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**BEO Bancorp reports 2009 profit**

BEO Bancorp (OTCBB:BEOB) and its subsidiary, Bank of Eastern Oregon, announced consolidated 2009 earnings of \$387,000. "BEO Bancorp remains profitable for 2009 despite charging \$4.158 million during the year to income to add to the provision for loan losses and a \$1.275 million charge to account for a decrease in collateral value in other real estate," said Chief Financial Officer, Mark Lemmon. He went on to say, "Our net interest margin is in the upper echelon of banks in the nation. This is caused by securing low cost sources of funding and maintaining a strong liquidity position."

"In the current banking environment, showing a profit for 2009 is something that many banks were not able to do. Our core earnings remain strong and provide a solid base for the bank to build upon," according to President and CEO Jeff Bailey. "As has been stated on numerous occasions, 2009 was a very challenging year for banks in general and this was true for Bank of Eastern Oregon. We continue to make sure our provision for loan losses is funded at an appropriate level to weather possible prolonged deterioration in the national and regional economy," added Bailey.

Chief Operations Officer Gary Prophet said, "Total deposits ended the year at \$204.4 million, up 8.2% year over year. Deposit growth is indicative of customer trust in the stability of the bank, and the quality of service and professionalism delivered by our banking teams. The board of directors and employees take great pride in the fact that this year marks the 65th year that Bank of Eastern Oregon has been serving our rural eastern Oregon communities. Other institutions have come and

gone, but we remain constant and committed to the economic prosperity of eastern Oregon."

"Bank of Eastern Oregon has a net interest margin that ranks in the 98th percentile among our peers," said Chief Credit Officer, E. George Koffler. "Total (net) loans are down 4.2% year over year. This has come about due to economic factors that have temporarily decreased loan demand in our markets and the structuring of our balance sheet." Koffler went on to say, "We are pleased with the progress we have made during 2009 in managing problem credits."

"Total assets grew 5.2% year over year to just under \$240 million and shareholders' equity increased 6.1% over the same period. We are well capitalized by all industry standards and have a Tier One capital ratio of 9.5%," said Bailey. "BEO Bancorp launched a subordinated debt offering late in 4th quarter which bolstered our capital levels at the bank. We are pleased with the results of the debt offering, but still have concerns over the economic recovery in our trade area along with Oregon as a whole. National economic indicators tell us things appear to be improving, but high unemployment levels and low consumer confidence in the overall economy are still issues, as are concerns in the global financial markets. The board of directors will continue the safe and prudent course of building capital through retained earnings during these uncertain economic times. Therefore, the board of directors has voted not to pay a cash dividend for fourth quarter 2009."

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

**Timothy Thomas Welborn**

Timothy Thomas Welborn, 26, former Gilliam County resident, died Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at his home in Portland. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at the United Church of Christ in Condon. A light reception will follow in the church fellowship hall. A graveside service was held at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery in Heppner.



Timothy Thomas Welborn

He was born April 16, 1983 in The Dalles, the son of Timothy P. and Carol A. Phillips Welborn. He was raised in Lonerock and attended school in Condon, graduating as salutatorian of the class of 2001 at Condon High School. He then attended Linfield School of Nursing at the Portland Campus. He graduated with a bachelor of science degree in nursing in 2005. Following graduation he began working for Faulkner's Cascadia Behavioral Health in Gresham. He also taught CPR for the Red Cross for over five years. He found his greatest joy in volunteering, whether in high school, college, or in his adult life working with older people. He participated in FFA and 4-H and while still in high school became certified as a basic EMT. He also enjoyed fishing.

Survivors include: parents, Tim and Carol Welborn of Lonerock; brother, Clark Welborn of Metolius; companion, Chad McVeigh of Portland; paternal grandmother, Beth Welborn of Lonerock; maternal grandmother Shirley Sheldon of Phoenix, AZ; and uncles Dan Phillips, and Brian

Phillips.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Thomas Warren Welborn, and maternal grandfather, James Terry Phillips.

Memorial contributions may be made to Condon Dollars for Scholars, PO Box 385, Condon, Oregon 97823.

Sweeney Mortuary of Condon is in charge of arrangements.

**Nathan A. "Nate" Arbogast**

Nathan A. "Nate" Arbogast, 39, of Heppner died Sunday, February 28, 2010 as a result of a skiing accident at Anthony Lakes. A funeral service will be held 10 a.m. Friday, March 5, 2010 at the Heppner High School gymnasium, with a reception immediately following in the school cafeteria. A graveside service will be held 4 p.m. Friday, March 5, at the Monument Cemetery in Monument.



Nathan A. "Nate" Arbogast

He was born February 26, 1971 at Oregon City, the son of Hal A. and Judith A. Cavender Arbogast. He was raised and attended school at Molalla until the ninth grade when he moved to Monument to live with his aunt and uncle, Jan and Paul Jewell. He graduated from Monument High School in 1989. He went on to attend Portland State University where he graduated in 1994 with a bachelor's degree and then to Eastern Oregon State College in LaGrande where he received a post baccalaureate teaching degree in 1995.

