

## Mock inauguration held at Ione School



Top Photo: President Barack Obama (Tré Neal), Michelle Obama (Babali Peterson), and one of their "daughters" march into the Ione School gym. Bottom Photo: the Reverend Rick Warren (Joshua Stillman) gives the invocation during the mock inauguration held at Ione Community School. -Photos by April Sykes

## Boardman to honor heroes during annual event

Boardman Mayor Chet Phillips announced Tuesday that the city, along with the Boardman Fire Department, will be honoring Richard Carroll and Edgar Juarez for their acts of heroism during an apartment fire at the Columbia Villa Apartments in Boardman.

Mr. Carroll and Mr. Juarez were responsible for rescuing their neighbor, Melanie Pike, from her apartment while it was fully engulfed in flames the evening of December 26, 2008. They extinguished her hair and clothing while waiting for emergency medical technicians to arrive. Ms. Pike was critically injured and later died from her injuries at Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland.

The Hero's Recognition will be held Friday, February 6, at Riverfront Center, #2 Marine Drive, in Boardman at 6 p.m. during Boardman's Citizens

Awards Reception. The reception is an annual event in which Boardman honors its Citizen of the Year, Educator of the Year, Businessperson of the Year and the Boardman Pioneer. Tickets for the event can be purchased at Boardman City Hall, Boardman Chamber of Commerce, Banner Bank, Bank of Eastern Oregon, or Boardman Healthmart Pharmacy & Hardware for \$35 per person.

In other City news, Councilors approved sponsoring an application to update to the Enterprise Zone and appointed the City Manager to serve on the application committee. The Boardman Urban Renewal District appointed former mayor, Ed Glenn to serve as its executive director.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Boardman City Council is Tuesday, February 3, 7 p.m. at Boardman City Hall.

## Murray named to dean's list

Carroll College in Helena, MT recently announced that Sean Murray of Heppner was named to the 2008 fall semester dean's list. Murray achieved a 4.0 GPA for the fall semester.

### New ATV Safety Laws FREE online certification

New safety laws are now in effect for operating quads and three-wheel ATVs (Class I ATVs) and off-road motorcycles (Class III ATVs) on lands open to public use. (See chart below for age-related timelines.) In order to make training as convenient as possible, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department now offers this free safety and education program and certification online on the website [www.rideATVoregon.org](http://www.rideATVoregon.org).

**SAFETY TRAINING EXEMPTION:** Safety training isn't mandatory for riders using an ATV or off-road motorcycle for farming, agriculture, forestry, nursery, Christmas tree growing operations or when riding on private land.

#### MANDATORY TRAINING AGES

Year	Mandatory Safety Training Age
Jan. 1, 2009	Youth 15 and under and adults supervising youth
Jan. 1, 2010	30 and under
Jan. 1, 2011	40 and under
Jan. 1, 2012	50 and under
Jan. 1, 2013	60 and under
Jan. 1, 2014	All riders must have an ATV safety education card

Morrow County OHV Park is active in these changes and do offer the hands on training. ATV Safety Institute and the MSF Motorcycle safety foundation do have instructors on site. Any questions or concerns please contact Morrow County 541-989-9500.

## BEO announces net income for 2008

BEO Bancorp and its subsidiary, Bank of Eastern Oregon, recently announced net income for 2008 of \$2,047,000. This is the second year in a row that earnings have surpassed \$2 million.

### Financial Highlights

Net Income for 2008 was \$2,047,000, 12% lower than the record profits of 2007 of \$2,325,000. Earnings per share were \$2.32, compared to the previous year's \$2.64 per share total. "We are very proud of the results our employees were able to deliver to the bottom line in these uncertain times," said CEO, E. George Koffler.

Considering the deterioration in the economy and potential weaknesses in the loan portfolio, the

### Bank of Eastern Oregon

Capital Ratios	2008	2007	FDIC Guidelines for a Well-Capitalized Bank
Tier 1 Leverage Capital	8.51%	8.70%	8.00%
Tier 1 Risk-Based Capital	9.75%	10.03%	8.00%
Total Risk-Based Capital	11.00%	11.00%	10.00%

board of directors added \$1,778,000 during the year to reserve for loan losses. Year-end reserve for loan losses stood at \$3,635,074, or 2.03% of loans. "We continue to monitor the loan portfolio carefully," said Jeff Bailey, president and chief credit officer. "Non-performing assets have increased from .02% to 1.73% year over year. Non-accrual loans at year end totaled \$2,427,000. Other real estate stands at \$1,519,000. We have added staffing and resources to the special credits area as the need has dictated. Current appraisals show sufficient collateral coverage to mitigate the im-

act of additional market declines," he concluded.

