

## LaRue inducted into Banking Hall of Fame Ione Education Foundation receives monies for greenhouse



Linda LaRue, BEO Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

Linda LaRue, of Ione, was inducted into the Oregon Bankers Association's Banking Hall of Fame, June 29, at a ceremony held at Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, WA. She is one of only four women to have been inducted.

LaRue, Bank of Eastern Oregon's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, has been with the Bank of Eastern Oregon since November 1974, beginning as a part-time teller in Ione. She was nominated and accepted into the Hall of Fame because of her contributions to banking at both the local and state level.

LaRue contributes at the local level by managing the operations of BEO, which includes every aspect except loans and investments. She is active in making sure operations for BEO's 11 branches run smoothly and in accordance with banking regulations and laws. She also handles teller training.

In July 1987, LaRue transferred from the Ione branch up to Heppner where she became teller supervisor. She moved into her current position in the 1990s.

With her years of banking experience, LaRue

says she has become a "reference" for others in the banking community, answering questions and offering advice.

On the state level, LaRue has been active for the past 12 years with a committee that works closely with the legislature to create safer banking practices and to create better banking. One of the projects her committee worked on involved making punishment for identity theft more stringent.

Through the committee's work, there is now a program that allows banks and law enforcement to share information about identity theft cases. This sharing of information allows for multiple cases involving a single offender to be connected, thus bringing stronger punishment, along with more security for banking customers.

LaRue and her husband Del have three grown children- Robin in Ione, Shawn in Oregon City and Michelle in Sheridan.

While LaRue believed she was at the ceremony to send off George Koffler, BEO President, as the outgoing OBA Chairman, she was "totally

shocked" about her induction into the hall of fame. OBA had brought her children to the reception and surprised her with a plaque.

The plaque was inscribed with the following: "Oregon Bankers Association Hall of Fame admits Linda K. LaRue in recognition for outstanding commitment to Oregon banking and extraordinary contributions to the citizens of the State of Oregon. June 29, 2004."

LaRue was also honored locally with a party at BEO.

LaRue said she is appreciative of the honor and is proud to be part of the Hall of Fame.

### Fair Tab deadline approaching

The deadline for all articles, photos and event information for the Morrow County 2004 Fair and Rodeo edition of the Heppner Gazette-Times is Monday, Aug. 2 at 5 p.m.

Stories can be emailed to david@heppner.net; faxed to 676-9211 or delivered to the Gazette office at 147 Willow St., Heppner.



Archie Taylor, (third from the left) representing National Energy and Gas Transmission, presented Howard Mullins, (far left) Vice-President of the Ione Education Foundation, with a check in the amount of \$1000. The money is to be used for needed supplies for the construction of a greenhouse by students of Ione High School. Standing behind Taylor are two mechanics from NEGT. Also pictured (L-R) are teachers Duane Neiffer and Tom Shear with students Nancy Estrada, Amanda Emery, Mason Bradfield, Tyler Brown and James Acock. Absent from the crew on that day was Cody Keisling. The greenhouse is being constructed next to the tennis court, on school property, and will be complete by the start of school in Fall 2004.

## Oregon Bankers Association announces new executive committee

The Oregon Bankers Association (OBA) elected its 2004-2005 officers during its annual meeting held last week at Dolce Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, WA.

On Tuesday, June 29, 2004 the full membership unanimously approved the new Executive Committee. The 2004-2005 Executive Committee is comprised of Thomas A. Perrier, President/CEO, Oregon Bankers Association, Salem; Chairman, Michael V. Paul, President, Private Client Services, Umpqua Holdings Corp., Portland; Chair-Elect, William E. Castle, President/CEO, South Valley Bank and Trust, Klamath Falls; Vice-Chair Robert L. Fenstermacher, President/CEO, LibertyBank, Eugene; Secretary-Treasurer, Richard E. Brown, Vice President, Bank of America, Portland; Immediate Past Chairman, E. George Koffler, President/CEO,

Bank of Eastern Oregon, Heppner; President, Independent Community Banks of Oregon, Bruce G. Bryant, President/CEO, Town Center Bank, Portland.

