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Bank of Eastern Oregon names executive vice president

The Board of Directors of Bank of Eastern Oregon elected Chief Credit Officer, Jeff Bailey, as an Executive Vice President of the bank at a recent meeting.

Bailey started his banking career in Gilliam County, serving as a commercial loan officer in Arlington and Condon, from 1996 to 2003. He was named Chief Credit Officer of the bank in 2003 and relocated to administrative headquarters in Heppner.

Bailey is a native of Wallowa County. He is a graduate of Enterprise High School and Oregon State University with a degree in agricultural business management and from Eastern Oregon State College with a degree in business administration. Bailey worked in the grain industry for 10 years before coming to the bank. He was a grain trader and

worked for Harvest States Cooperatives, Bunge Corporation and Koch Ag in the Portland area.

He and his wife, Chris, have three children, Justin, Jordan, and Caitlynn, who attend school in Heppner.

"We are proud to announce this promotion. Jeff is an important member of the bank's executive management team. Under his leadership, the loan portfolio has grown substantially without sacrificing credit quality," said President and CEO, E. George 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.



Jeff Bailey

Head Start still accepting students for 2006-07 school year

Heppner Head Start is still recruiting and enrolling students for the 2006-07 school year. To register, call Umatilla-Morrow Head Start at (800) 559-5878. Depending on enrollment, Head Start will be considering families above the income guidelines.

Obituaries

Jean E. Nelson

Jean E. Nelson, 90, of Lexington, died Saturday, Aug. 19, 2006 at Providence Benedictine Nursing Center at Mt. Angel, OR.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Nelson family ranch on Baseline Road near Lexington with a graveside service to follow at 4 p.m. at the Lexington Cemetery.

She was born Oct. 8, 1915 at Roseburg, the daughter of Charles Stuart and Nellie Maud Whipple McElhinny. She was raised and attended school in Roseburg until 1929. The family then moved to Salem where she graduated from high school in 1933.

She attended Willamette University in Salem for one year and then attended Oregon State College in Corvallis, where she graduated with a degree in 1939. She moved to Heppner to teach in the fall of 1939 and taught there for two years. In the fall of 1943, she moved to Pendleton and taught for two years at Pendleton Junior High. She became Home Demonstration Agent under the Extension Service in Yamhill County and remained there for three years.

In 1946, she married Ira Norman Nelson and went to live on the family wheat farm in Eastern Oregon near the town of Ione. She cooked on a wood stove that also heated the house water that first year. There was no electricity until 1949. She quickly learned about making butter, ironing with sad irons, collecting the eggs and skimming cream.

She had two children, Charles Alfred in 1950 and Kristin Sue in 1952. She was very active in Grange, PTA, Farm Bureau, 4-H/Extension, Oregon Wheat League, Garden Club, Ione Community Church, Topic Club and Ione Public Library.

Her special interests were the Morrow County Historical Society and the Oregon Trail. She worked on projects to photograph and record one-room school houses in the county, recognize Century Farms, to have the Oregon Trail sites in Morrow County recognized and marked by the Oregon Highway Department and on the book "The History of Morrow County." In 1985, she was recognized as a "First Citizen" of Morrow County for her volunteer contributions.

Nelson continued to live on the family farm until 2003. She then moved to Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living in Heppner before moving to Mt. Angel at the Benedictine Nursing Facility, where she received excellent, loving care from the staff. While there, she continued to attend the Oregon State Fair each year, go on trips to the coast, eat out in favorite restaurants and visit with family and friends.

Survivors include son, Chuck Nelson and daughter-in-law, Lisa of Lexington; daughter, Kristin Nelson Graham and son-in-law John Graham, of Salem; grandson, Justin Nelson and wife, Andrea of Salem; granddaughter, Courtney Nelson of Eugene; sister, Sue McElhinny Rankin of Salem; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman, who died in 1984 and two brothers, Bill McElhinny and Stuart McElhinny of Salem.

Memorial contributions for those who wish may be made to Morrow County Museum Farm Foundation, P.O. Box 515, Heppner, OR 97836, or to the Morrow County Historical Society, P.O. Box 594, Heppner, OR 97836, or to Ione Community Church, P.O. Box 346, Ione, OR 97843.

Sweeny Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Eric Anthony Korpela

Eric Anthony "Bubba" Korpela, 7, of Irrigon, died Aug. 19, 2006, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston, as the result of a swimming accident.

A graveside service for Eric Anthony "Bubba" Korpela will be held Aug. 26 at Hermiston Cemetery.

Korpela was born Feb. 1, 1999, in Hermiston, to Chad E. and Mary P. Clark Korpela.

He first lived in Hermiston and then Umatilla, where he attended kindergarten. Last year, his family moved to Irrigon where he attended first grade.

He loved professional wrestling and trying the moves on his parents and little brother, Devon. He also enjoyed fishing, swimming, baseball, watching Monday night football and playing with his brother and sisters.

He is survived by his parents; sisters, Marissa Korpela of Irrigon and Kyrstine Naillon and Kyrstine Naillon and Kyrstine Naillon, both of La Pine; brothers, Devon Korpela of Irrigon and Kyle Miller of Prineville; grandparents, Iris Brood and Leonard Sundquist, both of Hermiston, Tony Clark of Salem and Neal and Jamie Korpela of Prineville; great-grandparents, Edna and Clarence Collyer of Hermiston, Herbert Brood of Woodland, WA and James and Nelda Mitchell of Prineville; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to a memorial fund at Banner Bank or to Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Margaret Anna Smith

Margaret Anna Smith, 83, of Baker City died Aug. 24, 2006 at St. Elizabeth Care Center.

