

Bank of Eastern Oregon awards \$8,000 in scholarships

Bank of Eastern Oregon awarded 16 \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors through its Agricultural/Business Scholarship Program. This is the 18th year the bank offered this program, giving away over \$76,000 to date. Five of these scholarships went to Heppner High School students and two were awarded to Ione High School students.

Keenan Jack, Heppner High School, was active in football and baseball, lettering in both. He is a member of the National Honor Society and his academic awards include: the Gold Presidential Award for Educational Excellence; Excellence in Advanced Placement Biology; Business Student of the Year; Outstanding Achievement in Spanish III; award for Excellence in Academics; and award for Excellence in Language Arts. Keenan's community volunteer activities include: helping the Chamber of Commerce with Heppner Days Celebration; serving breakfast at the Heppner Masonic Lodge and the Episcopal Church. He could also be found helping during the high school's annual Mustang Mop-Up, and volunteered for canned food drives, splitting and hauling firewood, fair and rodeo preparation, and Cycle Oregon.

Next fall, Keenan plans on attending the Robert D. Clark Honors College at the University of Oregon to major in accounting.

Ashley Wolff, Heppner High School, was active in track and volleyball. Ashley was Future Business Leaders of America Chapter President and Fundraising Coordinator all four years. She also acted as FBLA treasurer, was 2009 FBLA Student of the Year, and an FBLA regional vice president candidate in 2007. Ashley was very active in Drama Club and was this year's club secretary. Throughout high school, she was also a section leader for the pep band. Ashley was in the Talented and Gifted Program and a Civics Club member, where she had the opportunity to travel to the 2009 presidential inauguration. No stranger to a challenge, Ashley participated on the Knowledge Master Team and was team captain on both the Knowledge Bowl

Team and Science Bowl Team. Ashley's involvement as a member of 4-H had her receiving awards for Oregon Dairywomen, Oregon Beekeeper, and Oregon Trawlfish. In 4-H, Ashley was a Junior Leader, County Ambassador, National 4-H Conference Delegate, Outstanding Senior Foods member, and a State 4-H Leader's Executive Council Youth Representative, attending many OSU Summer Conferences. Ashley is a senior member at St. Patrick's Church Catechism and received a 15-week Attendance Award. Her other awards and honors include American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Delegate, Gold President's Award for Educational Excellence, and National Merit Scholarship Quarterfinalist.

Ashley plans on attending Oregon State University to pursue a degree in business management. She is also considering a double major, Spanish. One of her own personal goals is to continue her involvement with Future Business Leaders of America by becoming a professional member and looks forward to a chance to mentor the next generation of students.

Jessica Hughes, Heppner High School, was active in volleyball and basketball. She is a nine-year member of 4-H and during her membership was a camp counselor, ambassador, junior leader, club secretary, and club reporter. She participated in many livestock judging clinics. Some of her awards include 4-H Allied Livestock Industry, Master Showman, and High Point Livestock Judging. She is also a very active member of FFA and has earned her Greenhand, Chapter, and State Farmer Degrees. Her awards in FFA are numerous and include: Successful Academic Participation; Diversified Livestock Proficiency 1st Place District Level; FFA Master Showman; Reserve Round Robin; and High Point Livestock Judging. Jessica is a six-year member of Greater Columbia Barrel Racing Association and a 12-year member of Wrangler's Riding Club. Jessica's community service includes helping at various and numerous events held by FFA and 4-H. She also was a volunteer for Willow Creek clean up, hung Christmas tree lights in

downtown Heppner, and was a Tupper counselor.

Jessica will attend Blue Mountain Community College this fall and work towards an associate's degree in Ag business. She has secured a spot on BMCC's Livestock Judging team already. She would then like to transfer to Eastern Oregon University and continue her studies in Ag business.

Jodessa Chapa, Heppner High School, was active in pep band, band, drama, and track. She was 2009's first place winner in the 3000m Run Riverside Invitational, and has received numerous first and second places for long-distance running. Jodessa lettered in all these activities, plus academics. She was this year's Drama Club president, received the 2009 Best Actress for Fall Play and the Overall Outstanding Drama Achievement Award. She has a history of dance awards and has experienced first hand what goes on behind the stage as well as on it, as she has held positions such as stage manager, scenery designer, lighting tech, and cast photographer, to name a few. Jodessa has received numerous academic awards throughout her four years in high school including: Outstanding Achievement in Algebra I; Excellence in Language Arts; Great Attendance; Elks Americanism Essay; and three Presidential Awards for Outstanding Academic Excellence. She was this year's high school newsletter editor and writer/photographer. For community service, Jodessa could be found helping at churches, the Morrow County Fair, Mustang

Wright receives 2010 DEKALB Agricultural Accomplishment Award

Lane Wright of Heppner High School was recently presented the school's highest agricultural honor, the DEKALB Agricultural Accomplishment Award, sponsored by Monsanto Company.

