before moving with his family to John Day at age 16. Tom graduated from Grant Union High School in 1972 and went on to join the U.S. Navy. After his discharge, he worked a variety construction and timber jobs before going to work for the town of Canyon City in 1984 retiring in 2012.

He met Elizabeth Pereira, his best friend and life partner, in the fall of 1980. They were married on Jan. 28, 1984, in Reno, Nevada and had one son, Cody, in 1986.

Tom enjoyed life. He loved fishing, hunting, hiking, camping and working on his home. He spent many years coaching youth baseball and soccer. He loved riding his 2004 Harley Davidson Sportster and took many trips with Elizabeth over the years, creating wonderful memories of adventures together on the road.

Tom is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Boyer; son, Cody (Natasha) Boyer; brothers, Byron (Sheree) Boyer and David (Trish) Boyer; sister, Susan (Rick) Beer; mother, Mary Sue Boyer; step-grandson, Logan Hembling; and granddaughter, Ella Wren, due in January 2020. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

To leave an online condolence for the family, visit [driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://driskillmemorialchapel.com).

### Betty Zimmerman

Betty Zimmerman, 80, of Mt. Vernon passed away Sunday, Oct. 27, at her residence. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements have been entrusted to Driskill Memorial Chapel. To offer online condolences to her family, visit [driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://driskillmemorialchapel.com).

## Local author releases ‘The Little Red Suitcase’

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Local author Richie Colbeth has released a new book, “The Little Red Suitcase.”

The book tells the story of a boy’s journey through heartaches and loss that paved a path for God’s light to heal and redeem him from sin and confusion, according to a release from Christian Faith Publishing.

“A wonderful kid with a loving mom, dad, brother, five sisters, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends lost them all in the snap of the fingers and became an angry unadoptable monster over-

night,” Colbeth, a retired Air Force noncommissioned officer, said in the release. “Truancy, jail, drugs, alcohol and sexual abuse followed. Death or prison was on his horizon until a godly woman intervened, and Jesus adopted him.” A synopsis can be viewed on YouTube.

Consumers can purchase “The Little Red Suitcase” at traditional brick-and-mortar bookstores or online at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), Apple iTunes store or Barnes and Noble. For more information, contact the Christian Faith Publishing media department at 866-554-0919.

## Umatilla National Forest seeks input on West End Farm Bill Categorical Exclusion Project

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The Heppner Ranger District of the Umatilla National Forest is seeking public comment on the proposed West End Farm Bill Categorical Exclusion project, located approximately 28 miles southwest of Heppner.

The Forest Service will be accepting comments on the proposal until Nov. 12, according to a press release.

The purpose of this project is to reduce the risk and extent of an ongoing insect and disease infestation. The West End Project proposes to treat up to 3,000 acres by removing trees through mechanical treatments including commercial thinning, small diameter thinning, pile burning and prescribed fire.

Treatments would remove insect and disease infested trees and reduce stocking levels to decrease competition for moisture, light and nutrients. Proposed activities are designed to improve the ability of trees to ward off insects and diseases and decrease fuel build

up from dead and dying trees, thus increasing forest stand resilience.

The Forest Service is seeking scoping comments to help refine the proposed action and identify ways to improve project design. The comment period is an opportunity for the public to be involved in the process and offer thoughts on alternative ways the Forest Service can accomplish the project purpose and need.

The Heppner Ranger District will also host a public workshop at the Heppner Ranger District office on Nov. 7.

For more information about the West End Project or the upcoming collaboration opportunity, contact the project lead, Diane Shirley, at [diane.shirley@usda.gov](mailto:diane.shirley@usda.gov) or 541-427-5315.

Additional information about the West End Project, including how to comment on proposed activities, is available at [fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=56315](http://fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=56315).

Additional information about the Umatilla National Forest is available at [fs.usda.gov/umatilla](http://fs.usda.gov/umatilla).

## Donations for Veterans Gift Shop accepted Nov. 4-16

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A Veterans Gift Shop will be up and running at Mosier’s Home Furnishings, 101 E. Main, in John Day Monday, Nov. 4, through Saturday, Nov. 16. Contributions of unwrapped gifts for veterans to share with family members will be accepted

during store hours.

The donations will be delivered to patients at the Portland VA Medical Center.

The gift shop is organized by the American Legion Auxiliary Ellis Tracy Unit 77.

For more information, contact Ruth Harris at 541-575-0076 or Mosier’s at 541-575-0649.

### David Lee Holmstrom

April 12, 1945 — Oct. 23, 2019



David Lee Holmstrom, husband, father, grandfather, and uncle, passed away peacefully on Oct. 23 at his home in John Day, Oregon, with his wife, Fran, by his side.

Dave was born on April 12, 1945, in Lovelock, Nevada, to Dona K. Holmstrom and John E. Holmstrom, Sr. He graduated from Pershing County High School in 1963. He attended college at the University of Nevada, Reno, where he was an active member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. Dave later enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he was stationed in Herzogenaurach, Germany from 1968 until 1971, when he was honorably discharged and returned home to Nevada.

