

RIDGWAY SCHOOLS

FTC awards \$10,000 in scholarships to Ridgway residents

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Fortuna Tierra Club of Ridgway awarded \$10,000 in post-secondary scholarships to Ridgway residents graduating from high school this month and next.

The following six graduating seniors from Ridgway Secondary School were each awarded \$1,000: Hunter Gentry, Hadassah Gates, Jessi Miller-Cunningham, Kayli Ziemann, Cora Ticherich and Joshua Lien.

Two other graduating seniors who live in Ridgway were also awarded \$1,000 scholarships:

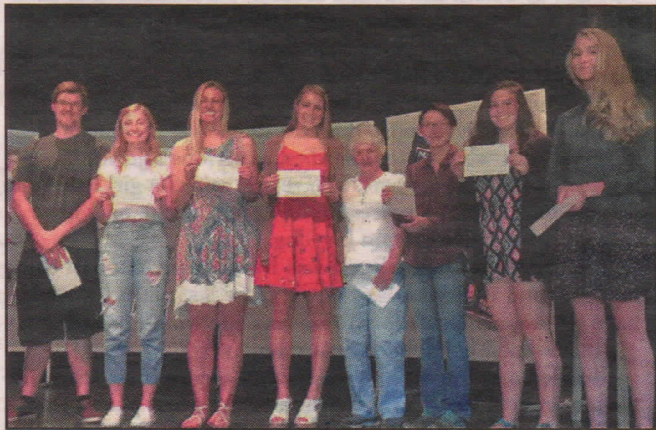
Rosalee Walsh who graduates next month from Telluride Mountain School and Elizabeth Williams who graduates from Ouray High School this month.

This year, FTC also awarded two continuing education scholarships for \$1,000 to Emma Gould and Angel McKay Whiteman. Gould is a 2017 graduate of Ridgway Secondary School and is a rising sophomore at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. Whiteman is a 2016 graduate of RSS and is a rising junior at CSU Fort Collins.

Fortuna Tierra Club is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

founded in 1970 by women on Log Hill Mesa to give aid and support to neighbors. All proceeds raised by FTC remain in the Ridgway community and are used to provide post-secondary scholarships to eligible high school seniors who live in Ridgway. Eligible recipients may live in Ridgway but attend another area school. FTC also funds purchases of educational materials and equipment to enhance the K-12 student learning experience in the Ridgway School District.

FTC will host its third annual Log Hill Hustle 5K and 10K Fun Run on Aug. 26 to fund future scholarships.



Fortuna Tierra Club granted 10 \$1,000 scholarships for 2018. Ridgway Secondary School recipients include (left to right) Joshua Lien, Jessi Miller-Cunningham, Hunter Gentry, Hadassah Gates, Ann Blakely (FTC member), Kayli Ziemann, Cora Ticherich and Elizabeth Williams of Ouray School. Not pictured: Emma Gould (Colorado State University, Fort Collins), Rosalee Walsh (Telluride Mountain School) and Angel McKay Whiteman (Colorado State University, Fort Collins).

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