

BUSINESS BEAT

Prescription for success

Len's pharmacy manager follows family footsteps

By Cheryl Hoefler
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JOHN DAY – Following in the family business can be a prescription for a successful career.

That seems to be the case for Tilli Bjornberg, the new pharmacy manager at Len's Drug in John Day.

Bjornberg – whose parents, Greg and Marla Armstrong, own Len's – began working as a pharmacist there last December.

However, her career behind the prescription counter dates back to 2004, when she was a pharmacy technician at Len's



Contributed photo
Father-daughter pharmacy team, Tilli Bjornberg, new pharmacy manager at Len's Drug, and Len's owner Greg Armstrong.

while still in high school, at age 16. She continued to work at Len's off and on during school vacations and breaks,

and also worked at Rite Aid for about six months.

After graduating from Grant Union High School in 2007,

Bjornberg attended Oregon State University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in general science and a doctor of pharmacy degree.

Bjornberg said she wanted to pursue a career in pharmacy because she loves healthcare and interacting with people.

"Being a pharmacist allows me to easily be accessible to my patients and help them with their healthcare needs," she said.

"Working in the family business is very rewarding," she added.

Bjornberg and her husband, Alex, who also works at Len's, live in John Day.

Born and raised in John Day, she is happy to be able to work and live in her hometown.

"I love Grant County and could not wait to come back here after school," Bjornberg said.

Kudos for social worker

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Former Grant County resident Brandi Jo Moles has been awarded the Tom Moan Social Worker of the Year award from the state of Oregon, in recognition for her dedication in the field of social work.

The award is named for Tom Moan, who had a long career in child welfare, serving in many capacities from caseworker to deputy director. The annual award recognizes child welfare caseworkers from throughout Oregon who demonstrate exceptional leadership and achievement in the field.

Moles received a name plate recognizing her as a recipient of the award, and will attend a national child welfare conference in Washington, D.C., with all expenses paid, this month. There, she will have the opportunity to



Contributed photo
Family members celebrate with Brandi Moles, third from left, as she is awarded the Tom Moan Social Worker of the Year award from the state of Oregon. From left, Andie Moles, Randy Moles, Brandi, Joanne Moles, Terijeane Martenson and Kevin Moles.

learn alongside other child welfare professionals and bring that knowledge back to share in Oregon.

A 2003 graduate of Grant Union High School, Moles attended Southern Oregon University in Ashland, where she earned a bachelor's degree in psychol-

ogy and human communication in 2007.

She has been a child welfare caseworker for seven years, starting her career in Gold Beach, and moving to Bend in 2009.

She is currently in her master's program, receiving her master's in social work from

Portland State University.

Moles serves children and families in District 10, which covers Jefferson, Deschutes and Crook counties.

According to Lois Day, director of the State of Oregon Child Welfare, "Moles is described as a caring professional who is highly organized and motivated to solve problems when working with families."

Day said court officials, attorneys, court-appointed special advocates and treatment providers have often complimented her hard work and strength-based approach with families.

Moles is the daughter of Joanne Moles of Canyon City and Randy Moles of John Day.

OTEC ballots go in the mail

The annual meeting is set for May 2 in JD

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BAKER CITY – Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative is mailing ballots on proposed bylaws revisions and board elections to its members throughout the region.

The mailing includes a voters guide, a summary of the 15 bylaws changes, and biographies of the candidates for the three positions that are up in this election. More information is available on the OTEC website, www.otecc.com.

Two incumbents are running unopposed for their seats:

Austin Bingamen for Union County Position No. 4 and Gary Miller for Grant County Position No. 6.

Incumbent Aletha Bonebrake and challenger Wayne Overton are seeking Baker County Position No. 5.

Election results will be announced at OTEC's annual membership meeting, set to begin with registration at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 2, at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day. The event will include a business meeting at 11 a.m., complimentary lunch catered by the Snaffle Bit at 12:30 p.m., entertainment by Frank Carlson, and door prize drawings.

Voting members can cast their ballots by mail or in person at the meeting.

MEETING NOTICE

UPPER MAINSTEM AND SOUTH FORK JOHN DAY RIVER AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA PLAN

The Biennial Review of the Upper Mainstem and South Fork John Day River Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan will be held Monday, April 6, 2015 at 4:00pm at the USDA Conference Room at 721 S. Canyon Blvd., in John Day.

Contact

Jason Kehrberg or Pat Holliday at 541-575-0135 with any questions.

Vote Overton for OTEC Board of Directors



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My name is **Wayne Overton** and I'm asking for your vote for **Baker County Position 5, OTEC Board of Directors.**

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