

Bank of Eastern Oregon awards \$3,000 in scholarships

The Bank of Eastern Oregon awarded six \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors through its Agricultural/Business Scholarship Program. This is the 11th year the bank has offered this program, giving away over \$30,000 during that time.

Daniel Jepsen is a Heppner High School graduate. Jepsen is involved in 4-H, FFA, track, and field, football, and the National Honor Society during his high school years. He was also involved in the music program and volunteered in a variety of church-related community projects. Jepsen intends to enroll this fall with the University of Idaho in Moscow and will work toward a four-year degree in Animal Science. His long-range plans are to pursue a career in veterinary medicine.

Ashley Ward is also a graduate of Heppner High School. Ward's school years were focused on student government. She was the ASB President during her senior year and also participated in National Honor Society, Drama Club, and OSSOM. Her busy high school career included community activities such as litter patrol and the annual coat and dollar donation drive. Ward's plans are to attend Blue Mountain Community College and then transfer to either Eastern Oregon University or Washington State University to complete her pre-veterinary degree. She would like to operate a veterinary clinic in Eastern Oregon for her career plans.

Michael Radie is a graduate of Lone High School. Radie was Student Body President his senior year and also participated in basketball, football, track, National

Honor Society, FBLA, and OSSOM. His community service was composed of PeeWee Basketball, Lone Youth Group, and Cardinal Club. Radie plans to attend Oregon State University and study accounting. His plans are to become a Certified Public Accountant.

Cameron Krebs graduated from Lone High School. Krebs was involved in National Honor Society, 4-H, FFA, and football. He was very busy in volunteer service with Lone Youth Group and the ISEA. Krebs plans to attend Oregon State University and major in Agricultural Business Management. He hopes to return to the agricultural community and operate the family farm.

Rachelle Donovan is a graduate of Riverside High School. Donovan was involved in National Honor Society and received numerous academic excellence awards as well as being involved in OSSOM, volleyball, basketball, and softball during her high school career. She umpired Little League games during her spare time as well as tutored at Umatilla and Morrow Head Start and did a variety of National Honor Society and community projects. Donovan plans to attend College of the Desert in Palm Springs, CA, and pursue an associate's degree in Business. She would like to open a beauty salon in Southern California as her career goal.

Heather Rogelstad is a graduate of Riverside High



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School. She had a busy high school career, received numerous academic awards and participated in National Honor Society, volleyball, basketball, and leadership class. She kept very busy with the community activities, as well as working in Sam Boardman Elementary Carnival and Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Rogelstad will be attending the University of Oregon in the fall and major in Business Administration. She would like to eventually move back to the area and start her own business.

Emergency water releases from Willow Creek Reservoir scheduled

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will begin releasing water from Willow Creek Reservoir in early July in response to a request from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to fulfill emergency contracts for irrigation.

These emergency contracts for irrigation call for a total of 3,343 acre-feet of stored water to be applied to 1,241 acres of land. Since Willow Creek Lake has filled to its normal full pool elevation of 2,076.5 feet and the project was authorized for 3,500 acre-feet of storage for future irrigation use, the Corps has determined that the full amount of storage is available.

The release of the stored water will cause an earlier than normal drawdown of the reservoir. Depending on irrigators' needs and weather conditions, the Corps will release at a rate of up to 20 cfs. The drawdown will potentially reduce the size of the reservoir from about 157

acres to about 90 acres by Sept. 30.

An informational meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 9 at 7 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge, 142 Main Street. The Corps, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and Oregon Water Resource Department will have representatives present to discuss this year's emergency water releases and potential impacts. The potential of future long-term contract releases also will be discussed.

A final Environmental Impact Statement was issued in December 1979. Storage for irrigation was an authorized project purpose; however, impacts of irrigation withdrawal were not addressed because there was not an immediate need for irrigation water.

The Corps has begun an Environmental Assessment that will be completed before the water release begins.

For more information or to comment on the

Environmental Assessment, contact Kim Larson at the Corps' Portland District Office at (503) 808-4776 or email him at Kim.W.Larson@usace.army.

Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber declared a drought emergency in Eastern Oregon in September 2001 that is still in effect. Subsequent to the declaration, the Bureau of Reclamation received requests from irrigators for the release of water stored at Willow Creek Reservoir. Without the water releases, farmers in the Willow Creek area expect severe economic losses.

A previous drought emergency declared in 1992, led to temporary contracts for irrigation water that year. Irrigation water has not been contracted from Willow Creek Reservoir storage since that time. Should irrigation be proposed as a long-term use, a supplemental information report would be prepared by the Corps to address impacts.

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

The St. Patrick's Senior Center menu for Wednesday, July 9, is spaghetti with meat sauce, vegetables, tossed green salad, fruit, and peach cobbler with cream. Members of the Christian Life Center will serve. The dining hall has been decorated with a patriotic theme to honor the Independence Day holiday.

Ernie and Mary Jean McCabe volunteer their talents to keep the dining space enhanced with timely reminders of the season, each month.

The quarterly meeting of the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Advisory Council met at the center on June 25, after enjoying the Wednesday meal with local participants. The people attending represent senior centers from Pendleton, Milton-Freewater, Umatilla, Irrigon, Pilot Rock and Heppner. The agency serves people in Umatilla and Morrow counties. Each quarter they meet in a different senior center.

A form to assess community needs was distributed, a recent caregivers conference was given positive review; and it was reported the legislative status for continued funding of services is very tenuous. Some services will simply end July 1. A four-year plan is in process of being put together as a basis for future funding requests.

Of particular interest was the statistical report of cost per meal at each center. The average cost among all the centers is \$6.02, with variations from \$5.21 to \$8.32. Total number of meals served for the 10-month period, July 1, 2002 to April 30, 2003, was 43,067. Pendleton serves more than one meal per week. The Heppner center served 4,273. The numbers include the delivered meals.

These statistics will be considered when the Heppner center's directors meet on July 16. The present suggested donation is \$2.50 per senior meal, and \$4.50 is charged per persons under age 60. An increase may be considered.

The St. Patrick's Senior Center has received a bequest from the Adrian and Velva Bechdolt Estate. Both were long-time teachers in Morrow County schools. The family also operated a ranch near Hardman for many years.

WVSC to hold one July meeting

The only meeting of the Willow Valley Service Club in July will be this Thursday, July 3. Bring a lunch and come to the park in Heppner. The meeting will be held from 12-1 p.m. Important business relating to Concerts In The Park and food service at the Morrow County Fair will be discussed.

IHS announces scholarship winners

Approximately \$650,000 of scholarship money was awarded to Lone High School seniors at the 2003 graduation ceremony held June 6 in Lone. The following are the scholarships and awards given:

The Ken Snider Memorial Scholarship of \$1000 was awarded to Cayle Krebs.

The Lone Volunteer Firefighter's Association Scholarship of \$200 for two year went to Sheena Christman.

The Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award went to Diana McElligott and Michael Radie. The Jason Halvorsen Memorial Scholarship of \$500 each went to Cameron Krebs, Tracy Griffith, Michael Radie, Diana McElligott, Cayle Krebs and Karl Morgan.

The Lone Cardinal Booster Club awarded \$200 each to Cameron Krebs, Diana McElligott and Sheena Christman.

The Lone Youth Group awarded \$100 each to Karl Morgan, Diana McElligott, Jamie VandenBrink, Tracy Griffith, Caitlin Orem and Michael Radie.

The 4-H Leader's Council Scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Cameron Krebs.

The Top Miss Junior Rodeo award of \$750 went to Tracy Griffith.

The Class of 2000 award went to Cayle Krebs.

The Swede and Francis Carlson Scholarship of \$200 each went to Tracy Griffith and Andrew Rietmann.

The Lone American Legion Post #95 awarded \$300 to Sheena Christman.

The Elks Scholarships went to Girls First (\$700) and Third at District (\$1200)- Caitlin Orem, Girls Second (\$300)- Sheena Christman, Girls Third (\$200)- Tracy Griffith; Boys Second (\$300)- Cameron Krebs, Boys Third (\$200)- Michael Radie.

