

Bank of EO acquires Bank Reale Get ready for Walk MS

HEPPNER—BEO Bancorp and its subsidiary, Bank of Eastern Oregon, announced last week that the transaction acquiring Bank Reale has been approved by Bank Reale shareholders and received all necessary regulatory approvals. The effective date of transfer was Feb. 28, 2015. The Bank Reale location in Pasco, WA opened its doors on March 2 as Bank of Eastern Washington, a branch of Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Bank of Eastern Oregon, based in Heppner,

was founded in 1945 as Gilliam County Bank in Arlington, OR. Since that time the bank has expanded to 12 branches and five loan production offices located in 11 eastern Oregon counties. The bank was founded by farmers and ranchers. Bank officials say the bank views agricultural lending as key to its historical, as well as future, success.

Jeff Bailey, president and CEO for Bank of Eastern Oregon says, "Pasco marks our 13th branch and our first location in eastern Washington. Our goal is to

expand upon and execute the original vision of Bank Reale's founders: to provide unequalled customer service and serve the banking needs of the local Pasco community as well as the outlying rural areas of the Columbia Basin. Bank of Eastern Oregon has served rural eastern Oregon for over 70 years and we are excited to expand our footprint and bring our style of banking to the region. Bank Reale has a talented group of employees that we are excited to have on our banking team."



Participants at Heppner's 2014 Eastern Oregon MS Walk. The walk, scheduled for April 25, is in its 17th year. —File photo

County court seeks Ione planning commission representative

The Morrow County Court has announced it will be considering an appointment to serve on the Morrow County Planning Commission for the Ione

area. Planning Commissioners serve four-year terms. Any Morrow County resident interested in taking a more active part in county

land-use planning is encouraged to submit a letter of interest to the Morrow County Court, P.O. Box 788, Heppner, OR 97836, by March 16, 2015.

Craft bazaar planned for fairgrounds during St. Pat's celebration

The Morrow County Fair Board will host an arts and crafts bazaar and pulled pork lunch at the fairgrounds this year in conjunction with the St. Patrick's Wee Bit O' Ireland

Celebration in Heppner. The bazaar will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the main dance hall at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. A few vendor spots are still available;

price is \$25 per table. Call Ann Jones at the Fair Office, 541-676-9474, for more information.

A lunch including a pulled-pork sandwich, side, cookie and a drink will be available for \$5.

Heppner is getting ready for its 17th year of sponsoring the Eastern Oregon MS Walk, planned for Saturday, April 25, at 10 a.m.

All Eastern Oregon residents are invited to join the walk, the goal of which is to "create a world free of MS (multiple sclerosis)."

Pre-registration is appreciated but walk-ons welcome. Pre-register on the web at www.walkMSoregon.com or by phone at 503-445-8342.

Anyone who is unable to attend the day of the scheduled walk can still help the cause by register-

ing as a virtual walker and walking on a lunch break, walking to and from work, or walking with a group of walkers on another day to raise funds.

There is no registration fee for the MS Walk. Event coordinators say donations of any amount are welcome, as those funds will help support the continuing fight against MS. Participants raising \$100 per person or more can earn prizes for outstanding fundraising, starting with a T-shirt prize at the \$100 level, while supplies last.

The registration/check-in will begin at 9 a.m. at All

Saint's Episcopal Church, 460 N Gale Street, Heppner. The walk will start at 10 a.m. with brunch and door prizes to follow after the walk. The well-marked 5K route is wheelchair accessible. This year's event will also feature a 5K run, and a marked 10K walk is also available. There will be 5K and 10K route maps available the day of the walk.

MS Walk posters, with registration information, will be located in local businesses. Contact Heppner MS Walk co-chairs Merilee McDowell, 541-571-5853, or Barb Orwick, 541-256-0455, with questions.

