



News Release

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CenterPointe Community Bank hires Karalee Chabotte as Assistant Vice President and Business Development Officer

White Salmon resident Karalee Chabotte has been hired by CenterPointe Community Bank as Assistant Vice President and Business Development Officer. Chabotte was previously Branch Manager for First Independent Bank located in Bingen; First Independent Bank recently announced that it will be closing its Bingen office in November 2010.

Chabotte has over 20 years experience in branch banking and for the past five years she has lived and worked in the Bingen/White Salmon market area where she has been an active member of the community. Chabotte is presently President of the White Salmon/Bingen Rotary Club, Secretary of the Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce and Treasurer of the Skyline Foundation as well as a board member for White Salmon Friends of the Library and the Gorge Heritage Museum. Chabotte's new position with CenterPointe Bank will allow her to continue as an active member of the Bingen and White Salmon communities.

"We are delighted to add Karalee to our team of experienced bankers here at CenterPointe Bank," said Mahlon Vigesaa, President and Chief Executive Officer, adding, "in her role as business development officer, Karalee will be a visible member of our team while serving clients on both sides of the Columbia River. This will allow Karalee to remain active in Bingen and White Salmon providing her customers and contacts with an exceptional community bank alternative while building upon CenterPointe's existing client base in Klickitat County."

Karalee can be reached by phone at 360-513-8986 or by email at karalee.chabotte@centerpointebank.com

About CenterPointe Community Bank:

CenterPointe Community Bank (OTCBB: CENP) is a Columbia River Gorge based, State of Oregon chartered and FDIC insured community bank. Initially opened September 2007, the Bank is headquartered in Hood River, Oregon, with a second full service branch office located in The Dalles, Oregon. CenterPointe Community Bank is the only local community bank headquartered in the Columbia River Gorge region. Its designated service area encompasses Wasco and Hood River counties in Oregon, and Klickitat County in Washington State.

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