



News Release

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Siuslaw Bank Celebrates National Community Banking Month

Eugene, OR: Siuslaw Bank will join community bankers throughout the nation to celebrate the month of April as Community Banking Month. This year community bankers will make a collective effort to inform the public of the important economic and social contributions local banks make in their communities.

Siuslaw Bank will focus on educating local youth on the importance of saving throughout the month long celebration. As part of this effort, the Bank will host an essay contest entitled, "Why It's Important to Save." Winning essays will be published in local newspapers.

Siuslaw Bank will culminate Community Banking Month on April 27, 2010 with "Teach Children to Save Day," when employees of the Bank will visit community classrooms to mentor elementary school children on the importance of excellent saving habits.

"I'm proud to unite with other community bankers across the state and nation to display our dedication to serving our customers, our state, and our country the best way we know how," said Johan Mehlum, Siuslaw Bank CEO and Chairman of the Board. "We are proud of our community and we are dedicated to serving our community and the citizens and businesses that reside and operate here. Our bank has a different philosophy than larger institutions. We are uniquely committed to the local area and our focus lies in helping our community to grow and prosper."

Community banks are independent, locally owned and operated institutions. The more than 8,300 community banks across America today are often recognized for personalized and individual service, low fees and focus on the local economy.

A link to a story we did on Community Banking Month can be found on our web site ([watch the video](#))

Founded in 1964, Siuslaw Bank is Lane County's oldest independent bank and currently has ten branches throughout Cottage Grove, Creswell, Eugene, Florence, Mapleton, Oakridge, Pleasant Hill, Springfield and Veneta.
