

2014 Maryan L. McElligott Memorial Scholarship recipients announced

Ione High School alumni Steven Holland, 2012; Rebecca Jepsen, 2012; Bethany Morter, 2011; JoAnna Patton, 2012; and Tashina Rushlow 2013 were selected as the 2014 Maryan L. McElligott Memorial Scholarship recipients, the scholarship committee has announced. Each will receive a \$1,500 scholarship for the 2014 - 2015 school year.

The Maryan L. McElligott Memorial Scholarship fund has awarded scholarships to Ione High School alumni each year since 1997. It is open to all college undergraduate students, with a preference given to students in their sophomore, junior and senior years. The fund was established in 1993, following



Steven Holland



Rebecca Jepsen

McElligott's unsuccessful battle with cancer. One scholarship committee member said, "Maryan was a good friend and an energetic community volunteer who was recognized in 1992 as the Morrow County Woman of the Year."

McElligott placed a high value on community involvement, including volunteering in the schools, the American Legion Auxiliary, and serving as a 20-year 4-H leader. She was well-known for her cakes and once taught cake-decorating classes through Blue Mountain Community College. Education was an important part of her life. She and L.J. McElligott

raised eight children, all of whom were Ione High School graduates who went on to graduate from college, with five having received advanced graduate degrees.

The scholarship committee selected student recipients based on the following criteria: high academic achievement, demonstrated character, community, family and school involvement, and financial need. The intent of the scholarship is to "ensure that students who share Mrs. McElligott's values but may lack financial resources receive assistance in their pursuit of a quality college education."

Vince McElligott, the scholarship committee chair said, "The family initially set up the endowment fund in 1994, and it is administered by the Oregon Community Foundation in Portland, OR to provide scholarships annually."



JoAnna Patton



Tashina Rushlow

The Maryan L. McElligott Memorial Scholarship fund makes annual scholarship awards to graduates of Ione high school who are enrolled, or, will be enrolled as freshman or above in a full-time undergraduate course of study in any eligible post-secondary institution including out-of-state institutions. Successful applicants can reapply for additional assistance, and applications are available through the Oregon Student Access Commission, <http://www.oregonstudentaid.gov/>.

Ione library winds down summer reading program



Readers Roen Waite and Duke Moore reach the ultimate prize, the sun. -Contributed photo

The Ione Library has concluded a successful 2014 summer reading program, led this year by Andrea Grigg.

Nearly 50 children, ages two to 12, took part in weekly sessions learning about ecosystems, radioactivity, architecture, music, rockets, geology and

raptors. Several teen helpers and presenters volunteered their time and talents, which also helped make the program a success.

Readers can still turn in their reading logs and collect prizes until Aug. 1, say librarians Mary Walker and Kristy Crowell.

VISITOR FROM POLAND

-Continued from PAGE ONE through someone else's eyes. She is a lovely person. It was nice having her as a house guest."

Boruta, who studied at the Christian Theological Academy in Warsaw, Poland, has a level of religious education normally expected of members of the clergy; she has even studied Greek and Hebrew. However, the Lutheran church in Poland doesn't ordain women. Instead, Boruta teaches religion in a public school in the town of Cieszyn, which sits on the border between Poland and the Czech Republic. And, yes, it is actually on the border. The town has been divided since 1920.

"We joke that it is the largest town in Poland, because it was too big to fit all in Poland," she said with a smile. She teaches,

of course, on the Polish side of town.

It surprised Boruta to hear that religion is not taught in American public schools; she says it is commonly taught in public school in Poland, where each religion or denomination, whether Catholic, Lutheran or Eastern Orthodox, will have its own classes. She was also surprised at the number of churches in a small town like Heppner. Poland, she said, does not have so many denominations, but she found a tour of the town's churches fascinating.

In fact, DeMayo said Boruta's visit to one local church was her favorite part of her trip.

"Her favorite thing was the morning she spent with Betty Carlson, who took her out to Valby," said DeMayo. "She was impressed that Valby is this church out in the middle of

nowhere, and people still come to it."

