

Bank of Eastern Oregon awards \$10,000 in scholarships

Bank of Eastern Oregon awarded twenty \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors through its Agricultural/Business Scholarship Program. This is the 16th year the bank offered this program, giving away over \$59,000, to date. Four of these scholarships went to Heppner High School seniors and three were awarded to Lone High School seniors.

Baillie Keithley of Heppner High School, while participating in golf and other sports, was very active in Future Business Leaders of America. She was Business Student of the Year 2007-2008. Other awards include the Gold Presidential Award, for good grades and community service; Academic Letter Award; and Great Attendance Award.



Baillie Keithley

Baillie was a Hugh O'Brien Youth leadership camp participant; Knowledge Master participant, STARS teen leader, National Honor Society Member, 9th grade class president; and Drama Club president. Baillie is also a member of Community Youth Group and volunteered to participate as one of the actors in Heppner's annual community summer play. Baillie plans to begin her college education at Linn-Benton Community College, majoring in Business with a minor in speech. After her two-years at LBCC, Baillie plans to

transfer to OSU. Luke Young of Heppner High School, participated in football, golf, Outdoor Club, and basketball. He received many academic awards and participated in community service by volunteering for creek cleanup, food drives, museum cleanup, and Cycle Oregon. Luke helped with the construction of an announcer's stand and picnic tables for City Park. With his love of aviation, Luke's future plans will begin with a two-year program at Lane Aviation Academy, followed by dual enrollment at OSU and Lane Community College. He will continue his studies in business and aviation science.



Luke Young

Josie J. Miller of Heppner High School, was active in tennis, volleyball, cheerleading, Science Olympics, student council, senior class officer, and speech and debate. As a member of FFA, Josie held the offices of chapter president and district secretary. She also was a state officer candidate and earned her Chapter Star Farmer and state degree. Her volunteer activities brought her Mor-



Josie Miller

row County Fair & Rodeo titles of princess in 2006 and queen in 2007. Other volunteering included being a Lexington Jr. firefighter, and taking time to help with the Smart Reading program and Lone Fourth of July celebrations. As busy as her schedule was, Josie also took time to help with Lone's Easter Egg Hunt by climbing into "the bunny suit." Academic awards include honor roll, 4-H sportsmanship, Eastern Oregonian Outstanding Student, science, athletic and academic letters, and a Soroptomist Community Service Award. Josie plans on attending Oregon State University to study agricultural education. Becoming a future FFA leader is a definite possibility.

Kelsey Wolff of Heppner High School, was active throughout high school in pep band, band, and honor band, choir, drama, track, bowling, golf, and volleyball. She was a member of National Honor Society and Future Business Leaders of America. Kelsey is a four-year honor roll student, and she participated in the Talented and Gifted Program and STARS. Community service gave Kelsey the chance to be a youth representative for 4-H Leader's Executive Council, and she was a core member of the Willow Creek Youth Group. She also volunteered her



Kelsey Wolff

time to Heppner's Chamber of Commerce, Heppner Elks, Morrow County OHV Park, St. Patrick's Day Committee, and Mustang Mop UP. She won the 2007 awards for Oregon Music Teachers Association and East Oregonian Outstanding Student. Nine years of 4-H activities found her holding positions as junior leader, counselor, and county and state ambassador. Kelsey's future plans are to attend Gonzaga University to major in Business Administration and minor in Political Science.

Abby Arnsperger of Lone High School, was active in drama club and held the office of club secretary. She also enjoyed the position of Costume Manager for "A Christmas Story Play." Abby became supervisor for the Entrepreneurship Class Fundraiser in 2008. Awards found Abby Student of the Month in mathematics. She placed third in the Oregon Civil Rights Essay Contest; first in BMCC Careers Pathways Hotel Packaging Contest and was a Neah-Kah-Nie Speech and Debate Finalist. Community service activities found her serving at the Education Foundation Dinner and helping the ICY Youth Group, St. William's Youth Group, and the American Legion Auxiliary. Abby is enrolled in a degree partnership involving Clatsop



