

Maryan McElligott Memorial Scholarship announces 2017 recipients

Four Ione High School alumni have been named recipients of the 2017-18 Maryan L. McElligott Memorial Scholarship.

Charlette Burghard, a senior studying biochemistry at Eastern Oregon University, and Emily Holland, a senior studying English at Carroll College in Montana, will each receive \$3,000. Rachel Holland, a sophomore studying biochemistry at Regis University in Colorado, will receive \$2,000. Tristan Estabrook, a freshman studying cell biology and anatomy at Portland State University, will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for the



Charlette Burghard

upcoming school year. The Maryan L. McElligott Memorial Scholarship fund has awarded scholarships to Ione High School alumni each year since 1997.

The scholarship is open to all college undergraduates, with a preference given to students in their sophomore year or above. The fund was established in memory of Mrs. McElligott, who passed away in 1993 after a battle with cancer.

McElligott was an energetic community volunteer who was recognized in

1992 as the Morrow County Woman of the Year. She placed a high value on community involvement, including volunteering in the schools and the American Legion Auxiliary, as well as serving as a 20-year 4-H leader.



Emily Holland

An avid baker, she was well-known for her cakes and once taught cake-decorating classes through Blue Mountain Community College.

Education was a very important part of her life; she and her husband, L.J. McElligott, raised eight children, all of whom

graduated from Ione High School as well as college; five received graduate degrees.

"I am pleased to see this scholarship is focused on second-year and higher college students, and I would encourage students to apply every single year of one's college experience," said Monica Swanson, scholarship committee member. "Scholarships are awarded to students who share and demonstrate Maryan's values, but may lack financial resources needed to pursue their college education."



Rachel Holland



Tristan Estabrook

The scholarship committee is composed of Ione residents Monica Swanson, Linda LaRue and Anne Morter, as well as Matthew McElligott of North Powder, OR and Vince McElligott of Houston, TX. The following criteria are used to select scholarship recipients: high academic achievement; demonstrated character; community, family and school involvement; and financial need. The L.J. McElligott family initially set up the endowment fund in 1994, and it is administered by the Oregon Community Foundation in Portland.

McElligott Memorial Scholarship

The Maryan L. McElligott Memorial Scholarship fund makes annual awards to graduates of Ione High School who are enrolled or will be enrolled in a full-time undergraduate course of study at any accredited post-secondary institution, including out-of-state institutions.

Applicants, including McElligott scholarship recipients, may reapply each year as long as they meet the eligibility requirements. All Ione Community Charter School graduates are encouraged to apply. Applications are available through the Oregon Student Access Commission at <http://www.oregonstudentaid.gov/>.

Heppner players gear up for Shrine football game

Heppner Mustang football players Kevin Murray and Logan Grieb started their 10-day East-West Shrine game experience by traveling to the Al Kader Shrine Temple in Wilsonville, OR.

There they met with the other players and coaches who will also be participating. They were given a physical and got their gear for the game.

The players then spent the night and went to the Portland Shriners Hospital the next morning. They met with some of the children at the hospital and then viewed some of the work that is done there.

The teams were then bused to Pendleton, where they were treated to a dinner by the local Shrine club.

It was then back on the buses to travel to La Grande and Eastern Oregon University. Eastern will serve



Kevin Murray and Logan Grieb

as their home for the next week as they practice and prepare for the game.

The teams started daily-double practices on Saturday and will work hard all week to be ready for the contest.

Every evening a different service organization will be hosting the teams for a dinner. They will travel to

Baker City one day to take in the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.

All of this leads up to the game, which will be played on Saturday, Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. at Baker Bulldog Stadium.

A complete schedule of the events can be seen on the Oregon Shrine All-Star Football Game website.

Fundraiser held for local man

More events planned to benefit Mark Schlichting



A sizeable crowd attended a spaghetti feed to benefit local man Mark Schlichting in Heppner Saturday. -Photo by David Sykes

A large crowd attended a spaghetti feed to benefit local man Mark Schlichting last Saturday at the Heppner Elks Lodge. Schlichting has recently undergone several serious surgeries for a brain infection; funds raised will go to help with his medical bills.

More fundraisers are

planned to benefit the local man—this Friday, Aug. 4, at 6 p.m. Willow Creek Country Club will include a couples' golf scramble benefit tournament as part of the annual couples' tournament. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. with a \$10 entrance fee. This event is open to the public.

On Saturday, Aug. 5, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., a car wash fundraiser is planned in the Les Schwab Tire Center back parking lot.

