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**Bank of EO welcomes two new board members**

*Burns, Cain bring years of experience to bank board*

BEO Bancorp and its subsidiary, Bank of Eastern Oregon, recently added Marie Cain and Josh Burns to its board of directors.

Cain was raised near Weston, OR. She graduated from Oregon Institute of Technology with degrees in accounting and small business entrepreneurship. She is also financial planning and analysis certified.

She served as staff accountant with Dickey & Tremper, LLP. She joined Threemile Canyon Farms as staff accountant, before serving as financial controller, and then financial planning & analysis manager. Cain recently began working for Umatilla Electric Cooperative as manager of accounting.

She is a board member and current secretary of the executive board for REAL Oregon (Resource Education Agricultural Leadership) and has served in an advisory capacity for various Morrow County committees.

She has a passion for volleyball and was recently selected head coach for Weston-McEwen High School volleyball, having served as Riverside High School volleyball head coach for the past seven seasons.

"Marie brings knowledge of local communities and a strong accounting background with her to our board. She understands our rural roots and will serve

our shareholders well," said Bank of EO President and CEO Jeff Bailey.

Cain and her husband, Jacob, live in Athena with their two children.

Burns was raised in Arkansas and is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. Upon completion of his service commitment, he began his career with Walmart and ultimately became general manager of the Walmart Distribution Center in Hermiston. While working for Walmart, he earned his Master of Science in Leadership and Ethics from John Brown University.

In 2020 Burns joined Swanson Insurance Group, serving as general manager and producer.

He has been active in the greater Hermiston community, previously serving on the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce Board as well as current president of the Hermiston Rotary Club, and a member of the Hermiston planning commission and the Hermiston Airport advisory board.

"We are excited to have Josh join our board of directors. His mix of professional experience and civic involvement, coupled with his military leadership experience, make him a great fit to represent our bank's shareholders," said Bailey.

Burns and his wife, Kimber, live in Hermiston with their two children, Jace, 15, and Keely, 12.

**MCSO goes to summer camp**



Morrow County Sheriff John Bowles (left) and Criminal Sgt. Scott Carter (right) teach a group of campers to build a shelter at 4-H camp last week. -Contributed photo



MCSO Criminal Sgt. Scott Carter speaks to a group of campers while Morrow County Sheriff John Bowles looks on. -Contributed photo



A group of campers at the Tri-County 4-H Camp looks on while MCSO Sgt. Scott Carter talks about wilderness survival. -Contributed photo

Morrow County Sheriff John Bowles and Criminal Sergeant Scott Carter took a trip up to Cutsforth Park recently to help out at the annual Tri-County 4-H Camp. Fourth through sixth graders from Gilliam, Wheeler and Morrow counties attended the summer camp June 14-17.

The MCSO volunteers were given the task of instructing campers in wilderness survival and shelter building. Other volunteers were teaching about fishing, and a third group focused on identifying animal tracks, animal pelts and trapping.

The campers split up into three groups and rotated through each of the three, hands-on learning events. Also included in the camping activities are crafts, skits, science fun, games, hikes and more.

**Morrow County Republicans to meet June 29**

*Summer FUNdraiser this Thursday*

The Morrow County Republicans (MCRP) will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 29, at the Morrow County Government Building in Irrigon. Precinct Committee Persons (PCPs) and anyone interested in the county Republican Party are encouraged to come and join the discussions.

MCRP will recap and wrap up the Summer FUNdraising event to be held Thursday, June 22. There will be an official

appointment vote for three new PCPs. Plans will be made for the October Oregon Republican Party platform meeting in Pendleton.

The Republican Party is open to individuals interested in conservative ideals and values. The Republican Party platform can be found at <https://oregon.gop/>. For more information on the Morrow County Republican Party, contact [mocoreps@gmail.com](mailto:mocoreps@gmail.com).

**Columbia Blue Senior Golf holds Heppner tournament**

On May 8, 99 players participated in the Columbia Blue Senior Golf Association Tournament held at the par-60 Willow Creek Country Club golf course in Heppner.

**Columbia Division (0-12 Handicap)**

First place on the gross side went to Joe Bartlett from Marker 40 of Boardman with a score of 66.

First place on the net side went to Dave Allstott from W.C.C.C., who shot a 69 with an 11 handicap for a net score of 58.

Other W.C.C.C. members placing on the gross side were: 4<sup>th</sup> place, Tim Wright with a score of 70; 5<sup>th</sup> place, Duane Disque with a score of 71; 7<sup>th</sup> place, Jerry Gentry with a score of 72.

On the net side, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Kelly Fox, who shot a 71 with a 12 handicap for a net score of 59; 4<sup>th</sup> place, Dale Holland, who shot a 72 with a 12 handicap for a net score of 60; 5<sup>th</sup> place, Scott Burright, who shot a 71 with a 9 handicap for a net score of 62; 8<sup>th</sup> place, Rod Wilson, who shot a 76 with a 12 handicap for a net score of 64.

**Blue Division (13-17 Handicap)**

First place on the gross side went to Curt Day from W.C.C.C. with a score of 71.

First place on the net side went to Stan Brock from Beacon Rock, who shot a 73 with a 14 handicap for a net score of 59.

Other W.C.C.C. members placing on the gross side were: 4<sup>th</sup> place, Jim Swanson with a score of 75, and 5<sup>th</sup> place, Dave Gundersen with a score of 79.

On the net side, 4<sup>th</sup> place, Tom Shear, who shot a 76 with a 14 handicap for a net score of 62, and 7<sup>th</sup> place, Jeff Cutsforth, who shot an 81 with a 16 handicap for a net score of 65.

**Senior Division (18 and Over Handicap)**

First place on the gross side went to Randy Oldenberg from Pine Meadows with a score of 72.

First place on the net side went to Mike Connolly from Beacon Rock, who shot a 77 with a 23 handicap for a net score of 54.

From W.C.C.C., 8<sup>th</sup> place went to Mike Gorman, who shot an 87 with a 23 handicap for a net score of 64.

**Author to discuss Bannock War at Tamástslíkt**

The largely misunderstood history of the Bannock War is told in the recent publishing of *Northern Paiutes of the Malheur: High Desert Reckoning in Oregon Country*. Author David Wilson will discuss his book at Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute on Saturday, June 24, at 2:30 p.m. The free event is open to the public.

A 2023 Oregon Book Award finalist, *Northern Paiutes of the Malheur* challenges previous notions that Paiute Chief Egan, of Cayuse descent, was the main figure responsible for initiating the Bannock War. Wilson uncovers the larger story of the Bannock War and details the Indian Agent offenses that created an illusion that the Paiutes were architects of their own misery. The Bannock War ended on the Umatilla

Reservation.

David Wilson taught at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Law, Willamette University School of Law, and the University of Oregon School of Law. He moved to Oregon to practice law and, after retiring, spent eight years researching and writing *Northern Paiutes of the Malheur*.

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