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Butter Profits “Spread” Amongst Three Scholarship Recipients

KLAMATH FALLS – The Klamath Falls Resource Area of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Klamath County 4-H Equestrian Clubs recently presented local residents Katy Coleman, Courtney Fujishin and Sarah Kellom each with an equestrian scholarship to further their college education.

Scholarships have been awarded via this program since 1999. Funding for the academic awards comes from a wild horse raffle. Tonya Pinckney, BLM wild horse and burro specialist, initiates the process each February by traveling to Oregon’s Wild Horse Corral Facility in Hines, Oregon to select a foal to be gentled for the fundraising event. The \$5 raffle tickets are sold by 4-H members and BLM employees at the High Desert Trail Packing Clinic each May and the Klamath County Fair each August. The official drawing is held on Saturday evening of the Klamath County Fair.

A grulla filly from the Beaty Butte Herd Management Area was this year’s promotional horse. The foal is appropriately named Butter, as her warm disposition melts the heart of everyone who comes into contact with her. This includes her new owner, Tonie Kellom, who was announced as the 2008 raffle winner on August 9.

This year’s event generated \$1,115 for this worthy cause. A total of \$12,590 have been raised and 17 scholarships awarded over the last 10 years.

“I would like to thank everyone who has supported the equestrian scholarship program,” said Pinckney. “Their donations have such a positive impact on the lives of the scholarship recipients, drawing winners and adopted horses.”

For more information on this program, please contact the BLM at (541) 883-6916.

About the BLM

The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.

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