

## BEO among 200 top-performing banks in nation

US Banker magazine has ranked the BEO Bancorp of Heppner as one of the top 200 community banks in the country.

BEO Bancorp, the parent company of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, was one of three Oregon banks listed. US Banker, a trade publication based in New York City, named BEO Bancorp of Heppner, Siuslaw Financial Group of Florence and Corvallis-based Citizens Bancorp to the list based on average return of shareholder

equity between 2008 and 2010. Banks with less than \$2 billion in assets were eligible.

BEO ranked number 90 on the list with a 9.93 percent average return.

"We are extremely pleased with the recognition in US Banker magazine. We find ourselves in the company of some of the best run and most admired banks in the nation," said Jeff Bailey, president and CEO of Bank of Eastern Oregon. "This is testimony to the dedication

of our employees and the tremendous support of our customer base. We are proud of our track record serving eastern Oregon communities for over 66 years and are delighted to be the only bank in eastern Oregon that can make the claim of being in the top 200 community banks in the country."



Jeff Bailey

## BEO QUARTERLY EARNINGS

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The bank's capital ratios, a key regulatory barometer of a bank's overall health, are even stronger now than before the economic downturn," Chief Financial Officer Mark Lemmon said. "Increased loans and deposits bode well for our strong net interest margin, which dictates overall profitability."

Chief Operations Officer Gary Prophet said, "We are pleased with our continued deposit growth in the face of the prolonged, depressed interest rate cycle. We believe

this reflects customer confidence in the stability and financial strength of Bank of Eastern Oregon, the best capitalized bank in eastern Oregon."

"Quarter end past due loans were minimal and we have seen progress in moving some of the non-performing assets off of our books," said EVP and Chief Credit Officer

E. George Koffler. "We see continued strength in our agricultural loan portfolio. The cool and wet spring has set the stage for a very productive grain harvest. Cattle prices con-

tinued to be strong and summer grazing conditions are some of the best that I can remember," added Koffler.

"We have noticed increased loan demand across our system. Our agricultural loans are at an all time high and overall loan portfolio quality continues to improve. The hard work of our employees and the continued support of our shareholders and customers are greatly appreciated. Our expectation is that these factors will continue to add value to our shareholders and the communities we serve," concluded Bailey.

## Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk has issued the following marriage licenses:

May 27: -Brandon Kellogg, 30, of Pendleton and Linsey Ropp, 31, of Pendleton.

## Summer readers tour courthouse

The Heppner branch of the Oregon Trail Library District will continue its summer reading program with a tour of the Morrow County Courthouse this Friday, July 22 at 2 p.m. Interested families should meet at the courthouse.

For those participating in the summer reading program, July 29 is the last day to fill out book logs at the library. Early readers and preschoolers can count the time they have been read to by another person.

Story hour and Friday movies continue through August 5. The July 22 movie will be Planet 51. July 29 story hour will be at 10:30 a.m. on the topic "Global Citizens." The 2 p.m. movie that day will be a showing of Inkheart.

For more information on the library's summer reading program, call the Heppner library at 676-9964.

## Seewald joins BEO

Russell Seewald Caldwell in management, has joined Bank of Eastern Oregon as a commercial lender. Seewald will split his time between the lone and Heppner branches. He replaces Tucker Rice, who is returning to Montana to farm and ranch.



Russell Seewald

Seewald and his wife, Kim, are relocating to the Willow Creek Valley with their high-school-age daughter. They also have two older children.

Seewald is a native of the Boise Valley. He has a bachelor's degree from the College of Idaho in

## Maryhill free to Morrow County residents

Maryhill Museum of Art invites residents of Gilliam, Grant, Morrow and Wheeler counties to visit free during the weekend of July 23 and 24. Residents of those counties need only present their driver's license to receive complimentary admission.

For nearly two decades, Maryhill has extended this offer to its neighbors.

"It is especially timely now as Northwest residents continue to seek free and low-cost activities," says Maryhill's executive director, Colleen Schafroth.

## BEO collects school supplies

Bank of Eastern Oregon (BEO) is once again offering its 12 branch lobbies as drop-off sites to collect school supplies for local elementary students.

Each year, BEO employees join in the bank's efforts to collect these supplies for their community schools. Each Bank of Eastern Oregon branch will also offer a drawing for backpacks filled with supplies for lucky students, in addition to collecting supplies for their local schools

or ESD to distribute.

BEO urges community members to join with their local branches and celebrate hometown spirit; bring school supply donations to any branch of Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Parents of grade-school students are encouraged to stop in, fill out a drawing ticket and enter for a chance to win a school backpack. Entrants do not need to be customers, and no purchase is necessary.

## Missy G to perform at Music in the Parks



The Morrow County Unified Recreation District and Portland General Electric is proud to present Missy G to the Irrigon Marina Park for Music in the Parks on Monday, July 25, at 7 p.m. The Missy G Band, from the great northwest since 2006, plays country favorites and originals. Missy G consists of Missy Guthrie; her husband, John Guthrie and drummer Glen "Bam-Bam" Drumm. -Contributed photo

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## Heppner students named to EWU spring 2011 dean's list

Heppner students Brandon Seitz and Krystal Seitz have been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Eastern Washington University.

The dean's list is released after every fall, winter and spring quarter. An undergraduate student who earns 12 quality hours and receives a GPA of 3.5 or better is placed on the dean's list for the quarter.

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