



News Release

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Siuslaw Bank Finishes Community Banking Month/ Honors Essay Contest Winners

Eugene, OR: During the month of April, Siuslaw Bank joined other community bankers throughout the nation to celebrate Community Banking Month. Siuslaw's focus was to thank customers for their patronage and to educate local youth on the importance of saving.

The bank hosted an essay contest in April on "Why It's Important to have a Savings Account" and received 253 applications from across the county. The essay contest was open to children in grades 2-5. The first place winners will receive a \$100 savings bond and the second place winners will receive a \$50.00 savings bond from Siuslaw Bank. The third place recipients in both categories will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to Subway.

Following are the winners:

Second and Third Grade:

1st Place: Seth Sidwell
Oakridge Elementary School
Second Grade

2nd Place: Kelsey Kuhnhausen
Creslane Elementary School
Third Grade

3rd Place: Lilia Gagner
Latham Elementary School
Third Place

Fourth & Fifth Grade:

1st Place: Megan Schneider
Latham Elementary School

2nd Place: Lainey Goss
4th Grade
Siuslaw Elementary School

3rd Place: Dana Brooks
5th Grade
Mapleton Elementary School

An ice cream party for each winner will be held in their respective classroom/schools during the month of May. Prizes and certificates of appreciation will be presented at that time.

In addition to the essay contest, Siuslaw Bank had five teams of banking professionals give presentations to local elementary and middle school students on April 27 for "Teach Children to Save Day." The purpose of these presentations was to mentor children on the importance of excellent saving habits.

Community Banking Month also had an educational component, and clients-of-the-week in every office were honored for the patronage. The week of April 26 focused on clients in the non-profit and arts segments, and many of our 10 branches had artwork on display from local schools.

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.

Siuslaw recently was awarded "1st Place" by the Register-Guard's Readers Choice awards for "Favorite Bank."