For those who cannot attend the events, a bank account in Schlichting's name has also been set up at the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Community lunch menu

Willow Creek Baptist Church volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, Aug. 9, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will include turkey tetrazzini, roasted carrots and broccoli, sliced tomatoes, garlic bread and tiramisu.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

BEO reports second quarter earnings

HEPPNER—BEO Bancorp and its subsidiary, Bank of Eastern Oregon, announced second quarter 2017 consolidated net income of \$742,000, or \$0.62 per share, compared to \$815,000 or \$0.67 per share for second quarter 2016. Year-to-date earnings were \$1.543 million compared to \$1.597 million for the first six months of 2016. Total assets were \$396 million, up 13.1 percent year-over-year. Net loans of \$322.9 million were up 10.3 percent from the same period in 2016, while deposits were at \$352.6 million, up 14.1 percent year-over-year. Shareholders' equity

increased by \$2.37 million or 8.2 percent from June 2016.

"Net income is down slightly when compared to last year. This is directly attributable to our provision for possible loans losses being up by \$150,000 year-over-year. Being an agricultural-based institution, we are affected by the ups and downs in the ag sector. The lower commodity prices, as well as lower production in 2016, warrant an increase in the loan loss provision. That said, the 2017 crop conditions have improved dramatically from last year and recently prices have also improved slightly,"

said BEO President and CEO Jeff Bailey.

"Return on Average Assets for the quarter was 0.77 percent and Return on Average Equity was 9.58 percent compared to 0.93 percent and 11.37 percent respectively year-over-year. Our book value per share was \$26.25 compared to \$23.71 on June 30, 2015, an increase of 10.7 percent," Chief Financial Officer Mark Lemmon said. "The Federal Reserve continues to increase interest rates. The yield curve has flattened dramatically with near term rates increasing while longer term rates have stayed relatively un-

changed."

"Solid deposit growth came from across our branch network. We had a strong start in our new Athena branch and have enjoyed the warm welcome into that community," said Chief Operations Officer Gary Propeter. "We also recently announced a new loan production office in Pomeroy, WA. We look forward to expanding our brand of banking into the region."

For further information on the company or to access internet banking, visit the website at <http://www.beobank.com>.

Chamber Chatter

Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group has grant funding available for their newly-created housing rehabilitation program for eligible rental homes in South Morrow County communities. If you are interested in finding out more about the program, or receiving a program description and an application form, contact

the chamber office, 541-676-5536.

Every Friday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. through September, Heppner Farmer's Market, Heppner City Park: Come on out and check out what our vendors have for sale. If you are interested in being a vendor, contact Jo Ann Shannon at 541-676-8957. The vendor fee is \$20.

Wednesday, Aug. 2, \$15 Bag Sale at the Neighborhood Center: Stop by and check out all of the resale items; customers will be able to fill a brown grocery bag with clothing and shoes for \$15 with all store merchandise being 50 percent off for that day only. Proceeds from the bag sale help to purchase groceries for the food pantry. Plastic and paper bag donations are always appreciated.

Saturday, Aug. 5, at dusk, Ione Movies in the Park - "Pocahontas": Movies will be at the Ione City

Park in front of the amphitheater and will start around dusk. This is a free event thanks to a grant from ICABO. Movie licenses obtained from Swank Motion Pictures.

Saturday, Aug. 12, at dusk, Ione Movies in the Park - "Moana": Movies will be at the Ione City Park in front of the amphitheater and will start around dusk. This is a free event thanks to a grant from ICABO. Movie licenses obtained from Swank Motion Pictures.



Morrow County Road Dept. would like to remind all motorists that with any road maintenance project to be aware of the workers, they are very important to us.

Watch for signs, flags and work-zone employees and equipment. Morrow County's goal is to provide a safe roadway. However, it is always up to the motorist to drive according to conditions. Be patient and plan ahead. Leave early if you know you will be driving through work zones. Please use extreme caution and common sense. They will do their best and would appreciate your patience

Areas to be aware of this summer

- Paver patching Ione-Gooseberry Ella Road, Ione Baseline Road and some overlay projects West Maint (Ione) and Ella Road.
- North end of the County Division Rd., Fourth St., Nevada St., Third St., Wyoming St., W.8th Road and Patterson Ferry Rd.



Including... YOU WILL NEED TO BE AWARE OF WET PAINT AND STAY WITHIN YOUR LANE OF TRAVEL... Travelers should use caution when encountering a road striping operation and should not drive across the stripes when the paint is still wet. The paint used to stripe roads is a water-borne, nontoxic paint containing reflective glass beads. Motorists who accidentally get road paint on their vehicles should remove it immediately, before the paint sets up, with a pressure washer.



Again be prepared and be safe. Questions or concerns may be addressed to 541-989-9500 Morrow County Road Department.



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