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4-H Equestrian Scholarship Recipient Announced

Klamath Falls – The Klamath Falls Resource Area of the Lakeview District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Klamath County 4-H Equestrian Clubs recently presented local resident Kirstyn Kennedy with an Equestrian Scholarship to further her college education.

This scholarship has been awarded on an annual basis since 1999. Funding is generated for this program via a wild horse raffle. Tonya Pinckney, BLM Wild Horse and Burro Specialist, initiates the process each year by traveling to Oregon's Wild Horse Corral Facility located in Hines, Oregon to select a wild horse to be gentled for the fundraising event. Tickets are sold for \$5.00 each by 4-H members and BLM employees at the High Desert Trail Packing Clinic each May and the Klamath County Fair each August. The drawing is conducted annually at the Klamath County Rodeo.

This year's drawing occurred on August 11, 2007. Jim Buckingham, an Idaho state resident, was the 2007 raffle winner. He is now the proud owner of Maddy, a yearling sorrel filly from the Warm Springs Herd Management Area. The 2007 raffle generated \$745.00 in funding. A total of \$11,475.00 have been raised and 14 scholarships awarded over the last nine years.

"I would like to extend my appreciation to each individual who has supported the Equestrian Scholarship Program," said Pinckney. "Your donations have positively impacted the lives of the scholarship recipients, drawing winners, and adopted horses."

For additional information on this program, please contact the Lakeview District BLM at (541) 883-6916 or (541) 947-2177.

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