

# Press Release

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## **Marge O'Hern Announces Retirement**

**PUYALLUP, WA—January 4, 2005**—David H. Brown, President & CEO of Valley Bank announced the retirement of Senior Vice President & Retail District Manager Marge O'Hern effective January 21, 2005.

O'Hern began her employment at Puyallup Valley Bank (later shortening the bank name to Valley Bank in 2003) in 1983 as a part time teller at the Main Office. After transferring to the Summit Office in 1984 she worked in various positions encompassing new accounts, bookkeeping, operations, and lending.

When the bank expanded to the South Hill area of Puyallup in 1990, Marge became a part of the original team to open that location. After becoming a Consumer Loan Officer at Main Office; Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager of the Summit Office; she returned in 1996 to the South Hill Office as Branch Manager. She was promoted in 1999 to Vice President and then Retail District Manager in 2001 of Valley Bank's nine banking locations in Pierce and South King County. In 2004 Marge became a Senior Vice President and Retail District Manager and has continued in that position until her retirement this month.



O'Hern is a lifelong resident of South Hill/Puyallup and a 1965 graduate of Puyallup High School. Marge and her husband Jim plan to enjoy traveling in their motor home, golfing, and spending time with their six grandchildren, family, and friends.

“Valley Bank will certainly miss Marge as she has been a top-notch Retail District Manager” commented Valley Bank President & CEO David H. Brown. “On behalf of the board, management and staff I extend her a sincere thank you for the professionalism and dedication at Valley Bank and wish her the best in the future.”

The public is cordially invited to attend an open house in Marge's honor on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 – 6:00 PM in the lobby of Valley Bank's South Hill Branch located at 15815 Meridian Ave E., in Puyallup. Refreshments will be served.

Valley Bank serves the South King and East Pierce County region of Washington State with eight banking facilities, one drive-up only facility and a residential mortgage loan production office.

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