The Outstanding Senior Athlete award went to Andrew Rietmann.

The OSAA Award of Excellence went to Michael Radie and Diana McElligott.

The Willow Valley Service Club Scholarship of \$600 went to Koby Rea.

The City of Lone Scholarship of \$500 went to Andrew Rietmann.

The Creative Care Pre-School Scholarship of \$200 went to Karl Morgan.

The Mike Mathews Memorial Scholarship of \$750 each went to Tracy Griffith, Diana McElligott, Cayle Krebs and Michael Radie.

The South Morrow County Trust/Dollars for Scholar of \$500 each went to Sheena Christman and Diana McElligott.

The Bank of Eastern Oregon awarded \$500 each to Cameron Krebs and Michael Radie.

The Carl W. Troedson Scholarship of \$1000 each went to Sheena Christman, Tracy Jo Griffith, Cayle Krebs, Cameron Krebs, Diana McElligott, Caitlin Orem, Michael Radie and Andrew Rietmann.

The Umatilla-Morrow County Farm Bureau awarded \$400 to Cameron Krebs.

The Boise State University Western Undergraduate Exchange Tuition Scholarship for approximately \$20,400 went to Jamie VandenBrink.

The CLD Pacific Grain Scholarship of \$300 went to Sheena Christman.

The Mid-Columbia Bus Company, Inc awarded \$150 each to Jamie VandenBrink and Cayle Krebs.

The Blue Mountain Community College Scholarship of \$1000 each went to Cody Bergstrom, Michael Radie and Caitlin Orem.

The Class of '68 Memorial Scholarship of \$250 each went to Tracy Griffith and Diana McElligott.

The Morrow County Education Association Scholarship of \$500 went to Jamie VandenBrink.

Additional honors, scholarships and awards presented to individual students include:

Sheena Christman: Lewis and Clark College Dean's Scholarship of \$4000/yr for approximate total of \$16,000; Middlebury College awards and grants over four years for an approximate total of \$64,000; Willamette University awards over four years of an approximate total of \$88,000; and Elizabethtown College Provost's Scholarship for an approximate four year total of \$40,000.

Tracy Griffith: Eastern Oregon University Pell Grants for an approximate total over four years of \$14,400 and Oregon Opportunity Grant approximate total over four years of \$5000; University of Idaho Western Undergraduate Exchange for four years approximately \$23,000 and a Presidential Scholarship of \$750.

Cayle Krebs: Oregon State University grant awards over four years approximately \$6000.

Diana McElligott: Cornell College scholarship and grant awards of \$26,000 per year for approximately \$104,000; University of Idaho Top Non-Resident Student Awards, Presidential Scholarship and tuition awards of \$17,000 per year for an approximate total of \$68,000.

Caitlin Orem: Northern Arizona University scholarship and tuition awards for four years approximately \$22,000; University of Hawaii Western Undergraduate Exchange for four years approximately \$28,000; and Washington State University Cougar Freshman Academic Award for four years approximately \$20,000.

Michael Radie: Washington State University Cougar Academic Award \$5490 per year for approximately \$22,000 and Dean's Merit Scholarship \$1000 per year for approximately \$4000; Beloit College \$11,500 per year for approximate total of \$46,000; University of Idaho Western Undergraduate Exchange \$5718 per year for approximately \$23,000 and Presidential Award \$1000 per year for approximately \$4000; Oregon Institute of Technology Dean's Scholarship Award of \$2500 per year for approximately \$10,000; Oregon Army National Guard "You Can" award for leadership excellence; and Blue Mountain Chapter of National Wild Turkey Federation award of \$500.

Koby Rea: Perry Technical Institute Pell Grants for an approximate total over two years for \$8,100 and Equal Opportunity Grants approximately \$800.

Andrew Rietmann: Pell Grants for approximate total over two years of \$6700.

Jeremy Tullis: University of Idaho- Honors Recognitions, Western Undergraduate Exchange for four years approximately \$23,000, Top Non-Resident Scholarship for \$400, Presidential Scholarship approximately \$750.

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