



## Hells Canyon Mule Days announces Max Walker Memorial Scholarship winners



Courtesy photos  
From left: Will McCadden, Emily George, and Natalie Williams

The Hells Canyon Mule Days board of directors recently awarded \$1,000 scholarships to three Wallowa County high school seniors.

This year's scholarships were granted to:

- Emily George of Wallowa High School, daughter of Richard and Valerie George. Emily will attend Oregon State University in Corvallis with a major in psychology.

- Will McCadden of Enterprise High School, son of Kevin and Melanie McCadden. Will plans to attend Washington State University in Pullman and study sports management.

- Natalie Williams of Joseph Charter School, daughter of Robert and

Stephanie Williams. Natalie plans to attend Oregon State University and major in Bio-Health Sciences.

The first annual Max Walker Memorial Scholarship was given in the 2004-2005 school year for one scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 and was awarded to Wallowa High School student Lindsay Easom.

With the continuing success of the Hells Canyon Mule Days event and the board's focus on supporting local youth, the board made the decision in 2006 to increase the number of scholarships to three \$1,000 awards starting for 2006-2007 school year. To date, Hells Canyon Mule Days has awarded a total of \$32,000 to Wallowa

County students to help them achieve their academic goals.

Once again this year, there was a strong field of applicants and each one was very deserving. The scholarship committee had a very difficult time selecting only three scholarship winners from the qualified students. The committee was impressed by the diverse goals of Emily, Will and Natalie, and their character evaluation references, career choices and leadership qualities.

The HCMD Board of Directors congratulates each student and wishes them a successful and enjoyable freshman year as they pursue their college education.

# Soroptimists disburse annual scholarships, school grants



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2016 recipients of \$2,000 scholarships from Soroptimist International of Wallowa County. Back row, from left: Jesse-Ellen Woodhead, Emily George, MacKenzie Gray, Katelynn Sidoti, Eyreus Rooney, Stefany Christman, Natalie Williams and Andrea Butterfield. Front row, from left: Dawn Mist Movich-Fields, Emma Carlsen and Bette Rooney. Not pictured: Raymond Seal.

Soroptimist International of Wallowa County recently distributed \$24,000 in scholarships for local high school students and more than \$12,000 in school grants during a luncheon ceremony at Wallowa Memorial Hospital.

The annual scholarships are open to Wallowa County high school seniors seeking two- or four-year degrees at accredited colleges, universities or technical schools.

Twelve students each received \$2,000 scholarships:

- MacKenzie Gray, Enterprise; MacKenzie plans to enroll as a pre-med major at Portland State University.
- Dawn Mist Movich-Fields, Enterprise; Media and rhetoric studies, Lewis & Clark College, Portland.
- Bette Rooney, Enterprise; Pre-med, Oregon State University.
- Eyreus Rooney, Enterprise; Pre-med, Oregon State University.

- Katelynn Sidoti, Enterprise; Early childhood education/Human development and family sciences, Oregon State University.

- Stefany Christman, Enterprise; Elementary education and political science, Lewis & Clark College, Portland

- Andrea Butterfield, Enterprise; Wildlife ecology, Washington State University.
- Emma Carlsen, Enterprise; Business management, University of Montana-Western, Dillon, Mont.
- Raymond Seal, Joseph; Material sciences engineering, Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colo.
- Jesse-Ellen Woodhead, Joseph; Journalism, Washington State University.
- Natalie Williams, Joseph; Nursing, Oregon State University.

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- Emily George, Wallowa; Psychology or nursing, Oregon State University.

Soroptimist International also handed out grant checks for the following school-based projects:

- \$5,000 to Building Healthy Families for their summer lunch program.
- \$3,875 to Wallowology in Joseph to create a kids area in their building.
- \$3,140 to Wallowa School District to provide two water bottle filling stations in their schools to encourage students to drink more water and less sugary drinks. The OSU Extension office in Enterprise also was involved with this project.

All money distributed during the event came from sales at the Soroptimist International Thrift Shop in Enterprise.

## Agriculture scholarships available

The Wallowa County Agricultural Resource Foundation is happy to announce that its 2016 scholarship application is now available. The Memorial Scholarship program awards college scholarships to local students majoring in agriculture and natural resource-related coursework.

To be considered for the scholarship students must be

enrolled in a vocational certification program or a two- or four-year college degree program or graduate program. Applicants must be residents of Wallowa County who attended school in Wallowa County. Both graduating seniors and students presently enrolled in post-high school programs are eligible for consideration. Preference is given

to students in at least their second year of study.

Applications are available at the OSU Extension Office in Enterprise. For details, call Phillip Ketscher at 541-263-1517 or Jeff Parker at 541-426-5989.

Completed applications are to be delivered/postmarked no later than July 1.

# WALLOWA COUNTY ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2016



Savannah Barreto



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