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TILLAMOOK, OR – April 21, 2008 – Tillamook PUD Employment For Education Winners

The Tillamook PUD Board has selected Ben Hulburt and Jessie Martin as recipients of the 2008 Employment for Education Award. The Board announced the winners after an interview and evaluation process which considers grades, goals, employment history, leadership abilities, need, and interviewing skills.

Ben Hulburt is a Nestucca High School Senior and is the son of Joe and Dana Hulburt of Cloverdale. He is a member of the National Honor Society and has earned Top 10 Academic All-State Sports honors in each of the last three years. Ben is active in the Nestucca Valley Development Council and is a facilitator in LEAP, a program dedicated to help students and families living in poverty. He has been a member of Nestucca High School's basketball and baseball programs and helps coach younger students on weekends. Ben plans to attend Oregon State University and pursue a degree in construction engineering management.

Jessie Martin is a Tillamook High School Senior and is the daughter of Bill and Tammy Martin of Tillamook. She has been on the Honor Roll throughout high school and has been involved in volleyball at the school and club level for the past four years. Jessie is the co-coach for the Tillamook Volleyball Club and was given the Most Valuable Player Award and the Will to Win Award by her team for being inspirational and for never giving up. Jessie has participated in the Health Occupations classes at Tillamook High School and has had opportunities to job shadow health care providers. For her service learning project, Jessie is working as an assistant athletic director. Jessie plans to attend Linn-Benton Community College before transferring to Oregon State University to pursue a degree in physical therapy.

The Employment for Education award provides employment during school breaks while students attends college. Tillamook PUD has sponsored the award program for 44 years.

Board members said there was an outstanding field of applicants. Board Chair Barbara Trout said the choice is never easy because these young people are among the best.

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