Boruta is not married, but lives with her Bernese mountain dog, Matilda, in Dębowiec, Poland. She said the village's name translates to "Oakland." However, it shouldn't be confused with the home of the Raiders football team. The village, like Heppner, has a population of less than 2,000, and was named for the area's ancient oak trees. The trees are so old, said Boruta, they are considered national treasures.

Dębowiec is also famous for a unique type of salt. In fact, said Boruta, the town received a public graduation tower—a structure used in the production of salt, which removes water from a saline solution by evaporation—on July 11 of this year. People sit in the graduation tower, because the mineral-rich water droplets in the air are regarded as having beneficial health effects.

The Gazette-Times spoke to Boruta one day into her trip. Her first impression of Heppner?

"It's hot," said Boruta, whose visit coincided with last week's record-setting heat wave.

Despite jet lag, a drive from the Portland airport and an exhausting schedule right before leaving Poland—she had just coordinated an evangelism camp attended by 150 children—Boruta seemed to cope well with the transition. Even the heat was a welcome change from weather that had turned cold and rainy back home, she said. The language certainly didn't seem to be a barrier. She said she studied English in high school, four years of classes six days a week. Even though

she hadn't used it for many years, she was fluent in her conversation at the G-T office.

When asked the greatest difference between Poland and the U.S.: "The distance. The space. It's a huge country. How many hours were we driving here from Portland?" she asked rhetorically.

"That impressed her," DeMayo added, "how far we had to drive from Portland, and we were still in Oregon!"

"She kept commenting on the landscape and how vast (it was)," said DeMayo after the visit, "and she was so impressed by the sparsity of population, especially when she sees how far out in the country the people who live out on their ranches are from their nearest neighbor. Apparently in Poland they can't spread out like that."

Boruta said that, after one day in America, she hadn't experienced any difficulties, but there were some differences.

"I was shocked about the rugs," she said. "The rugs were just amazing, like a fairy tale."

DeMayo clarified that she referred to the carpets in the airports, because there are no carpets in public buildings in Poland.

"I feel like in a movie," Boruta continued. "The houses are different. The roads are very wide."

After one day, though, she already had some favorite things.

"The nature, the views, the landscape," she said, adding that she kept looking out her plane window and expecting to see houses. "It's breathtaking."

She said she also liked the people, both in Heppner and those she met en route.

4-H members go 'hog wild' for fair



Ione Community Livestock 4-H member Ivy Sandford shows off one of her Morrow County Fair show pigs during a recent project visit by her leader. Ivy will be a freshman at Ione High School next year and participates in athletics, 4-H and rodeo. Ivy is the daughter of Rick and Sylvia Sandford. -Photo by Erin Heideman

"The people are so nice. Everyone wants to help you," she said. "They seem interested in me somehow. It's an unusual feeling for me. It's surprising for me that I came here and you (did) the interview."

And, she said, that was one thing America had in common with the U.S. "Polish people like guests, as well."

DeMayo said that, later in her visit, Boruta discovered another favorite thing.

"She really liked our lemonade," DeMayo said, adding that the Polish woman ordered it wherever they went.

Aside from visiting local churches, the rest of Boruta's visit held a packed schedule that included visits to the SAGE Center, Pendleton Underground, Tamástslitk Cultural Institute, Valby

Lutheran Church, and visits at Willow Creek Terrace and the St. Patrick's senior meal site. Demayo said the area seemed to make a good impression on Boruta.

"It impressed me, at the end of her visit, she said, 'I can see you are a people of faith and family.' That's how she saw us," said DeMayo. "I took her around town and showed her all the churches, and she was amazed at all the diversity of churches in a small town. She sees that that is very important to us."

"I am very happy that I could come here. I appreciate very much that I was invited. I'm happy that I could meet you people, that we can share our experiences, some information, and go into relationships, and share our faith," Boruta said. "That's very important."

Irrigon Watermelon Festival this week

The City of Irrigon will hold its annual Watermelon Festival this Saturday, July 26. Several events are planned to take place all day long beginning at 6:30 a.m.; funds raised in this community event go to benefit various areas across the community of Irrigon,

including graduating scholarships, Cooley Sports Complex, the senior center, food baskets program, flags for events, and more.

For more information, contact Renee Couchman at 541-922-1560 or Aaron Palmquist, City Manager, at manager@ci.irrigon.or.us.

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