

# Bank of Eastern Oregon awards \$9,000 in scholarships

Bank of Eastern Oregon awarded 18 \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors through its Agricultural/Business Scholarship Program. This is the 17<sup>th</sup> year the bank offered this program, giving away over \$68,000 to date. Three of these scholarships went to Heppner High School students and two were awarded to Lone High School students.

Margaret Armato, Heppner High School, a 4.0 student throughout high school, shares the 2009 valedictorian honor with classmate, Sherilyn Peck.



Maggie Armato

Margaret, or "Maggie," as known by all, has been active in volleyball and golf. She is Heppner's National Honor Society president and society publicity director. Her other leadership activities include being Associated Student Body treasurer and assistant treasurer; Civics Club treasurer, Knowledge Master Open participant, Talented and Gifted Program member, Science Bowl participant, and Knowledge Bowl Team member. Her community service and activities include being the president of the 4-H Sew Happy Club, 4-H Ambassador and 4-H Camp cook.

She has been seen many times serving at the Elks Club for many community and Elks-related events. Maggie has been a Colt Volleyball instructor and a junior golf instructor. She has also been a helper at the Assisted Living Center and was a puppeteer for Beginning Alcohol and Basic Education Studies.

Maggie's academic awards are numerous. She received the 2009 Heppner Chamber of Commerce Youth Achievement Award and has received many Outstanding Achievement awards, some of which were earned in physical science, world history, language arts, accounting, biology, and Spanish. Maggie's passion for government, economics, and advanced mathematics are taking her to Cambridge, MA, where she will begin her studies in Harvard's economics program.

Sherilyn Peck, Heppner High School, shares the 2009 valedictorian honor with classmate, Maggie Armato.

Sherilyn maintained a 4.0 grade point throughout her high school years. She received awards for Honor Roll, the National Society of High School Scholars, academic letters in 2006, 2007, and 2008, and the Presidential Academic Award in 2008. Academic letters were received each year. He was Student of the Month this past October for honesty. Community service activities include participat-

tion, Spanish II recognition, and excellence in Lanugage Arts. Sherilyn was active in volleyball and track, medaling in 2008 at the 2A state track meet. Sherilyn is a member of 4-H. Her other community services include Mustang Mop-Up, Booster Club auction runner, Colt Volleyball, Assisted Living volunteer, and Willow Creek Cleanup. Sherilyn is also a member of the Hope Lutheran Church. Sherilyn has a special interest in crop and soil science, ag business, and research. Sherilyn will begin her agricultural studies this fall at Eastern Oregon University.



Sherilyn Peck

Joe Pranger, Heppner High School, was active in golf and basketball, lettering in both. Joe received the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence in 2008. Academic letters were received each year. He was Student of the Month this past October for honesty. Community service activities include participat-



Joe Pranger

ing in Mustang Mop Up. He received recognition from the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs for the landscaping project located at the entrance to the city of Heppner. Joe assisted with the Catholic Church Vacation Bible School. He is a 4-H member and was an ambassador, assisting with various activities during county fair and other events. You often would see Joe assisting with set up, cleanup and serving at various functions around town, such as a St. Patrick's Day church dinner, the Columbia Basin Co-op dinner, Holy Name Society Valentine's Day breakfast and the Booster Club Auction and Dinner. Joe also assisted in the installation of new underground sprinklers on Heppner's Little League fields.

With Joe's love of golf, you can bet his future plans include taking his clubs along with him. Joe heads to the University of Idaho to major in business marketing and he'd like to add a professional golf management option to his studies.

Clayton Morter, Lone High School, participated throughout high school in football, basketball, and track. He was football team captain in his senior year and he was team captain in basketball in his junior and senior years. Clay was a track state competitor in high jump and the 1600 relay. In his junior year, Clay was K-5 PE aide

and traveled with the International Club to Germany and the Czech Republic. In his senior year, Clay was assistant to the athletic director. Clay was in Big Sky Second Team, playing football and basketball. Each year he has had a 4-H livestock project. Clay is a member of St. William's Church and the youth group. Community service found Clay joining in the Walk to Cure Diabetes and Legion dinners, raking leaves for senior citizens, doing cleanup at the Cycle Oregon lunch, collecting for canned food drives, helping with PeeWee basketball, removing shrub at the church, assisting with the Youth Track meet and serving lunch at Blanchet House and at Outreach Ministries.



Clay Morter

Clay plans to attend Eastern Oregon University this fall to major in ag business. He is considering journalism with emphasis on sports reporting as his minor.

Cory Peterson, Lone High School, was active throughout high school in football, basketball, and track. He competed at state competitions in both basket-

ball and track. His athletic awards throughout high school include Dairy Farmers Award (four years); state/district track; Most Inspirational for both football and basketball, Most Valuable Player in football, plus Honorable Mention running back and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team line backer/defensive back. He is also a member of 4-H, Youth Group, and the International Club.



