

Engagement Peck-Haguewood



Dustin Haguewood and Amellia Peck

Steve and Camille Peck of Lexington wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amellia Peck of Lexington, to Dustin Haguewood of Ione.

The groom-to-be is the son of Keven and Linda Haguewood of Ione. He graduated from Ione High School in 2001 and Wyoming Technical Institute in 2002.

The bride-to-be graduated from Ione High School in 2002. She earned a degree in crop and soil science in 2006 at Eastern Oregon University.

The couple will be married on Sept. 9 at Ruggs Ranch in Heppner.

Births

Karver Sterling Wilkins- a son, Karver Sterling, was born July 5, 2006 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton to Renee and Tim Wilkins.

Kelly Anne Doherty- a daughter, Kelly Anne, was born July 6, 2006 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton to Peggy and Brian Doherty of Lexington.

Kourtney Alexis Krogh- a daughter, Kourtney Alexis, was born July 11, 2006 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Teri and Robert Krogh of Irrigon.

Jimmy Patrick Sullivan, Jr.- a son, Jimmy Patrick, Jr., was born July 18, 2006 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Rachel and Jimmy Sullivan of Irrigon.

OLCC sends \$182,807 in spirits revenue to Eastern Oregon

Baker, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa counties and their 52 cities received \$182,807 from the Oregon Liquor Control Commission's June distilled spirits revenue allocation.

The disbursement for Morrow County was: Morrow County, pop. 11,945, \$4,058; Boardman, \$3,135; Heppner, \$1,402; Ione, \$336; Irrigon, \$1,774; and Lexington, \$257; The agency distributed \$13.1 million statewide in June, using a formula based on Oregon's population of 3.63 million. The 36 counties received 10 percent of the total, \$1.2 million; 239 cities, 20 percent, \$2.5 million; state general fund, 56 percent, \$6.9 million; and city revenue sharing account, 14 percent, \$1.7

million. In addition, the State Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services received \$727,087 and the Oregon Wine Board got \$21,282. OLCC revenue is derived from the sale of distilled spirits in 243 liquor stores, taxes on malt beverages and wine, license fees, and fines for liquor law violations. The per capita distribution rate for cities was 99 cents; counties 34 cents. Last month's revenue share was \$11.23 million.

The OLCC collects privilege taxes of \$2.60 for a 31-gallon barrel of malt beverage, 67 cents a gallon for taxable wine with an alcohol content of 14 percent or under and 77 cents on taxable wine over 14 percent. Of that, 2 cents a gallon goes to the Oregon Wine Board to fund research and promotion.

BEO Bancorp announces second quarter results

BEO Bancorp and its subsidiary, Bank of Eastern Oregon, earned net income of \$358,000 for the second quarter of 2006. This is a 7 percent increase over the second quarter of 2005 and a 47 percent increase over the first quarter of 2006. ROE strengthened to 16.26 percent for the quarter and 13.94 percent year to date. "We are pleased with the earnings result for the second quarter. We are continuing to grow into our new size and redeploy assets to improve profitability," said President and CEO E. George Koffler.

Total loans grew at a strong pace from \$102,614,000 to \$119,551,000 year over year, a 17 percent increase. There were no non-accrual loans and past due loans totaled \$188,750.79 or .16 percent of loans at the end of the quarter. "Credit quality remains very good despite the continued high prices for energy. We anticipate average to above yields for grain producers and beef prices are still strong, both of which bode well for the agricultural sector," said Chief Credit Officer Jeff Bailey.

Total deposits grew 8 percent year over year from \$150,975,000 to \$162,669,000. Non-interest bearing deposits again led the way with a 17 percent increase. Non-interest bearing deposits make up only 15 percent of the bank's deposit totals. "We were pleased with the campaign introduced in the second quarter to garner new checking accounts with new

accounts showing a 29 percent increase over last year," said COO and EVP Linda LaRue. "We also set the groundwork for going real time with our ATM network that will give our customers better access to their funds," said LaRue.