Visitation was held Aug. 29 at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. Graveside services were held Aug. 30 at Mount Hope Cemetery. Jack Pittman of the Baker City Christian Church officiated.

She was born July 10, 1923 in Klondike (Sherman County, OR) to William G. and Pansy Gwynne Seehafer. She started school in Helix and in the fourth grade the family moved to Lena where she attended a country school, then went to Heppner. As a freshman she went to school in Ione.

She was a member of the Christian Church, the Legion Auxiliary, the VFW Auxiliary and an honorary member of the Elks.

Smith worked for many years and retired form Levinger's.

She enjoyed her family, her home and garden and flowers. She also loved to fish and enjoyed the mountains and wildlife.

Survivors include daughters, Jo Ann Hayes and husband Ken of Woodland, WA and Elaine Johnston and husband Guy of Elko, NV; sons, John Gaarsland and wife Amy of Baker City and Melvin Gaarsland and his wife Terri of Elko, NV; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Jane Tye of Enterprise, Billie Ballweg of Fort Worth, TX and Mildred Tavares of Eagle, ID; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Ray W. Smith in Nov. 1987, her parents and sisters, Eulenna Vaughn and Gladys Holderman.

Memorial contributions can be made to Community Connections in care of Gray's West & Co., 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

Irene Ester Huit

Irene E. Huit, 89, a longtime Morrow County resident, died Thursday, Aug. 10, 2006 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, Sept. 1, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

She was born June 14, 1917 at Ione, the daughter of Robert and Ida Mae Sailor Zinter. She was raised and attended school at Ione where she graduated from high school.

She was married to Alfred Melvin Huit. He preceded her in death. She worked mostly as a bookkeeper.

Survivors include sister-in-law, Mary Zinter of

Ione, and nephew Sid Zinter also of Ione.

Memorials contributions, for those who wish, may be made to the donor's favorite charity of choice.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Cycle Oregon returns after 19 years

By Claudia Hughes

Many in Heppner, as well as the Willow Creek Valley, will remember hosting Cycle Oregon in 1987. "Things were different then," comments past Cycle Oregon chairpersons Claudia Hughes and Cara Osmin, who are back on the scene for 2006 Cycle Oregon. Larry Mills and Hughes are co-chairing the Sept. 10, 2006 event and Osmin is Hospitality Chair. "Cycle Oregon now brings all their food and prepares it, rather than doing it locally, which created lots of challenges and memories for all the organizations involved back then. For instance, cleaning 2000 potatoes in a front yard and putting them in ovens all over town won't be happening this time."

The local organizing committee for 2006 consists of: Co-chairpersons- Larry Mills and Claudia Hughes, with City Manager Dave De Mayo assisting; Site coordinators- Jay Gibbs and Tom Mafera, both riding in the event; Food coordinator- Linda Kenny and the Booster Club; Hospitality coordinator- Cara Osmin and the Chamber of Commerce; Entertainment- Alita Nelson and the Parents Club; and Baggage Handlers- Daye Stone and HHS athletes. Each has formed a team of volunteers to insure a successful visit by Cycle Oregon. Additional volunteers are needed and welcomed. "Just call one of the above to lend a hand in making Heppner a positive experience for these 2000 visitors from all over the world," says a spokesperson.

Hughes encourages people along the route, especially those on Little Buttercreek, to put out signs and Irish flags, to wave the cyclists along and give them a warm greeting as they cycle to Heppner the morning of Sept. 10. Cyclists will be stopping for lunch at the Jerry Myers Ranch with a break at the Kevin Hughes Lena Ranch, where the Oregon Trail 4-H Club will be on hand to assist. The break on Monday, Sept. 11, will be handled by the Adopt-a-Teacher organization.

Mills points out that all community volunteers should try to carpool and park in rodeo parking or in the parking area used for football games. Food servers should eat ahead of time. All community members are welcome to join the cyclists for the afternoon and evening entertainment downtown beside the shamrock. Featured evening entertainment will be "Cul an Ti" (The Back Porch), a five-piece Celtic band from Portland.

A full entertainment schedule will be published next week.

Coordinators are appreciative of everyone willing to put forth-extra effort to make this Cycle Oregon 2006 a great experience for 2000 visitors, as they are welcomed to Heppner in Oregon's Rugged Country. Are they tough enough?



Jean E. Nelson



Margaret Anna Smith

4th Annual Fund Raising Dinner
to benefit the Ione Education Foundation
AUCTION and RAFFLE ITEMS
Saturday, September 23rd
Social hour at 6 p.m. / Dinner at 7 p.m.
at the Ione American Legion Hall
Menu: Prime Rib, Crab, Shrimp, Salad, Baked Potato, Dessert. Two drinks included with meal (choose from beer, wine and soft drinks).
Ticket Prices:
Adults - \$25.00
Children 12 and under - \$10.00
6 and under - free
Tickets available at
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Come enjoy a fun evening and help support the Ione School.
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