Abby Arnsperger

Community College and Oregon State University to study business management, and hopes to some day manage and own a hotel. Emily Rietmann of Lone High School, participated in volleyball, basketball, and tennis throughout her high school years. Emily earned Student of the Year in physics and pre-calculus. Numerous academic awards include Girls State Delegate and attorney general; United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth contest; Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom Essay; and Federal Bar Association's Civil Rights Essay Contest. Emily was also the winner of the BMCC Business Management Contest. An active 4-H member, Emily won Grand Champion Master Showman and Grand Champion Lightweight Steer at Morrow County Fair. She also served as a 4-H ambassador and was a Tri-County 4-H Camp Counselor. Emily volunteered as a counselor at Tupper; refereed for Lone Middle School athletics and volunteered at school carnival. Emily also collected canned goods and delivered Christmas trees to help the Lone Youth Group. At the Lone Community Church, she volunteers as candle lighter and deaconess. She is a Camp 5 Kids volunteer and has served for the Lone

Education Foundation. Emily has enrolled in Washington State University and entered into the University's Honors Program. She plans to earn a degree in political science (pre-law) and minor in environmental science.

Kip H. Krebs of Lone High School, was active in football, basketball, and track. He was captain of the football and basketball teams as a junior and senior. He also served as assistant athletic director the last three years of high school. Kip was a member of the National Honor Society and he earned many academic and sports awards throughout high school. He served as a class officer throughout his four years. At school, Kip volunteered annually for Foundation Dinner; he was a Tupper Counselor and school carnival volunteer. He helped his youth group with canned food drives, dinners, Christmas Tree deliveries, and pumpkin carving fundraisers. His community activities found him involved with Wallowa Livestock 4-H Club; Lone Youth Group; St. Williams Youth Group; and the Lone Education Foundation. Kip plans on attending Oregon State University to study agricultural business and political science. Returning to the home ranch after college remains a strong desire.



Emily Rietmann



Kip Krebs

Teams sought for Eastern Oregon barbecue championship

Are you a member of a veteran team or looking to get started in competition barbecue? The Eastern Oregon BBQ Championship, formerly known as the Allen Hamner Memorial BBQ Cook-Off, is looking for teams for this year's event. It will be held on July 5-6 in Condon on Gilliam Street right off Main Street. This will be the third year for the championship, a two-day professional barbecue competition sanctioned by the Pacific Northwest Barbecue Association (PNWBA).

The championship is the main fundraising event of the Allen Hamner Memorial Foundation - a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. The foundation honors Allen Hamner, the pharmacist at Murray's Condon Pharmacy for more than 30 years, who died of skin cancer in 2005. The goal of the foundation is to raise money to fund the Allen Hamner Memorial Scholarship and for skin cancer awareness programs in the local community.

Cash prizes totaling at least \$2,500 will be awarded this year. Set-up for the barbecue competition begins at 6am on July 5. Judging takes place on July 6, beginning at 11 a.m. Electricity will be provided. Wood, wood pellets or charcoal grills only are allowed. The entry fee is \$125 per team or \$135 after June 28. The four-competition meat categories are chicken, pork ribs, beef brisket and pork butt. Painted Hills Natural Beef is donating one whole brisket to each team.

Don't have a team but you would like to try some of the delicious barbecue? The Hamner Foundation will be selling pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs and beverages on Friday, July 4, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the parade and soap box derby. On Saturday, July 5, treat your guests to a "Taste of the Northwest's Best BBQ" from 5-7 p.m. This is your chance to try authentic barbecue cooked "low and slow" by award-winning competition teams from around the Pacific Northwest. Menu items and prices will vary by team.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. The entry form is available online at www.condoncookoff.com. For more information, visit the website, email kaositis@gmail.com or call Kim Ostitis, event organizer, at (206) 229-7948.

Arbogast takes on job with Home Loan Center of Oregon

Kim Arbogast began her job as a loan consultant for Home Loan Center of Oregon in Hermiston.

With 11 years of experience, Arbogast will be taking loan applications and approving mortgage loans. She can be reached at 541-564-6154 or kim.arbogast@netmoreamerica.com.

Arbogast and her husband, Ty, have four girls ranging in ages from 12-17.

Grant helps bring specialists to Eastern Oregon

When a child in Eastern Oregon with special impairments needs a specialist, he or she most often must travel more than 100-200 miles to see a specialist. With the rising cost of fuel, this is becoming even more difficult. But thanks to funding from Oregon Health and Science University and a new grant from Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston, these kids and their families don't have to travel to receive the care they need.

