Expo provides scholarships to five agricultural students

By GEOFF PARKS For the Capital Press

The Willamette Valley Ag Association Scholarship Program, which is giving scholarships to five Oregon college students for the 2015-2016 academic year, is now an in-house operation.

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quire a federal student aid application, and awards are targeted at students who are on a career path toward ag production.

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Four of the students attend Oregon State University and the fifth attends Eastern Oregon University. This year's recipients include:

• Mitchell Evers, a Banks High School graduate studying bio-resource research at OSU: "By

a vital investment not just in the fu- pleted my veterinary school appliture of agriculture, but in the future cation with the hopes of attending of everyone that puts food in their stomaches or clothes on their back. "Working hard to earn a good

education is something I have always valued, and that's part of the reason I'm so appreciative that the WVAE is helping me be a part of modern-day, cutting-edge, progressive agriculture."

• Stefani Evers, a Banks High School graduate now studying ag and others. sciences at OSU: "I truly appreciate being awarded this scholarship! My education is very important to me and I would not be able to continue it without so much support."

• Kalli Sherer, a Tillamook High School graduate now studying anscholarships, the WVAE is making imal science at OSU: "I just com- area."

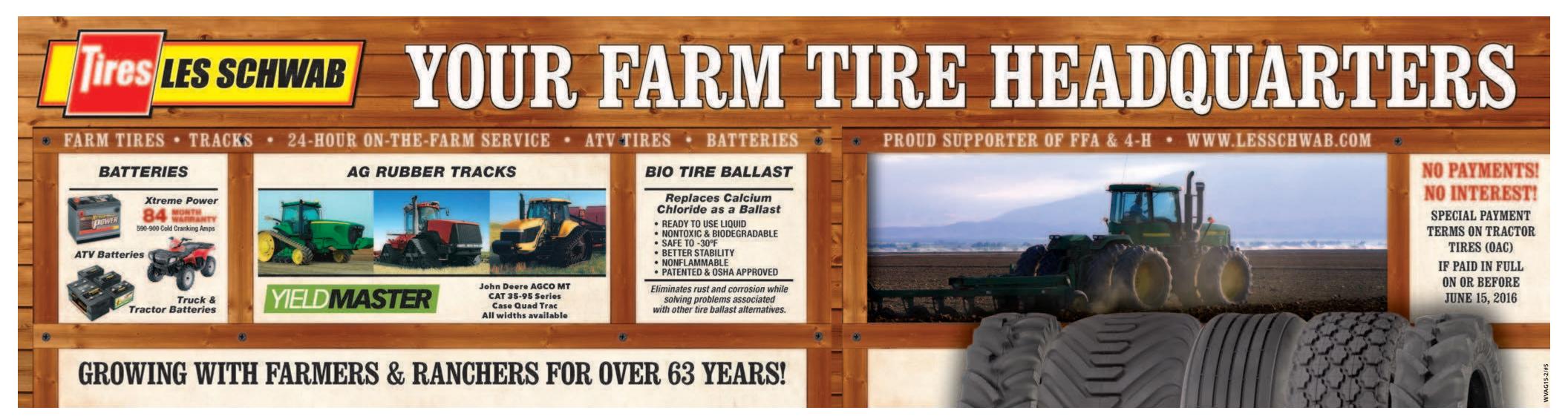
OSU's veterinary program next fall to become a food animal veterinarian

• Katherine Smith, a Central Linn High School graduate now studying ag sciences at EOU: "Receiving a scholarship means a lot, knowing the effort I put into school is rewarded and that I am supported greatly by groups like the WVAE

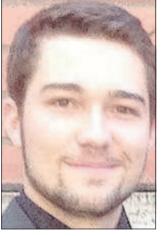
• Amanda Noble, a McMinnville High School graduate now studying ag business management at OSU: "I am very grateful to receive this scholarship. .. It feels great to get recognition from agricultural sources in the



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