Wright, the son of Tim and LeAnn Wright of Heppner, received the award for excellence in academics, leadership, and agricultural work experience. Wright's significant experiences and accomplishments have included: president of the local chapter for two years; district and state recognition for his outdoor recreation supervised Ag experience projects; and earning his state degree.

Beth Dickenson is Wright's agricultural education instructor at Heppner High School.

Over the past 63 years more than 164,000 high school seniors from across the country have received the award. As the winner of the 2010 award, Wright's name will be recorded on a permanent plaque displayed at HHS.

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Pictured are the recipients of the Knights of Columbus scholarships. -Contributed Photo

Ashley Wolff, Tony Haguewood, Chloe Kennedy, and Stephanie Petrie have received \$500 scholarships from the Pendleton Knights of Columbus. The awards were given May 20, during the annual Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass and Dinner hosted by St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton.

Ashley Wolff is a 2010 graduate of Heppner High School and plans to attend Oregon State University. She and her family are mem-

bers of St. Patrick's Parish in Heppner.

Tony Haguewood graduated from Heppner High School and is a student at Boise State University.

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the National Honor Society and participates in the Talented and Gifted Program. His community services include volunteering for the Ione Education Foundation, National Honor Society Coat Drive and Youth Track Meet, and the ASB Blood Drive. He volunteered also for the Stormy Kendrick Fundraiser, the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, and the Diabetes Walk. His work experience includes farming for Proudfoot Ranches and working for IRT Transport.

R.J. has been accepted at Washington State University and he plans to study for a degree in agricultural engineering. He has a strong interest in agricultural irrigation systems and hopes to someday help to improve existing techniques and develop new ways to irrigate.

Brianna Peterson, Ione High School, was active in volleyball, basketball, tennis, and track. She was co-captain of her volleyball and basketball teams and received the Big Sky East Honorable Mention All-Conference All-Star Award and the Sue Liebe Sportsmanship Award. Brianna was a member of the Speech and Debate Club, placing 4th in Districts in Duo Interpretation, 3rd in Prose Reading and 1st in Poetry Reading. As a junior, she was the club's team secretary. At state Speech and Debate, Brianna placed 3rd in speech. Through her association with the Speech Club, Brianna was instrumental in raising money for the research of Multiple Melanoma by putting on a bake sale and organizing a walk-a-thon in Ione. She is

a member of the National Honor Society and helped NHS and Ione High School organize a joint youth track meet for preschool to 5th grade children. Brianna is a member of the Ione Community Youth Group and served as secretary in freshmen year, vice president in sophomore and junior years, and was the group's 2010 president. During her junior and senior year, Brianna helped the student body organize blood drives. She, herself, also takes time to give blood regularly. Academic awards Brianna has received are for Attendance, Biology, Honor Roll, Algebra I, and Physical Science.

Brianna's community service found her helping at school carnival, traveling to Portland to participate in the Susan G. Koman Walk for the Cure, Smart Reading, and Hoops of Hope. Brianna also ran concessions at a football game to raise money for a memorial scholarship set up in honor of her friend and classmate, Stormy Kendrick. Her work experience includes litter patrol for ODOT, cutting rail and building fence at the Morrow County OHV Park for MC Public Works, childcare, house sitting, tutoring basic math, and teacher aiding.

Although Brianna's college of choice is not yet designated, Brianna plans to study for an associate's degree in business and accounting and will continue her studies to obtain a bachelor's degree in business.

Bank of Eastern Oregon congratulates these hard-working and dedicated students.

Celebrate Heppner on June 11

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce, event committee, and downtown merchants are planning a fun filled Celebrate Heppner Event on Friday, June 11. Heppner's Main Street from Willow to May Streets will be closed from 2-9 p.m. to enjoy the Celebrate Heppner evening activities.

The day will start out with the Merchant Sidewalk Sale at 9 a.m. Children's games will start at 10:30 a.m. at City Park with tricycle races, egg race, egg toss, water balloon toss, and wheelbarrow race. The hot dog eating contest will start 11:30 a.m. at the City Park for ages 11 to adult. Morrow County Heritage and Agricultural Museums will be open from 1-5 p.m. and there will be "Bingo" at the Senior Center from 2-5 p.m. Murray's Drug will be giving away free shaved ice from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sweet Productions Ice Cream Parlor and Diner will be giving out strawberry shortcake starting at 9 a.m. until it's gone. Community Bank will be giving away root beer floats from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The Oregon Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit will be parked on Willow Street next to the Senior Center from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and all the screenings are free.

A new event for Ione 4th of July committee seeking workers for celebration events fund raising opportunities.


The Ione 4th of July committee is looking for clubs, teams, or organizations to run park activities for the 4th of July Celebration. The Dunk Tank, Pie Throw, Duck Races, and other events are open for

fund raising opportunities. For more information contact the 4th of July committee. Their next meeting will be held June 15 at 7 p.m. at Taylor's Restaurant.


Lexington Church to hold VBS

Lexington Church will hold Vacation Bible School June 14-17 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be treats, fun, and special prizes.


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