The \$6,400 grant from Good Shepherd will help cover the costs of bringing specialists and pediatricians to Eastern Oregon to see these children, many of whom have neurological or orthopedic impairments, said Cynder Lammers-Smith, director of the Physical/Occupational Therapy department at the Umatilla-Morrow Education Service District (UMESD). "This will help children with needs in Eastern Oregon beyond what the Oregon Health Plan can provide," Lammers-Smith said, noting that any child with any diagnosis qualifies for assistance. "We try to especially help those who

often fall through the cracks and haven't received help." The grant also helps pay for the specialists to travel to Eastern Oregon several times each year.

The Community Connections Network helps fill the need in the rural Eastern Oregon communities to have some connections to medical personnel since there are many people in the area who can't afford to see one on their own due to poverty and a lack of local specialists. While it would normally cost around \$215 an hour for a doctor, the specialists "imported" through the Community Connections Network come to Eastern Oregon to see children for just \$56 per hour, plus travel costs.

During the quarterly clinics, the specialists see up to 20 children. But the doctors don't simply treat a child and bid them adieu. Lammers-Smith said the program is unique in that these physicians communicate with the child's family and solicit feedback about how the child responds to treatment. Local physicians from Good Shepherd help with this process throughout the year. "We're unique,"

Lammers-Smith said. "No one else is doing this type of service justice and it's one of the biggest issues out there. One of the essential pieces to good rehab is communication."

Lammers-Smith said rural Eastern Oregon isn't the only place lacking access to specialized care. She said that while rural communities across the country are facing similar situations, many urban areas also experience difficulties. "They may live right down the street from the hospital, but there's no communication to help them get what they need for their child," Lammers-Smith said.

The Good Shepherd Grant not only funds doctor visits to Hermiston and Pendleton, but it also funds equipment for children who cannot afford it. Lammers-Smith said she is also working on seeking out other sources of funding for the program.

For more information about the Good Shepherd grant or about the Community Connections Network, contact Cynder Lammers-Smith at 541-966-3135 or email cynder.smith@umesd.k12.or.us.

WCCC Ladies hold 18-hole invitational

Pat Edmundson of Heppner took low gross of the field at the Willow Creek Country Club Ladies' 18-Hole Invitational held on June 3. Nancy Propheter, Heppner, took low net of the field. They each won a gift and two balls.

Other results are as follows: **Willow Creek**- first low gross-Corol Mitchell, second low gross-Loa Heideman, third low gross-Karen Thompson, first low net-Eva Kilkenny and Pat Dougherty, second low net-Jackie Allstott, third low net-Virginia Grant and Lorrene Montgomery; **Condon/Kinzua**-low gross-Mary Mountain, low net-Marsha Holly; **Umatilla Big River**-low gross-Glenda Phillips, low net-Sandra Keiser; **China Creek**-low gross-Sally Dyer, low net-Kay West, second low net-Alena Rucker; long drive-visitor-Glenda Phillips, home-Nancy Propheter; KP visitor-Mary Mountain, home-Jackie Allstott; long putt visitor-Alena Rucker, home-Luvilla Sonstegard; chip ins-Glenda Phillips, Corol Mitchell, Pat Dougherty, Eva Kilkenny; birdies-Virginia Grant.

Puncturevine hard to deal with

Puncturevine, *Tribulus terrestris* L. or Goathead is not a noxious weed according to Morrow County Weed Ordinance, but it is noxious. Even with the cold, wet weather we have had seeds sprouting and will soon be spreading everywhere. They will flower soon and the flowers will become seed heads in one to two weeks. Now is the time to get out your shovel or back pack sprayer and eliminate these invaders just waiting to unleash their wrath of pain and misery on you or your pet. If you've ever stepped on a goathead that was tracked in on your carpet, you know what I mean.

Diligence and persistence are the name of this game. When digging goathead plants, take care not to shake any seeds loose and dispose of the plant in the trash or burn barrel. You should go back to the area in a couple of weeks to check for new sprouts and especially after a rain. Each goathead burr separates into five separate segments, each segment has two to four seeds inside and can typically remain viable for three to seven years in the ground, patiently waiting for just the right conditions to sprout.

According to a spokesperson from the Morrow County Weed Advisory Board, puncturevine can be found all over Morrow County because the burrs hitchhike on your tires and randomly fall off and germinate. Be observant when parking your car, you could be in a puncturevine patch.

The Advisory Board is mapping puncturevine locations and assisting with control efforts. Known locations can be reported to 676-5452 extension 109.