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# Cattlemen announce scholarship winners

The Umatilla County Cattlemen's Association (UCCA) recently announced scholarship winners and honored past cattlemen at their annual luncheon. This year's scholarship winners are Morgan Orem of Ione, Amie Coffman, Athena and Hannah Walker, Hermiston. A total of \$7,500 was awarded this year.

The UCCA Memorial Scholarship was established in 1992, with the Oregon Community Foundation. The annual scholarships promote higher education in agriculture majors and assist in the development of future leaders in agriculture. The memorial scholarships also recognize and honor cattlemen in the area of Umatilla and Morrow counties. To date, 41 scholarships have been presented and 39 past leaders of the



Hannah Walker with Pam and Mark Wunderlich



Morgan Orem and Patsy Taylor



Mary Ashbeck, Jennifer Ashbeck, Amie Coffman, Mary Gill and Jeanne Daly

agriculture industry have been recognized.

This year's memorial honorees and past cattlemen include Charles J. Daly and Richard "Dick" Wilkinson, both from Heppner, and Robert "Bob" Hopper from Adams, OR. The scholarship winners and the families of memorial honorees were in attendance and memories of those past cattlemen were shared.

Morgan, a student at Oregon State University, is pursuing a degree in Animal Science and Agricultural Business Management. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career as an Agribusiness/Marketing

Manager particularly with in the animal agriculture industry. The memorial honoree was Robert "Bob" Hopper of Adams with Patsy Taylor (Bob's daughter) in attendance.

Amie Coffman, a student at Eastern Oregon University, is majoring in Agricultural Sciences with

a minor in Animal Science. After graduation, Amie plans to continue her education at Oregon State to receive a master's degree in Education, with the end goal of becoming a high school Ag teacher. Charles Daly's daughters, Mary Gill and Jeanne Daly, along with Mary and Jennifer Ashbeck, (granddaughter and

great-granddaughter) were in attendance.

Hannah Walker, a student at Oregon State University, is majoring in Animal Science (biohealth/pre-professional option) and minoring in Spanish. Her career goal is to be a veterinarian and attend the Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine at Oregon

State University. Pam Wunderlich (Dick Wilkinson's daughter) and Mark Wunderlich were in attendance.

For more information on the scholarship, how to apply for the scholarship, or to donate to the memorial scholarship fund, contact Melinda Platt at 541.443.3232 or Randy Mills at 541.969.8564.

## COUNTY YOUTH

and at-risk students age 10 to seventeen. An example of how they help is to "surround the youth with support, tutors and mentors who provide the opportunity to build self-confidence, morals and good character." In real life this means making sure the student has a ride to practice and sports gear for after school activities. They will also help families get their kids off the couch and into positive activities with others. They are not an organization that just gives things away, but instead teaches life skills and offers guidance and assistance. The organization also works with the entire family if asked.

"We want to stop the cycle of youth problems," says Board President Tim Handforth. Handforth is a volunteer who graduated from Pendleton High School and is committed to offering encouragement and assistance to youth. He recently retired from the Marine Corps and Army and is currently attending classes full time through Blue Mountain Community College. He is married with three children of his own. He, along with Kenny urged the commissioners to partner with Made to Thrive. "We want to stop the cycle of youth problems," he said. "We have people in poverty, life transitions and divorce. We want to get kids into sports and other activities and keep them out of prison," he said bluntly.

Made to Thrive has been around for about six years serving mostly Umatilla and the Hermiston area and some work in Boardman and Irrigon. They started with 12 students and last year serviced over 300 low income and foster youth. Handorth said his organization is always looking for

volunteers to help out with the kids and urged anyone interested to contact them.

Now with their partnership they intend to offer more services in Morrow County communities. Along with the agreement comes a \$60,000 grant to Morrow County to implement the program. "Sports is a wonderful thing to do," said Commissioner Jim Doherty saying how it was a positive influence on his life when he was young. Commissioner Melissa Lindsay, who is also the chair of the county Public Safety Council, said that organization urged approval. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve the partnership.

In other business at the Dec. 18 meeting the commissioners voted to approve a new electronic health records system. They approved a new system which will "enhance the capability of client medical records, improve immunization services, streamline billing (improve efficiency, reduce errors and result in greater revenue), and decrease duplicity in staff worktime such as immunization reporting and billing." Cost of the system is a total of \$106,694 over the life of the five-year contract. The commission voted unanimously to approve.

In other action the commission voted to reappoint three members to the Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee. Dean Robinson, Paul Hisler, Jr and Cameron Sweeney were all appointed to another four-year term. Robinson is the current chairman.

In other appointments the commission named Commissioner Jim Doherty as an alternate to serve on the Columbia River Enterprise Zone. He replaces

County Administrator Darrell Green.

In other county business the budget committee met on December 11 to talk about changing the wages and benefits of two elected officials, the Justice of the Peace and the Treasurer. Any changes to elected official's salaries must be approved by the budget committee.

The committee looked at changing the Justice of the Peace salary and benefit package from the anticipated \$127,427 a year to \$124,205. Current Justice Anne Spicer is retiring this year. She currently has a salary and benefit package of \$120,732 a year, but because of increases in health and dental insurance premiums would have seen that increase by about seven thousand next year. A new Justice of the Peace has been appointed however the budget committee is considering a lower salary because he does not have a law degree as does Spicer. The proposed lower JP wage and benefit package breaks down like this: \$74,820 for salary, \$24,845 for health and dental insurance, \$4,638 for FICA, \$18,555 for retirement fund, and the rest for disability, life insurance, Medicare and life flight payment.

On the treasurer salary, the budget committee looked at three different salary options. Leave everything the same for a \$127,152 per year salary and benefit package, 25 percent cut to \$101,609, a 50 percent reduction to \$76,066 and a 75 percent reduction to \$50,524 yearly pay and benefit package. The budget committee did not take any action on the proposals.



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