On June 13, 1992 he married Chandra Bender in Monument. The couple moved to Heppner in the mid nineties, where he

worked for the Morrow County School District. He then followed his true passion in life through his company, Wind Wave, which was bringing high speed internet into the area, especially for the benefit of the rural schools so the students could learn and compete with the larger schools. He enjoyed spending time with his family, skiing, hunting, golfing, movies, computer games, and also serving as deacon for many years at the Christian Life Center.

Survivors include: his wife, Chandra Arbogast; children Cade, Kai, and Cara, all of Heppner; mother, Judy Cavender of Portland; father Hal Arbogast of Pendleton; brother, Matt Arbogast of Tracy, CA; and grandfather, Jack Cavender of Monument.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Nettie and Floyd Arbogast; grandmother, Alda Clyde Cavender; uncle, Paul Jewell; and cousin Jaime Geinger.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Christian Life Center, PO Box 145, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**Clarence R. Greenup**

Clarence R. Greenup, 80, of Portland died Saturday, February 27, 2010 at his home.

A graveside service was held at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2010 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery in Heppner.

Clarence Raymond Greenup better known as Clancy was born September 10, 1929 in Hamilton, Montana to Price and Peggy Morgan Greenup. Clarence

was the youngest of four brothers. He lived in Heppner during his teenage years and participated in football, basketball, and tennis and he lettered in all three. He would go to Alaska during summer vacations to earn money. In 1948 he graduated from Heppner High School. During his high schools years he caught the eye of Rita Dell Johnson while walking to school. They were married in Boise, ID and spent their life together in Portland, where they raised five children. Rita Dell and Clarence were married for 61 years.

He enjoyed hunting in Eastern Oregon and learned the love of golf in his early twenties. He participated in golf tournaments with celebrities and friends. Clarence had a true love of flying, and earned his pilot's license in 1952 in the state of California. He would fly his airplane not only for pleasure, but for his business buying and selling heavy equipment in and outside of the United States, mostly the Pacific Northwest.

Clarence always had room in his heart and home for animals, both domestic and wild. He loved to feed them and would worry about not only his own pets but everyone else's. He enjoyed his outings with his grandkids and loved family get-togethers especially family picnics.

Survivors include: his wife, Rita Dell Greenup of Portland; daughter, Rita Marie Greenup-Matney of Estacada; sons, Michael Greenup of Arizona, Mitch Greenup of Bend, and Matt Greenup of Heppner; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, Mark Greenup in 2008 and by brothers, Everett, George, and Don.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements

**South Morrow County Scholarship applications available**

Applications are available for the South Morrow County Scholarship at Heppner High School and Lone High School.

Criteria used in awarding this scholarship include scholarship, leadership, citizenship, financial need, and probability of success in the student's chosen field.

The deadline for these to be turned in is April 15, 2010.

For more information call Sharon Harrison at 541-989-8496.

**Bombing Range reopens to traffic**

Bombing Range at the intersection of Highway 207 is now open for traffic. The road, however, is not paved and drivers are advised to proceed with caution.

Paving will take place mid-March and a short term closer will be implemented.

**Heppner Water Control District to meet**

The Heppner Water Control District will meet Wednesday, March 10, at the Ag Service Center at 7 p.m.

Agenda items include approval of previous minutes, treasurer's report, election of 2010 officers, discussion of expiring CRP contracts in the district, 2010 creek clean up discussion and landowner tree concern along Hinton Creek. Meetings of the district are open to the public.

**Rayburn graduate Army Basic Combat Training**

Kendra Rayburn, a 2008 graduate of Heppner High School, graduated Army Basic Combat Training February 12, 2010 from Fort Jackson South Carolina.

Rayburn is now stationed at Fort Huachuca, AZ for AIT.

She is the daughter of Randy and Vicki Rayburn of Heppner. She is the granddaughter of Jerry and Sonja Smith of Heppner, Bonnie Freeman of Greenleaf, ID, and Bud and Ann Rayburn from Joseph.



Kendra Rayburn

**American Legion plans birthday party**

The American Legion will hold a birthday party on Tuesday, March 9, in the Heppner United Methodist Church basement, starting at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be potluck.

**Holly Rebekah Lodge to host monthly card party**

Holly Rebekah Lodge will be hosting their monthly card party this Saturday, March 6, at the Lodge Hall in Lexington. Play will once again start at 7 p.m. The cost for an evening of fun, visiting and

snacks is still only \$5. In addition to the weekly BINGO game on Thursday afternoons starting at 2 p.m., the Lodges will be hosting an evening of BINGO on Friday, March 12.

"We invite everyone to these events," says a Lodge spokesperson. "A person is able to have a lot of fun for a small amount of money."

**Senior Center Menu**

Nazarene/Seventh-Day Adventist members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, March 10. The menu will include tuna salad sandwiches, corn chowder, coleslaw with pineapple, and butterscotch pudding.

**Espresso Specials-** Kiwi Italian Soda \$2 for 24 oz  
Chocolate chip Mint Frappe \$3 for 16 oz  
Pralines-n-creme Breve \$3.75 for 16 oz

**St Patrick's Schedule**  
Friday, March 12 7am-7pm  
Saturday, March 13 8am- 6pm  
Sunday, March 14 8am- 3pm

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**PER Old Timers Night**  
Thursday, March 4th  
Dinner 6 p.m.  
Lodge 8:00 p.m.  
**STEAK DINNER**