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Hostile application to acquire BEO Bancorp withdrawn

"I am pleased to announce that the application made to the Federal Reserve Bank by Community Bancshares, Inc. to acquire up to 100% of the outstanding shares of BEO Bancorp has been withdrawn," said President and CEO, Jeff Bailey. "Though I will not speculate as to why the application was withdrawn, I understand that the Federal Reserve Bank received literally hundreds of letters from shareholders, customers, and employees in opposition to the application. I am certain these letters made a difference and was a

factor in the final decision," continued Bailey.

"Because of the overwhelming message to remain independent that we heard from our shareholders and community, we will diligently proceed with actions to buttress the existing anti-takeover measures already within the articles of incorporation and bylaws, as well as adopt further measures suggested by counsel. With these measures added to defenses already existing within Oregon statutes, we will in fact be an even stronger, more independent

corporation," said EVP and CFO, Mark Lemmon.

"The Board of Directors, management and employees of Bank of Eastern Oregon thank the stakeholders for resoundingly voicing support and conviction for Bank of Eastern Oregon to remain staunchly independent, locally owned and operated, as well as an integral part of our communities," concluded Bailey.

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

Residents able to have discarded vehicles towed for free

Now, through the end of August, Heppner residents who would like to get rid of junked and discarded vehicles can do so with help from the Morrow County Sheriff's Office. The sheriff's office, in support of the

City of Heppner, will make arrangements for residents to have their vehicles towed for free during the month of August, before the city's permit requirement begins to be enforced.

Through August

31, residents can call the Morrow County Sheriff's Office at 541-676-5317 to initiate a tow request. After August 31, residents will be required to have a permit or risk being cited for code violations.

Heppner resident to hold CD signing

Heppner resident Nella Britt will hold a CD signing on Friday, August 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Victorian Rose.

Britt wrote two songs over 21 years ago. "All Their Tears" was written for an adopted daughter and a son whom she adopted out as an infant, reuniting with him 25 years later. The second song, "Free at Last", was written for a friend who visited Britt in a hospital after a nervous breakdown.

Another song, "A Blended Family" was written for her family and all families who have adopted, step, foster, or children that have been adopted out and have found their birth parents and blended with their adoptive parents, into the family structure.

"All Their Tears" and "A Blended Family" are being dedicated to all adopted children and their families.

Britt recently had the her songs published and will be touring in October and November to Adoption Agency annual events



Nella Britt

in South Carolina, Florida and at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, D.C.

Britt will be selling "All Their Tears" CDs and t-shirts for \$15 (\$7.50 without the shirt) and "Free at Last" for \$7.50. \$2 of each sale of a CD and "All Their Tears" t-shirt will go to the Adoption Agency facilities.

Britt has been a resident of Morrow County

for over 35 years. She has three step-children, Rusty Britt of Lexington, Rick Britt and Mindy Costner, and Sarah Harris of Heppner, 11 grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. Britt's son Randy, his son, daughter and granddaughter live in Florida. Britt's husband John died in 2007. He was a logger in Morrow and Wheeler Counties for over 40 years.

Former Heppner High School teacher sentenced to prison for having sexual contact with students

Cannin sentenced to three years in prison after pleading guilty to various sex charges

Attorney General John Kroger announced on July 29 that former Heppner High School teacher

Wendy Cannin was sentenced to three years in prison for having sexual contact with two students

"It is particularly offensive for a teacher to prey on students," said Attorney General Kroger.

Cannin, 31, pled guilty to Rape in the Third Degree, Sodomy in the Third Degree and



Wendy Cannin

Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree. Cannin admitted having sexual contact with two of her students at the school. She had an on-going relationship with one of them.

After serving her sentence, Cannin must register as a sex offender.

Senior Assistant

Attorney General Rachel Bridges prosecuted the case for the Oregon Department of Justice.

Attorney General John Kroger leads the Oregon Department of Justice. The Department's mission is to fight crime and fraud, protect the environment, improve child welfare, promote a positive business climate, and defend the rights of all Oregonians.

NOAA issues monthly climate summary for Heppner

According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures at Heppner averaged near normal during the month of July.

The average temperature was 69.6 degrees which was 0.2 degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged 85.4 degrees, which was 0.3 degrees below normal. The highest was 98 degrees on the 10th. Low temperatures averaged 53.8 degrees, which was 0.7 degrees above normal. The lowest was 42 degrees, on the 4th.

On 12 days, the temperature exceeded 90 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 0.29 inches during July, which was 0.06 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation -at least .01 inch- was received on 5 days with the heaviest, 0.16 inches reported on the 2nd.

Precipitation this year has reached 10.24 inches, which is 1.66 inches above normal. Since October, the water year precipitation at Heppner has been 13.38 inches, which is 1.01 inches above normal.

The outlook for Au-

gust from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for above normal temperatures and near to below normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner during August are 85.2 degrees and normal lows are 53.1 degrees. The

30 year normal precipitation is 0.54 inches.

The National Weather Service is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department.

Morrow County Fair begins Wed.



Coner and Carson Brosnan look at a Morrow County Public Works display in the process of being set up on Tuesday. The 2010 Morrow County Fair opened to the public Wednesday. Daily tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for kids. Ticket prices for the duration of the fair are \$10 for adults and \$4 for kids. Children under six can get in for free if they are accompanied by an adult. -Photo by Autumn Morgan

New edition of "Morrow County Chronicles" on sale

The "2010 Morrow County Chronicles" is now on sale. This 26th issue of the Morrow County Historical Society's ongoing collection of historical articles will become available at the County Fair booth today, Wednesday. The price for the publication remains \$5.

This year's collection features stories written by several previous students of some of the county's early rural schools, more brief biographies of military veterans who call Morrow County "home," and articles on two longtime residents.

The Chronicles

City of Boardman noxious weed program a success

The City of Boardman's Puncturevine Control Program has been dubbed a huge success with over 200 bags of Puncturevine collected. This is the city's second year running the program, which originally started off with a budget of \$300.

With so many participants the city ran out of funds within the first two weeks of the program, leading the city council to add another \$300 into this year's program. The city provided the bags, and participants were paid \$3

per bag collected. The city plans to burn the weeds as soon as the burn ban is lifted.

Each year the City receives complaints of the plant growing along the bike path, sidewalks and curbs. The spiny bur or seed pod from the Puncturevine (*Tribulus terrestris*), also known as a "Goathead", contains 20 seeds equipped with long sharp spines capable of puncturing a bike tire or a shoe.

The city's code compliance official John Russell said he could see a

with information.

big improvement along the city's bike path, streets, and other public areas such as the Marina Park's baseball fields. Many citizens, mostly school-aged children, participated in collecting the weed in the spirit of helping out their community. The City of Boardman appreciates all the participation in the program, and hopes to sponsor it again next spring.

For more information on the City's Puncturevine Control Program, call Boardman City Hall at 541-481-9252.

City reminds residents to control weeds

The City of Heppner would like to remind residents that weeds need to be kept under control to avoid being cited for a code violation.

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