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## **Community Bank Announces 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

On May 25, 2015, Community Bank (formerly Bank of Wallowa County) will celebrate its 60th anniversary. The bank is one of the 24 remaining independent banks in the State of Oregon (in 1982 that number was 88). Community Bank is now one of the last remaining independent banks operating in Northeastern Oregon and Southeastern Washington.

Since 1991 Community Bank has expanded significantly - from two branches and thirteen employees to 14 full-service branches and over 130 employees. In 1991, Community Bank managed and protected \$15 million for their customers. Today, that number exceeds \$320 million.

Community Bank prides itself on investing money back into the communities it serves in the form of business and personal loans. In addition to direct loans, Community Bank is also a large investor in municipal bonds for schools, roads and sewers, and many other projects that help to make our communities stronger and a better place to live.

"We owe our success to the dedication of our employees, and the support of our customers, who understand the importance of 'banking local'. If it wasn't for these folks, Community Bank would have become another statistic long ago," says President and CEO, Tom Moran.

As a thank you to the local communities and customers, Community Bank is conducting a year-long Silver Sweepstakes to celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Each month 60 ounces of silver bullion will be given away - a 10 oz bar to six lucky winners. Drawings will be held on the last full business day of each month (at each branch) with the first drawing to be held January 30, 2015. With fourteen branches, that will be 14 names advanced to the prize drawings. A random drawing of six names will determine the lucky winners for the month. Enter up to once every business day at a local Community Bank branch. There is no purchase necessary and a full disclosure is available at your local Community Bank or online at [www.communitybanknet.com](http://www.communitybanknet.com).

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