

Bank of EO awards \$4,000 in local scholarships

Local students received eight of the twenty \$500 scholarships the Bank of Eastern Oregon awarded to graduating seniors through its Agricultural/Business Scholarship Program this year. Six of these scholarships were awarded to Heppner High School seniors and two were awarded to Lone High School seniors. This is the 19th year the bank offered this program, giving away over \$86,000 to date.

Joe Armato, HHS, was active in football, being awarded several times for his offensive lineman position. He also was on the varsity golf team. Throughout high school, Joe held school positions such as class treasurer, student body assistant treasurer and treasurer. He was a member of pep band, Spanish club, civics club, and National Honor Society. Joe was also a member of the HHS knowledge master team and participated in Mustang Mop-Up each year. He was one of six students who earned the Presidential Gold Award for high school juniors. In community service, Joe was an assistant for the Willow Creek youth golf camp, refereed Colt games, was an assistant for Chess for Success and was a nine-year 4-H member, holding the club treasurer position. Joe earned many food awards through the 4-H membership, was a 4-H ambassador, clerked in the foods division at fair, and was a 4-H camp counselor. He is very active in St. Patrick's parish, has been a member of the youth group, a teacher's aide, helped with carnival fundraisers, and regularly assisted the St. Patrick's priest as an altar-server.



Joe Armato

Joe has been accepted at University of Oregon. He has been accepted into their Scholars Program and plans to study business economics.

Lindsay Cutsforth, HHS, was active in volleyball

and golf, receiving awards from BMC All-League. She has been student of the month and made honor roll and received academic letters throughout high school. Lindsay also completed her training at fire and fuels camp through the U.S. Forest Service. For community service, Lindsay participated and helped during Mustang Mop-Up, youth sports, Morrow County Fair, Cycle Oregon, men's golf tournaments, Booster Club auction, Veterans Day celebration, varsity basketball games, St. Patrick's parade, Elks Hoop Shoot, softball field maintenance, and the United Methodist church bazaar.



Lindsay Cutsforth

Lindsay plans to attend either Eastern or Western Oregon University to study business management.

Justin Gutierrez, HHS, was a member of FFA. He was on honor roll throughout high school, received numerous academic achievement letters, was student of the month, math student of the month, and received the President's Award for educational excellence. He also received



Justin Gutierrez

outstanding scholastic achievement awards in American history, social studies, and language arts. His community affiliations include Heart Smart Career Fair, Friends of the Library, St. Patrick's Church youth group, and Pheasants Forever. He also participated in chamber community events, Mustang Mop-Up, cut firewood, helped on canned food drives, performed field maintenance for Little League, umpired, and was coaching assistant at Little League baseball games.

Justin plans to attend Washington State University to obtain a Bachelor

of Science degree in agricultural and food systems, majoring in agricultural technology and production management.

Brett Harrison, HHS, was active in baseball and pep band. He is one of four from his senior class chosen as Valedictorian. He is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish club, district champion baseball team, state baseball playoff team, FFA, 4-H, the ecumenical youth group, and the Heppner United Methodist Church. Academic achievements include academic letters, honor roll, student of the month, American history excellence, citizenship awards, outstanding achievement in social studies, outstanding excellence in honors language arts, and outstanding beginning technology student. Brett was Heppner chamber's 2011 Youth of the Year.

Brett held positions in student body and as class treasurer.

He attended many leadership conferences. In FFA, he held officer positions of president, vice president, and sentinel. He earned his state degree, star chapter farmer award, chapter degree, and participated in numerous competitions, from market steer competition to public speaking, tractor driving, judging, and sales. In 4-H, Brett held offices as president, ambassador, and junior leader; he also was a 4-H camp counselor. Brett has volunteered his time and services for many of our community events.



Brett Harrison

Brett plans to attend Washington State University to obtain a degree in agriculture business economics and finance.

Kelsi Putman, HHS, was active in softball, volleyball, and track and field, lettering in all. She was also a member of the Heppner High School choir. Kelsi was on student council and performed the duties of secretary. She is a member of National Honor

Society. Kelsi is member of the Heppner FFA chapter and has held the offices of secretary and vice president. As a member of the Blue Mountain FFA district, she held the office of reporter. She has won numerous awards. In particular, she has won student of the year



Kelsi Putman

in Spanish I, II, and III, algebra I, and geometry. Kelsi has been on honor roll and received academic letters. Community service found Kelsi involved with Mustang Mop-Up, Heppner Elks Clean-Up, and Booster Club. She also volunteered her time at the assisted living facility. Kelsi's work experience consisted of child care and she currently works at a student teller for Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Kelsi plans on continuing her studies at Oregon State University to obtain a degree in agribusiness administration.

Devin Robinson, HHS, was active in football and basketball. He also participated in band and pep band. Devin is one of four chosen as Valedictorian of his class. He is a member of national honor society and held positions in student body. He is also a member of FFA, 4-H, outdoor club, Oregon high school rodeo, intermountain high school rodeo, Cayuse Rodeo Association, and Cinch National High School All Star Rodeo Team. Devin has attended numerous leadership camps and conferences. In FFA, Devin held offices as chapter historian, reporter, and secretary. He earned his FFA state degree and aspires to earn his FFA American degree next. Devin participated in many competitions and won many FFA awards, some of which were in beef, livestock production, livestock judging, job interview, public speaking and secretary scrapbook. Devin was also very active in 4-H. He was a 4-H ambassador, camp counselor, and won awards for champion

sale heifer and livestock industry.