During his time in Germany, he met his life partner, Frances (Fran) M. Rocks, his wife of 45 years, and celebrated the birth of his daughter, Lisa K. Holmstrom. Dave and Fran were married in Reno, Nevada, on Dec. 3, 1973, and moved to John Day, Oregon in 1974, after his parents, Dona and John, purchased what is now known as the Holmstrom Ranch in John Day. In addition to helping his family run the ranch, Dave established and successfully operated his own hay contracting service for more than three decades, until he and Fran purchased the Holmstrom Ranch in 2010, and assumed all operations over the ranch.

Dave was a true snowmobile enthusiast and was a member of the Grant County Snowballers for many years, volunteering his time grooming hundreds of miles of snowmobile trail for local club members and visitors to the area. He and Fran had many snowmobile adventures traveling with their motor home throughout Oregon with friends and club members. He was also an avid sportsman, and enjoyed many outings with his nephews, son-in-law, grandchildren and friends, hunting deer and elk. In the fall, as haying work slowed down, he spent his days on his boat, fishing local lakes with Fran. He was always generous with his time, teaching and mentoring the next generation of hunters.

Dave preceded in death by his parents, Dona and John Holmstrom, Sr.; brothers, Dee Walter Holmstrom and John E. Holmstrom, Jr.; and nephew, Hugh Charlebois. He is survived by his wife, Fran M. Holmstrom; daughter, Lisa K. Mendez (Dan); grandchildren, Alejandra Mendez, Anna Mendez and Daniel Mendez; sisters, Sonya A. Hesterlee, Elna I. Blanchet and Dona Jean Mathews; nephews, Danny Charlebois (Lisa) and Marty Holmstrom (Stacie); and many other nephews, nieces and cousins. No service is scheduled at this time at Dave’s request. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you please donate to Blue Mountain Hospice to support their compassionate and professional services. *Paid for by the family of David Lee Holmstrom*

### Ron Holliday

Dec. 4, 1947 — Oct. 21, 2019



Ron Holliday, age 71, passed away at his home on Monday, Oct. 21. A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1 at the Grant County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Friends are invited to remain at the pavilion and join the family for a reception following the celebration.

Ronald Clyde Holliday was born Dec. 4, 1947 in Prairie City, Oregon. Ron was the third born and first son of Clyde and Earlene Holliday. He spent his first years in Mt. Vernon, near what is now Clyde Holliday State Park, and attended Mt. Vernon grade school. He spent most of his time with his cousins LB and Dueford Adams. As a young boy Ron desperately wanted to be a cowboy, but his dad was a lifetime logger. At 10 years old his dream came true. Clyde bought the old Herman Oliver Ranch and that would change all of their lives forever. Unfortunately, on the very same day that they bought the ranch, Clyde and Earlene were in a devastating motorcycle accident. These bittersweet events would alter Ron’s young life and cut short his childhood. The Holliday’s would then move to the ranch between John Day and Prairie City, and ranch life began. Ron attended Grant Union High School but wanted to be out on the new family ranch every day. He married Sue Nelson on Oct. 31, 1969. Ron and Sue started their own family right away with Chad, Mandy, Tonna and Billy. He and his family moved to Bear Valley, on Scotty Creek Road, where he would spend the rest of his life raising kids, hay and cattle. He was very proud of his kids and taught all of them how to do whatever job it took to help run the Clyde Holliday & Sons Ranch. Along with his brothers Kenny and Darrel and their kids and their dad Clyde, Ron lived his destiny as a rancher and a cowboy. Most of Ron’s cowboy influence came from Carlene’s husband, Guido Damer. He loved calving cows down on Pine Creek in the spring, putting up loose hay in John Day Valley and Bear Valley in the summer, gathering cattle off the allotments, from Fall Mountain to Bear Creek, in the fall, and feeding cows in Bear Valley all winter. Ron loved to hunt coyotes, bobcats, deer and elk but especially loved being on horseback. He was an incredible storyteller with a real strong sense of humor. He also had an extensive knowledge of history and guns. Although Ron never cared much for school, he could have been a university professor on any historical era from pre-historic to the Roman Empire, and in American history from the Industrial Revolution to the Civil War, where he had a vast knowledge.

Ron is preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Earlene Holliday; and his son, Billy Clyde Holliday. He is survived by his son, Chad Holliday (Erica); grandson, Chase Holliday; daughter, Mandy Taylor (Skip Ryder) granddaughter Grace Taylor; daughter, Tonna Holliday (Jay Kenyon); granddaughter, Billy Radinovich; sisters, Carlene Damer (Guido Damer); sister Sharon Mitchell; brothers Darrel Holliday (Kathy Holliday) and Kenny Holliday (Pat Holliday); and several nieces and nephews.

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Thursday.....	63/32
Friday.....	71/41
Saturday.....	47/33
Sunday.....	46/25
Monday.....	44/23

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Partly sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Partly sunny	Partly cloudy	Low clouds
46	51	52	56	56	57	63
23	25	26	30	33	21	32