Park district helps supply Ione pool



Betty Gray presents a check from the Willow Creek Park District for pool supplies for the Ione Community Pool. —Contributed photo

Ione plans three-on-three basketball tournament

Ione High School's junior class is planning a three-on-three basketball tournament fundraiser on Thursday, April 9, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Teams must be registered by April 7 to play. Cost to enter is \$20 per high school or adult team, and \$15 per middle school team. Contact Orissa Burghard at orissa.burghard@ione.k12.or.us to sign up.

Spectator admission will be \$2. Refreshments will be available.

HUMC this week

A free community breakfast kicks off a busy schedule this Sunday at Heppner United Methodist Church. Breakfast begins at 8 a.m. and will be served until 10 a.m. in the community room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Jean Brazell will lead this week's service with her message, "God Sends Us Light to See, Through Jesus." The choir will sing "I Am the Light of the World" and liturgist GeriAnne Meligan will read from Exodus, Corinthians and John. Hymns will include "Jesu, Thy Boundless Love to Me," "Open My Eyes That I May See," "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" and "Go Forth For God."

A fellowship time will be held in the community room following the service.

Service begins at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. The Heppner United Methodist Church is located at 175 West Church St. For more information, call 541-676-9224 or e-mail heppneroregonmethodists@gmail.com.

Holly Rebekahs to host monthly card party

Holly Rebekah Lodge will be hosting its monthly card party this Saturday, March 7, at the lodge hall in Lexington. Play will start at 7 p.m. The cost per person to play is \$5 for an evening of snacks, fun and visiting. Prizes will be awarded to high and low man and high and low woman.

2014 wolf management report available

The draft 2014 Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Annual Report is available online. It includes the 2014 update for Oregon's wolf population. Nine wolf packs and six new pairs of wolves were documented in Oregon in 2014. Oregon's

minimum known wolf population at the end of 2014 was 77 wolves, including eight breeding pairs.

ODFW staff will brief the Fish and Wildlife Commission on the report at the Friday, March 6, commission meeting in Salem.

Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be an all entities report on Thursday, March 5, at noon in Heppner City Hall conference room. Also at the meeting will be a special presentation by FFA students regarding the pheasant brooding house project.

Cost of lunch is \$10; Heppner Family Foods will cater. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than the Wednesday before to guarantee a lunch.

Emmel boys win again at Bike Pit



Top: Timothy Emmel of Ione (right), who took first in the Quad Intermediate race at the Bike Pit, with (L-R) PeeWee Quad 6-12 second-place finisher Derek Whitaker of Hermiston and Quad Beginner winner Andrew Winters of Umatilla. Emmel mentored the other two riders to ride in their very first races. Bottom: Luke Emmel of Ione (#12, left) clears a jump on lap four of five of the Combined/Open Beginner race, in which he took second. Emmel rode a 150cc, while most of the rest of the class competed with 250cc or 450cc. Winner Shaun Edwards of Pendleton (right) rode a 450cc. —Photos by Paula Emmel

Park district to meet

Willow Creek Park District will have a regularly-scheduled meeting March 10 at 5:15 p.m. at Heppner City Hall, 111 N Main St.

How to Pick a Church

1. Bible Doctrine: Pick a church that teaches the plain, clear message of the Bible.
2. Spiritual Life: Look for a church with passion and enthusiasm in living what they believe.
3. Convenience: Join a church that is close enough to where you live that you can be involved in all its activities. Make it easy to be a faithful participant.
4. Your Ministry: Not only should the church minister to your spiritual needs, but you should grow in service to them. Where are you needed?
5. Ask God: Maybe this is the most important point of all: Listen for God to direct and confirm to you where you belong.
6. Just Do It: No short list like this could possibly be complete, but the main thing is, get involved in a church! Make a commitment! Be faithful! Don't stay home from church and don't be a habitual church hopper. Make a commitment and be faithful.
7. Faith: There are no perfect people and there are no perfect churches. Don't expect it! But do expect God to bless you and your family as you join with his people in service to him.

Pastor David Jenkins

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