Net Interest Margin increased during the quarter from 4.16 percent to 4.25 percent as a result of a planned liability cost reduction focus. "We have been diligent in keeping competitive rates and growing deposits while still keeping a focus on interest expense control," said Koffler. "Our interest rate risk profile is appropriate for the interest rate climate we are in. We are almost evenly balanced for the 12 month profile," said Koffler.

BEO Bancorp is the holding company for Bank of Eastern Oregon, which operates 11 branches in six eastern Oregon counties. Branches are located in Arlington, Ione, Heppner, Condon, Irrigon, Boardman, Burns, John Day, Prairie City, Fossil and Moro. Bank of Eastern Oregon also operates a mortgage division, has loan production offices in Hermiston and Ontario, and offers brokerage services through BEO Financial Services. The bank's web site is www.beobank.com.

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DA's Report

The Morrow County DA's office reports handling the following business:

Dustin Andrew Spears was convicted of Theft-1, a Class C felony. He was sentenced to 18 months supervised probation, 30 days in jail, 80 hours of community service and payment of \$1028 in fines and fees and \$2584 in restitution.

Damien Wilhelm pled guilty to Criminal Mischief, a Class A misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 180 suspended days in jail, 40 hours community service, 24 months bench probation and payment of \$906 in fines and fees and \$299 in restitution.

Paul Joseph Focht pled guilty to Theft I, a Class C felony and Burglary II, a Class felony. He was sentenced to 13 months in jail, one year probation and payment of \$1051.14 in fines and fees and \$1595.86 in restitution.

Democratic Party to hold nominating convention

Due to the resignation of the Democratic Party's nominee for the Legislative seat in the 57th House District, the Democratic Party will hold a nominating convention to appoint a new candidate for the office. The convention will be held in La Grande on Saturday, Aug. 5, beginning at 1 p.m. The location will be the Integrated Services Building at 1607 Gekeler Avenue. All Democrats of the 57th House District are invited to attend. If you have questions, please contact Jerry Sebestyen at (541) 910-7478.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office reports handling the following business:

July 10: MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that they had just returned home to find their 1995 30-foot travel trailer missing.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Ione that his wallet was in a vehicle that was towed by Looslie's while another subject was driving it and was arrested on an UCSO warrant. The wallet has been released to the arrested subject by Looslie's and now the caller cannot get his wallet back.

Summer sun heats up Heppner



After a period of what seemed like endless rain, temperatures around Heppner soar into the high 90s and above. On Monday, July 24, the Bank of Eastern Oregon clock read 99 degrees and the reader board at the Elks Lodge read 113 degrees.

Justice Court Report

The Morrow County Justice Court reports handling the following business:

Brittanie Lee Piening, 20, Hermiston, Possession of Less than One Ounce of Marijuana, fine \$610.

Ricky Leo Clements, 56, Ceres, CA, Violation of the Basic Rule, 90 mph in a 55 mph zone.

Deanne Kay Kasten, 41, Heppner, Violation of the Basic Rule, 76 mph in a 55 mph zone, fine \$185.

Jerry Lee Manley, 32, Heppner, Driving while Suspended- violation, fine \$429.

Timothy Shannon Stephens, 44, Ione, Driving Uninsured, fine \$185.

Matthew Steven Wright, 20, Rough/Ready, CA, Minor in Possession-alcohol (consumption), fine \$244.

Stephen W. Walker, 47, Hermiston, Criminal Trespass while in Possession of a Firearm, fine \$406.

Christopher Scott Fisher, 43, Hermiston, Violation of the Basic Rule, 81 mph in a 55 mph zone, fine \$185.

Bradley Michael Adams, 21, Heppner, Failure to Renew registration, fine \$76.

Cynthia Rae Doherty, 49, Heppner, Dog at Large, fine \$76.

Ivar Lee Christensen, 57, Hermiston, Failure to Register and Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance, fine \$261.

Craig M. Millman, 34, Renton, WA, Violation of the Basic Rule, 82 mph in a 55 mph zone.

Kirk A. Looslie, 31, West Richland, WA, DUII Diversion, fine \$334.

Delbert Dungan, Heppner, DUII, fine \$2312, plus attorney costs, along with 30 days in jail (150 days suspended for time already served), 40 hours of community service, three years probation and completion of an alcohol education program.

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