### Growth

Loan levels increased to \$175,791,000 from \$148,274,000 year over year, an 18.6% increase. Deposit totals improved year over year from \$170,160,000 to \$188,958,000, an 11% increase. Total Assets increased 9.8% to \$227,994,000 at year end compared to \$207,636,000 at year end 2007.

### Capital

Capital ratios declined slightly year over year (see chart) due to strong asset growth in 2008. The bank continues to exceed FDIC guidelines for well-

capitalized banks in all respects.

"We are considering several alternatives for building capital to support future growth and to provide an additional cushion should the economy worsen or the recession be prolonged," said Koffler. "During 2009, we expect organic growth in our traditional markets and continued growth from our new branch location in Enterprise, Oregon," he added.

For further information on the Company or to access internet banking, please visit our website at <http://www.beobank.com>.

## Morrow County Court holds January meeting

The Morrow County Court met on January 14. Following is a summary of the meeting provided by Leann Rea.

The court reviewed the written road report. The report stated that the Road Department was continuing work on the Road Canyon Project. The temporary bridge has been delivered to the site where the crew is working on setting the footings for placement of the bridge. Some of the crew is doing ditch and shoulder work along Upper Rhea Creek Road from Road Canyon junction to Basey Canyon junction. There are also three graders working on some of the gravel roads to repair damages from the

recent winter storms. The crew has been working on signs all over the county. The sign work has been completed in the Boardman and Irrigon areas as well as many of the roads in the south end of the county.

The court reviewed a study from the Oregon Department of Transportation regarding speed zones on Kunze Road. The report suggested the speed limit on Kunze be 40 MPH from Miller Lane to the Paul Smith Road intersection. The balance of Kunze Road west would be 45 MPH.

The Planning Director provided a report on the DEQ Regional Haze Proposed Rulemaking meeting that was recently attended.

The court was provided with a copy of the DEQ presentation as well as a copy of a presentation made by PGE. If the rules as presented by DEQ were to be adopted as presented it would create a great hardship on the local coal fired plant located in the Boardman area. This could create a power shortage throughout the state with the greatest impact to the Portland area.

The court heard a report from the Maintenance Department regarding repairs needed to the Museum roof. As most know the recent winter storm caused some problems which re-

sulted in the roof leaking and causing damage to some articles in a storage area. It was reported that the insurance adjuster has been to the museum and reviewed all of the damaged items.

The court again reviewed the Morrow County Court Committee Appointments for 2009. Several changes were made, a final list will be provided at the next meeting for the court's review and final decision.

Anyone wishing to be put on the e-mail list to receive copies of the court's minutes should contact Karen Wolff at (541)676-5620.

## Apartment remodel project almost completed



Billie Lacey shows off her recently remodeled kitchen in her apartment above the St. Patrick's Senior Center. Also pictured is another kitchen in a larger apartment that was remodeled. The remodeling project will be finished in approximately four weeks. -Photos by Autumn Morgan

## Senior Center Menu

Heppner Christian Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, February 4. The menu will include: turkey tetrazzini, sliced peaches, hot rolls, and cookies.

### Morrow County Public Works

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## Real Estate

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### BEWARE OF THE FOUR PLAGUES

In biblical days, there were the ten plagues. In showing a home to its best advantage today, there are four contemporary "plagues" to avoid: Odor, heat, dimness, and noise.

Keep the household air fresh and clean-smelling. Do not cook foods that have over powering odors during a showing. You may love garlic. Your prospect may not.

A noisy domicile hardly conveys serenity. Avoid such distracting noises as the TV, radio, stereos, clamoring children, and barking dogs. For daytime showings, allow maximum sunlight to enter. At night use outdoor lights and a well-lighted interior to convey a sense of cheer and warmth.

In hot weather turn on the attic fan or air-conditioners. During winter keep the interior temperature no higher than 70, mindful that prospects are wearing their outer clothing. For more tips on showing your home, call our office.

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