



Columbia REA

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Columbia REA Holds its 76th Annual Meeting

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WALLA WALLA, WA — Columbia REA held its 76th annual meeting at the Walla Walla County Fairgrounds on Thursday evening, April 17. The annual event was attended by approximately 260 members, families and special guests. A delicious barbeque buffet dinner was served prior to the start of the meeting. The meal was served and prepared by Marty Bray and his staff from A Chef's Creation.

The meeting began with a special presentation, Board President; Dennis Munden presented a recognition plaque to retiring board director Don Meiners. Don has given service to the Columbia REA board of directors for 37 years. An important part of the business meeting was the announcement of voting results for two board of director positions. The voting for directors resulted in the election of one new director and the re-election of the one incumbent board member. In District #1, Greg Knowles was elected to the board as the new director and Vic Parks was re-elected as the board director in District #2. All directors serve three-year terms.

Also announced were the recipients of Columbia REA's scholarship awards. Three academic scholarships are renewable for up to four years. The three academic scholarship recipients are:

Lea Davidson – \$1,500, Clark A. Brewington Memorial Scholarship. A senior at Walla Walla High School, she will attend the University of Washington to earn a degree in Environmental Science. Lea is the daughter of Timothy and Krista Davidson of Walla Walla.

Tanner Butler – \$1,000, Columbia REA Scholarship. A senior at Columbia High School, Tanner is the son of Alan and Lori Butler of Burbank. He will be attending Washington State University to achieve a degree in Computer Science.

Hans Bauman – \$1,000, Columbia REA Scholarship. A senior at Walla Walla High School, He plans to attend the Oregon Institute of Technology and pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Embedded Systems Engineering Technology. Hans is the son of Mark and Anne-Marie Bauman of College Place.

A fourth scholarship, The Jeff Meredith Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 is a one year scholarship for Electric Utility Lineworker School. There were no applications received this year for The Jeff Meredith Memorial Scholarship.

The meeting concluded with the drawing for door prizes.

Following the meeting, the board held a reorganization meeting to choose new officers. Dennis Munden of Burbank will continue to serve as president; Vic Parks of Burbank remains the position of vice president and Katie Wooldridge of Starbuck remains in the position of secretary-treasurer.

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Attachments include two photos: Don Meiners, retiring Board Director and newly elected Board Director, Greg Knowles in District #1.