

Walkley Scholarship Nominee Announced



Klickitat PUD nominated Goldendale High School senior Erick Evans for the annual 2018 Walkley Educational Scholarship.

The 2018 nominee from Klickitat PUD for the Walkley Educational Scholarship drawing is Erick Evans of Goldendale. The Goldendale High School senior is the son of Chris Evans.

The annual scholarship is awarded by the Washington PUD Association. It was established by former Franklin County PUD commissioner Glenn Walkley and his wife, Elvira.

Every year, each WPUDA member utility can submit a name for the \$1,000 scholarship drawing. The winner is then drawn from those submissions by the scholarship trustees.

Erick was selected from among the eligible children of KPUD employees. Students Logan Quantrell and Garrett Schroder also were eligible.

During his time at Goldendale High School, Erick has participated in a variety of activities. He performed in two drama productions, “Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead” and “You Can’t Take It With You.”

He is a member of the National Honor Society and a 4-year member of FFA. As a member of that organization, Erick participated in the Ag Sales competition. He has qualified for competition at the state level and recently returned from the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Erick plans to participate in FFA during his final year of high school.

“FFA really interests me because it’s so active,” he says. “I think I might do Ag Sales again because it’s a good skill to have. You can even make a career out of it.”

When not participating in activities through the school, Erick says he enjoys hanging out with his friends and playing board games. He also works at Papa John’s Pizza in Goldendale.

“I really enjoy working,” Erick says. “I like to know that my time is worth something.”

He also competed in the Warrior Dash with his father and brother, Eli.

“You manage to make it through the whole race relatively clean, and then you have to swim through this big mud pit at the end and rinse off with really cold water,” he says. “I would really like to do that again. It was a lot of fun and totally worth it.”

When not working out, at his job or playing board games with friends, Erick spends time deciding what he would like to do after high school. A career as a software developer has him intrigued but he hasn’t completely decided.

“I might lean toward accounting or something similar,” Erick says. “I think I have the skills and would enjoy it.”

There is also the decision about where to pursue his higher education. Washington State University is high on his list of colleges but Central Washington University also ranks highly.

“I would like to keep in touch with my friends,” Erick says about attending CWU. “It would be nice to know someone there and maintain my support group.”

He says the best thing about attending GHS has been being a part of the FFA organization.

“I originally didn’t want to do it,” Erick says. “I finally joined and found out it really was a lot of fun. I appreciate that the leaders are always doing something fun and engaging. It has been amazing. Mr. and Mrs. Kreig are two of my favorite teachers.”

Klickitat PUD staff wishes Erick well in his future endeavors and looks forward to seeing his accomplishments after high school. ■