Cory Peterson

Cory's leadership activities include being activities director in his junior year and vice president in his senior year for Student Body. He also was a 4-H camp counselor. His community service includes church cleanup, food drives, coaching football, repainting the football bleachers during his ASB vice presidency, and co-anchoring the morning video announcements during senior year. Cory's work experience found him harvesting, rye pulling, combine driving, and custom harvesting for Rick Peterson Farms, John Rietmann Farms, and Bill Tews Farms. Cory has been accepted at Eastern Oregon University and plans to major in crop science. With that education in hand, Cory would like to return to his family's farming operation.

## Columbia River Community Health Services receives grant from Union Pacific

Columbia River Community Health Services recently received a grant for over \$7,000 from the Union Pacific Foundation.

The grant will be used to purchase a Porta-Count Machine. The Porta-Count will be used to test workers to ensure their res-

pirator masks fit correctly. Many local businesses require that their employees wear a respirator, especially when working with toxic fumes or heavy dust. Respirators are used extensively in manufacturing, industrial and agricultural industries. The first six months in 2008 saw a 31% increase in the

number of fit tests completed by the clinic over the same period in 2007.

"Union Pacific is pleased to continue supporting the great organizations located where our employees live and work because we know they help make those communities a better place," said Bob Turner, president of Union Pacific Foundation.

Columbia River Community Health Services accepts Oregon Health Plan, Medicare, most insurance plans, and offers a sliding scale fee program. The clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Some of the services they offer include: comprehensive exams, DOT physicals, occupational services, school sports physicals, chronic illness management, well child exams, as well as adult and childhood immunizations.

The Union Pacific Foundation is the primary philanthropic arm of Union

Pacific Corporation. The Foundation has distributed funds since 1959 to qualified organizations in communities served by Union Pacific. The Foundation is not endowed, but is funded each year from the operating profits of Union Pacific Corporation. Union Pacific Railroad, links 23 states in the western two-thirds of the country. Union Pacific serves many of the fastest-growing U.S. population centers and provides Americans with a fuel-efficient, environmentally responsible and safe mode of freight transportation.

Any businesses interested in fit testing should contact the April at the clinic for more information. For more information on other services offered by Columbia River Community Health Services, or to schedule an appointment call 541/481-7212. For information on the clinic's fundraising efforts, to build a new clinic facility, contact Mindy Binder, also at 541/481-7212.

## Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation awards scholarships

The Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation annually awards scholarships to assist students in furthering their education in the health care field. This year the foundation awarded the Dr. Wallace Wolff Scholarship in his memory. Dr. Wolff was a longtime family practice doctor in Heppner and the scholarship was established by his children.

This year the Dr. Wolff scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 was awarded to Whitney Matthews, daughter of Skip and Sandy Matthews of Heppner. Whitney has completed her freshman year at Boise State University with a 3.9 GPA and plans on entering the radiology program at Boise State.

The foundation awarded four scholarships to class of 2009 graduating seniors. These awards are for \$500 each.

Jessica Donovan is a 2009 graduate of Riverside High School. Jessica plans on attending massage therapy school and proceeding on to chiropractics following college. She was active in National Honor

Society as well as athletics and many other activities in her high school career.

Paul Keefer is also a 2009 graduate of Riverside High School. Paul will attend Weber State University and is planning on a career in athletic training. Paul is an Eagle Scout and a member of the National Honor Society and has held a leadership role in many school activities and organizations.

Sarah Ballard is a 2009 graduate of Heppner High School. Sarah plans on attending Seattle Pacific University, enrolling in a pre-med program with a goal of attending medical school and then going on to become a psychiatrist. Sarah has maintained a high GPA throughout her high school career. She has been active in student government and many school organizations and has participated in the Med-Quest and Med-Stars programs.

Chris Hickerson is a 2009 graduate of Heppner High School. Chris plans on attending Central Oregon Community College to begin his pre-med course work. His goal is to transfer to Pacific University for their ophthalmology program. Chris has job shadowed at the laboratory at Pioneer Memorial and has participated in the work experience program at the hospital.

The Foundation scholarships are all renewable upon the students maintaining grads and a course study in healthcare.

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**Family hopes to have memorial baseball field built**

Sponsorship for the Cooper Larson Baseball Field are now being accepted. The field will be built at the Kennewick American Youth Baseball Complex in Kennewick, WA.

Larson was a four year old boy who died of a non-operable form of brain cancer last October.

There are many different sponsorship packages available. For more information contact Keith Dupuis at (509) 582-6268, email kldupuis@verizon.net, or visit www.cooperlarson.com.

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