Chairman Paul has been with Umpqua Holdings, the holding company of Umpqua Bank, for approximately two years and has an extensive background as an Oregon banking executive. Paul is actively involved in numerous community organizations and works tirelessly to promote economic development in and around the Portland area and throughout the Umpqua banking territories.

"I look forward to representing the Oregon banking community in front of regulators and legislators at both the state and national level," said Paul. "Banking is truly the cornerstone of every community, and through our constant advocacy and outreach efforts, we intend to promote the significance of banking

throughout Oregon."

In addition to the new Executive Committee, the Oregon Bankers Association elected seven new Board members: Kathleen Baker, CEO-Pacific Northwest Region, Union Bank of California, Portland; David P. Bobbitt, President, Sterling Savings Bank, Spokane; Neil Grossnicklaus, President/CEO, Willamette Valley Bank, Salem; Robert Ward, President/CEO, Home Valley Bank, Grants Pass; Stephen M. Way, President/CEO, Silver Falls Bank, Silverton; Brady Adams, President/CEO, Evergreen Federal Savings, Grants Pass; David T. Crier, President/CEO, American Pacific Bank, Portland.

Established in 1905, the Oregon Bankers Association is a trade association of state and nationally chartered commercial banks, savings banks, thrifts, extra-national banks and trust companies that are chartered to perform banking business in Oregon.

## A view from the hill

Floyd Raver, a resident of Willow Creek Terrace, will celebrate his 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday on July 19. Born in 1931, Floyd has been an Oregonian since he was thirteen and moved to Madras with his parents and three siblings. When his one sister, who lives in Bend, comes to visit this week, they will celebrate and reminisce about the days when they were a family of six.

Floyd completed his schooling in Madras and then entered the Navy. He served mostly in Asian waters aboard an attack cargo ship, helping with the putting ashore of craft and personnel. His four-year commitment completed, he returned to Madras, which was, even then, showing signs of growth. When he was in school, Floyd had a paper route. He delivered the "Oregon Journal" to twenty-seven homes. The other statewide paper, "The Oregonian," was delivered to twenty-eight homes. Today, Madras is a community of over 2000 people.

Most of Floyd's employment in the years to follow was with the City of Madras. He was the fire

chief for about twenty years. Through those years and until shortly after his retirement, the chief was the one paid position in the volunteer fire department. Though he did not face any life-threatening situations while fighting fires, Floyd does admit that he got his "feathers singed a few times." His tenure was before the EMT program, so when he went out on ambulance runs, it was with his first aid card in his pocket.

Floyd's son, Darrell, lives with his family- Tina and his three sons- in Heppner, which explains Floyd's coming to live at Willow Creek Terrace. He was one of the original tenants. Though he is now content to participate in the Terrace activities, to "play" with his computer and to listen to his diverse musical CDs, Floyd was once a two-wheel enthusiast. He started his long association with motorcycles on a dirt bike and later moved on to a road bike. He is sure he put over 30,000 miles on his Honda Interstate (Gold Wing) 1100. Maybe, he says, this explains his son's interest in the two-wheel machines today.

Floyd was one of the Terrace residents who attended the Bluegrass concert in the park on July 1. The large group enjoyed a picnic and then the music of the Portland quartet. The music even inspired one resident to get to his feet and dance to the beat.

The next day, July 2, Lowell Gribble celebrated his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday with a visit from his daughter, Barb, and her daughter Kimi with son Austin Carlson. The four-generation visit was a Kodak Moment, for sure. Of the sixteen residents at Willow Creek Terrace, nine are 90-plus years old. On June 30, Francis Circle had enjoyed a birthday trip to Battleground, WA, with his daughter, Monica Swanson.

Rev. Duane Jones brought his "Christmas in July" bingo game to the Terrace on July 5. Dressed as Santa, Jones added to the suspense of the game by wrapping all of the prizes and offering one special prize for the blackout round.

Something about every day at the Terrace is special, and the residents welcome visitors who wish to come and share a special day with them.



### BETTY BURNS

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**"I would like to thank everyone who supported me in the May Election. Due to a recount, I am a candidate in the November General Election. If anyone has any questions as to my experience - qualifications - or my ability to carry out the duties of the Justice of the Peace - please contact me, I will be glad to talk to you."**

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