Devin's academic awards were Gold Presidential awards, honor roll, and student of the year in math, language arts, technology, and US history. He earned title of HHS knowledge master in 2008 and 2011. He was a peer tutor for math in 2011.



Devin Robinson

Devin was on prom court and crowned homecoming king as senior. Rodeo found Devin holding offices from president to tie down roping event director to judge. Devin was a Tupper counselor, and he attended and completed the US Forest Service fuel and fire camp. Devin also volunteered his time and services for many of our community events.

Devin's passion for ranching and rodeo will take him to Oregon State University to study agriculture engineering. He also plans to continue independently in intercollegiate rodeo.

Alex Rietmann, IHS, was active in basketball, football and track. He received football's Most Inspirational award this year. He is a member of national honor society and the youth group at St. Williams Church. Alex is very active in the youth group and participated in canned food drives, and the group often traveled to Portland and helped at Blanche House and Outreach Ministries, where they served dinners and donated clothes gathered by the group. The youth group helped in the painting of the church basement and held a labor auction to raise money. In national honor society, Alex participated in track meets and a MCGG cleanup day. Alex was on the Walk to Cure Juvenile Diabetes community service team



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where he helped with fundraising spaghetti feeds. Alex was a watershed field day group leader and helped to referee middle school basketball games.

Alex plans to attend Mt. Hood Community College to begin his studies in business. He would then like to transfer to Eastern Oregon University to complete his degree. Alex has a passion for track and field and would like to participate in that sport while attending school.

Tanner Rietmann, IHS, was active in football, basketball, and track and field, and received the Dairy Farmers academic award for football and basketball. He also played in the Oregon eight-man all star game and was alternate for the East-West Shiner game. In track and field, Tanner took 2nd place in the 4x100M relay in districts and placed 5th in state. Tanner is a member of national honor society, is a Big Sky scholar athlete, and has been on honor each year. He is Wendy's high school Heisman school winner and state finalist and was homecoming king as senior. Tanner was involved with student body, holding offices of activities director and vice president. As class officer, he held the vice president and president positions. Tanner also was a member of Spanish club and drama club and was on prom committee and year book committee. Tanner's community service includes participating in JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes, the Lone youth track meet, the Lone youth group elf auction, MCGG clean-up, and watershed field day. He also was a middle school basketball referee and Tupper counselor.



Tanner Rietmann

Tanner plans to attend Pacific University to major in business and would like to minor in exercise science, biology or chemistry.

Community turns out to toss the boot during Heppner Days

Welly Toss players again threw the boot during last Friday's Celebrate Heppner event. Good weather, with only a few gusts of wind, brought 97 people to try their luck.

Four teams participated. First place went to the Forest Service team, "The Extinguishers," with members Justin Botefuhr, Kyle Johnson, Jordan Wright and Dale Boyd.

Wheatland Insurance team members Steve Rhea, Nancy Snider and

Terri Schaber tossed their way into second place.

Third place was the Heppner Family Foods team of Amy Patterson, Liz Titus, Michael Hawks and Carmelo Di Salvo.

The Murray's Drug team of John, Sean and Kevin Murray and Danny Dougherty took fourth.

Individual top throws were: Cody Fletcher, 40 feet; Amanda Matthew, 54 feet; John Wilson, 68 feet and Drion Donner, 93 feet.



The Forest Service team "The Extinguishers" won this year's Welly Toss during Celebrate Heppner last weekend. (L-R): Dale Boyd, Justin Botefuhr, Jordan Wright and Kyle Johnson. -Contributed photo

Boardman puts on running shoes for 4th of July

Runners and walkers from around the Pacific Northwest will gather on Monday, July 4th for the Boardman Thunder Run and Walk. The event is organized as a 5K or 10K run and a 5K walk. Rain or shine, participants will leave the starting gate at 8 a.m.

The course offers a challenge to even the most experienced runners, as participants race along the shores of the Columbia River and through dense growth areas on groomed paths. Organizers promise that walkers, too, will find the course ready-made for fun, a good workout, and an opportunity to enjoy the trails and paths along the Columbia River. Winners will be recognized in every age group.

The event has drawn more than 70 participants in the past. The organizers are expecting increased participation this year.

Registration forms are available at the Boardman Chamber of Commerce; or interested parties can print the registration form online from the visitor information page at www.boardmanchamber.org.

Registration by June 24 is \$17, to include a commemorative t-shirt, or \$7 without a t-shirt. Race-day registration is \$20 with a t-shirt or \$10 without. For more information and registration forms contact the Boardman Chamber at 541-481-3014.

Robinson receives Homebuilder Association scholarship

Devin Robinson, a HHS graduate, received a \$1,000 scholarship from the N. E. Homebuilders Association in Pendleton. The scholarship is awarded to seniors planning careers in the homebuilding industry. This information was omitted from the HHS listing of scholarships

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available and that help is FREE of charge.

If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment.

If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk:

Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175
Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161
OR 1-877-695-4648 (1-888-MYLIMIT)

Pioneer Memorial Clinic in Heppner is pleased to announce the availability of Cardiology Services through a collaborative effort with Mid-Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles and Oregon Health & Science University.

The first cardiology clinic in Heppner will be held on Thursday, June 30 with David Guarraia, M.D.

To schedule an appointment to see the cardiologist at Pioneer Memorial Clinic, please call 541-506-6530.



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