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Corporation formed to sell BEO stock

G.H. Pierson, president of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, recently announced the formation of BEO Securities, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Bank of Eastern Oregon. "BEO Securities, Inc., was formed to buy, sell and make a market for Bank of Eastern Oregon bank stock," explained Pierson. President of the new corporation is E. George Koffler, executive vice president of the Bank of Eastern Oregon. Linda LaRue, cashier of the bank, is the secretary-

treasurer of the new corporation.

"Bank of Eastern Oregon bank stock has always been a good investment," noted Pierson, "but there has been no ready market for its sale. The board of directors of the banks, encouraged by the stockholders, has formed this new corporation to allow stockholders to sell their shares and to allow local people who would like to invest in the bank a method to do that also."

The Bank of Eastern Oregon, with branches in Heppner, Ione,

and Arlington, has assets of over \$32 million and does business in Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler, Grant and Umatilla counties. It is primarily an agricultural bank but also offers real estate loans, consumer loans, credit cards and is a full service commercial bank, Pierson explained.

Anyone interested in buying bank stock may contact Koffler, LaRue or Pierson at the Heppner branch of the bank. The new corporation will be open for business as of October 1, Pierson said.

Molly Day receives creative arts award



Mary Ella Moyer (l) presents award to Molly Day

Molly Day was honored with a special award from the Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Association at their meeting on Sept. 28.

Day, who won the most points from the open class adult art department at the 1992 Morrow County Fair, was presented a silver bowl with an engraved medallion from Peterson's Jewelers.

Day has been interested in art from an early age, starting out by drawing with pencil and pen and ink and then charcoal. A later interest in oils grew into a real love for painting. The last few years Day has been experimenting with water color and acrylic and enjoys all aspects of art.

Senior years conference set

The Gilliam County OSU Extension Service and the Gilliam County Senior Services will hold the 1992 Challenge of the Senior Years Mini-conference and Fair, Thursday, Oct. 8 at the Gilliam County fairgrounds in Condon. The event begins with registration at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Four guest speakers will speak on "The Senior Challenge", "Recycling: A Challenge for All Ages", and "Stamping Out Consumer Fraud in the Senior Years".

In addition, there will be several informational booths for participants to browse through and receive additional information about aging and senior issues such as medical care, living facilities, social security and Medicare. "The day is directed toward senior issues, but all ages are invited and encouraged to attend," says Shirley McDonald, Gilliam County Senior Services coordinator.

"We have some dynamic speakers and a great day planned," added Glenda Madden, Gilliam County Extension agent. Admission price is \$3 including lunch, a doorprize ticket, snacks and free information.

Extension study group to survey kids about TV habits

Morrow County Extension Homemakers will survey children about their television viewing habits during the month of October. Members will interview children between the ages of seven and 13.

The information will be used to encourage television networks to offer more new educational and non-violent entertainment programs for children. The survey is part of a nationwide survey by the parent organization, National Association for Family and Community Education (NAFCE). NAFCE is the new name for the National Extension Homemakers Council. NAFCE represents people who participate in extension study groups throughout the United States.

Each of NAFCE's 360,000 members is asked to interview at least one child. The survey is phase two of a five part "What about the Children?" children and television project.

The survey of 30 questions will take approximately 45 minutes to complete. The questionnaire covers such questions as which channels and which programs the

children watch; if they think the programs are for children or adults; and if the programs are new or a repeat. With a base understanding of children's television viewing habits the next step is to provide education/training on how to be good consumers of TV and how to teach parents and children to view television critically.

If you want your child to be a part of this survey, call Morrow County's project chairman, Isabelle Jones, 922-4034, or Carol Michael-Bennett, 676-9642.

The 80 members of Morrow County Extension Homemakers meet monthly throughout Morrow County as a part of an informal adult-education program sponsored by the Oregon State University Extension Service. To keep up to date on all phases of today's living, they study such subjects as nutrition, community affairs and family relationships. The "What About the Children?" Children and Television Project fits with their mission "to strengthen individuals and families."

Medical fund ends year with loss

The Morrow County Medical fund ended the 1991-92 fiscal year June 30 with a \$686,821 loss before county property taxes, donations and interest. Gerald Moro of the accounting firm Barnett, Dennis and Moro, told the medical board Monday evening.

Moro cautioned the board, "This can't continue very long or you're in trouble."

County property taxes received for that period amounted to \$448,789; donations were \$4,940; and interest was \$26,410, for a loss of \$206,682.

The previous year's loss before county property taxes was \$347,958. After an input of

\$419,040 in county property taxes, \$15,458 in donations and \$33,141 in interest the 1990-91 fund showed a budget surplus of \$119,681.

Russ Demianew, assistant administrator, said, however, that revenues are up around \$380,000 this year compared to the same period last year. Administrator Kevin Erich concurred, saying "Every department is up. The clinic's up and Home Health is skyrocketing." Physical therapy, a new service, is also increasing revenue, he said.

Demianew outlined a plan for collecting past due accounts, from Medicare and Medicaid, as well as private individuals.

Erich also reported that the

medical fund has received \$50,000 in donations, including one \$25,000 gift, during the past year.

In other business the board: * learned that Home Health is now providing home health care to residents of Haven House in Fossil. Home Health visits will increase from around 200 to around 300 visits per month, he said;

* learned that a satellite has been installed which will allow the hospital to receive educational programs beginning in October;

* learned of a change in the employees' insurance provider which reduces the cost of a family plan from around \$860 a month to around \$400 a month.

