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Community Bank Recognizes Local Teachers

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During the month of September Community Bank branches collected teacher nominations for their new Apple Appreciation Awards. The award acknowledges current K-12 teachers in the local community while also supporting school clubs. The winning teacher from each Community Bank location was presented with an Apple Appreciation Award trophy and asked to choose a club or student organization at their school to receive a \$200 donation from the bank.

“We were overwhelmed with the out-pouring of kind words for so many teachers in the region. They do incredible work educating our youth and we want to thank all the amazing teachers investing in our future,” said Community Bank President, Tom Moran.

The bank congratulates the teachers with the most nominations collected in the branches and online. The winners are as follows.

Wallowa County:

From the Joseph School District, Shari Warnock, Imnaha School K-8 teacher; funds will go towards the Imnaha School field trip fund. Enterprise Seventh Day Adventist K-4 teacher, Julie Corson, will select a program at her school to support with the funds. Wallowa High School’s history and economics teacher, Cody Lathrop, chose the boys basketball program to benefit.

Union and Baker Counties:

Sarah Jacobson, the 4th & 5th Grade teacher at Grande Ronde Academy in La Grande chose the Robotics Club to use the bank donation. Kelly McLaughlin, P.E. teacher at Stella Mayfield Elementary in Elgin selected the Physical Education Triathlon Program. South Baker Elementary School’s 4th grade teacher, Stacy Gambleton, chose the 4th grade book fund to benefit.

Umatilla County:

Makenna Ramos, Kindergarten teacher at Pendleton’s Early Learning Center selected the Little Buck Room for new activities for students. In Hermiston, Desert View Elementary 4th grade teacher Meghan Dixon won the Apple Appreciation Award with funds going towards the school’s Robotics Club. Jeff Bishop, teacher at Ferndale Elementary in Milton-Freewater selected the Ferndale Parent-Teacher

Organization to receive the bank donation.

Walla Walla County:

Walla Walla's Pioneer Middle School 7th & 8th math and leadership teacher, Nicole Duncan, asked for funds to be used towards the Leadership Trip. In College Place, Davis Elementary School's Kindergarten teacher, Nichole Hansen, ear-marked bank funds to be given to the Davis Elementary Parent-Teacher Association.

In Clarkston, Lynn King at Parkway Elementary was presented the award and she chose the Parkway Panthers Parent Association to benefit. Lewiston High School teacher, Jamie Bakker, will select a program at her school to support with the funds. The Heppner Parent Teacher Club will benefit as 1st grade teacher Sarah Matheny's club of choice.

The bank plans to continue the Apple Appreciation Awards each fall with plans to expand the nomination radius to include all schools within the counties where Community Bank does business.

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