Local police departments form new drug task force

The Morrow and Umatilla County Sheriff's offices, Hermiston and Pendleton Police departments and the Oregon State Police have formed a new regional drug enforcement task force.

The new task force called the Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team, or BENT, will be comprised of seven investigators and one supervisor from the five agencies involved. BENT will address the narcotics enforcement problem in Umatilla-Morrow counties.

A cooperative effort has existed for years between the agencies, involving the Umatilla County Narcotics Team, Hermiston Police Department and Morrow

County Sheriff's office. The new task force will streamline operations and information sharing, and will increase the efficiency of coordinating investigations.

According to a press release from the Morrow County Sheriff's office, "The drug problem knows no jurisdictional boundaries. Morrow and Umatilla Counties both share the same problems with regards to narcotics traffickers and influx of drugs into the region."

The Blue Mountain Narcotics Team will result in no added bureaucracy or expenses for any agency, they said. It is the result of the efforts of all the agency heads in trying to work more efficiently and effectively in the face of scarce resources.

Red Ribbon week Oct. 24-No. 1

"Something big is coming to Heppner," says Stan Hoobing, convener for the Oregon Together Group. A parade, a poster making contest, free coffee, bright ribbons, and lots of people proclaiming, "Drug Free and Proud", are some of the highlights of National Red Ribbon Week Oct. 24 through Nov. 1.

The purpose of National Red Ribbon Week, now in its fifth

year and celebrated internationally, is to mobilize all segments of a community into a united and visible force dedicated to the eradication of drug use.

Governor Barbara Roberts, showing her strong support for drug prevention and recognizing the need for society to develop an attitude of intolerance toward drug use, is the honorary chairperson of the 1992 National Red Ribbon Week in Oregon.

Candidates forum October 6

A candidates and issues forum will be held at the Heppner High School cafeteria on Tuesday, Oct. 6, beginning at 7 p.m.

Candidates who have accepted the invitation to attend the forum include Wes Cooley and Wayne Fawbush, state senator 28th district candidates; Steve Uffleman and Michael Payne, candidates for state representative 59th district; Louis Carlson and Ann Spicer, Morrow County judge candidates; Ed Glenn and Don McElligott, candidates for Morrow County Commissioner;

Peter Fels and Jeff Wallace, candidates for Umatilla-Morrow District Court judge; and a representative for David Chen, candidate for state treasurer. Representatives may also be present to discuss Measure 4, which could ban triple trailers, and Measures 5 and 6, which would immediately close Trojan nuclear power plant.

Moderator for the forum, which is sponsored by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce is Dr. Dick Temple. Refreshments will be served.

Pool committee plans meeting

A "People for the Pool" meeting will be held at the Heppner Neighborhood Center on Oct. 6 at 11 a.m. to plan the October

11 pool calcutta and spaghetti feed.

Anyone interested is invited to attend. For more information call 676-9252 or 676-9795.

Flu vaccine to arrive soon

The Morrow County Health Department received word that they will not receive flu vaccine for approximately two more weeks.

When the vaccine does arrive, evening clinics, in addition to regular clinics will be held in each community, according to Laura McElligott, public health nurse.

PMH Auxiliary Boosters to meet, plan Reno night

A Pioneer Memorial Hospital Auxiliary meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center.

A baked food sale will be held on Friday, Oct. 2 at 10 a.m. at Miller's Mini Mart.

A Booster Club meeting will be held Wed., Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. at Kate's Pizza.

The agenda includes planning for Reno Night. Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to attend.

Nominees asked for ASC ballot

"Farmers are asked to nominate candidates of their choice by November 2 to be on the ASC county committee ballot," says R.H. Matthews, CED.

The ASCS County committee election will be conducted from November 27 to December 7 by mail ballot.

ASC committees are responsible for managing federal farm programs on the local level. To meet the needs of individual producers, ASC committee members must be concerned and responsible individuals, said Matthews. Morrow County farmers have the opportunity to nominate people they feel would best serve the farm community. Farmers will be receiving petition forms by mail and will be submitting them to the county ASCS office.

A few basic considerations should be kept in mind when circulating petitions, Matthews continued. In order to be valid, petitions must be limited to one nominee each, must include written certification that the nominee is willing to serve if elected, must be signed by at least three eligible farm voters in the ASC community, and must be received in the county ASCS office by the November 2 deadline.

Farmers may circulate or sign nominating petitions for as many candidates as they choose. Anyone wishing to nominate a farmer for the ASC committee election may contact the county ASCS office for details, including eligibility requirements for office holders.

Farmers should petition for and elect those individuals they feel would do a good job as a member of the ASC committee, Matthews said. The election of concerned farmers to positions on ASC committees is essential in the administration of farm programs, he added.

"The county ASCS office welcomes all valid petitions," said Matthews. The opportunity to nominate, vote, and to be elected to office is guaranteed to all farmers regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, marital status, handicap, or national origin.

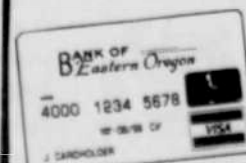
National
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Week

October 4-10, 1992

National 4-H week is coming up Oct. 4-10. During this time the Extension office expresses their appreciation to present volunteers and leaders, welcomes new volunteers and leaders and begins recruitment in the fourth and fifth grades.

For more information about 4-H contact Bill Broderick at the Extension office, 676-9642.

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