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O.I.I Awards Inaugural Brian Hill Memorial 4-H Scholarship

Kamloops, BC – The board of directors and staff of Ownership Identification Inc. (O.I.I.) are proud and honoured to award the Brian Hill Memorial 4-H Scholarship to two deserving individuals. Theresa Weitzel of Charlie Lake and Lindsay Howes of Rock Creek are the first recipients to each receive the \$500 scholarship bursaries.

Theresa Weitzel is enrolled in the Olds College Advanced Farrier Science program and will begin her studies in the fall of 2009. Weitzel has been a member of the Wonowon 4-H Club for nine years completing numerous projects and holding various executive positions. In 2007 Weitzel was awarded the opportunity to compete in the National 4-H Judging Competition held in Regina, SK.

Lindsay Howes will be attending the University of Alberta this fall studying Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences. Howes' extensive 4-H experience includes 12 years as a member of the Boundary C 4-H Beef Club. Along with holding club executive positions, Howes has participated in 4-H judging, provincial club week and in 2008 she traveled to Toronto for the National Members Conference.

"These two 4-H members are very deserving of the scholarship," says Bob Miller, General Manager of O.I.I. "They are active members of their 4-H clubs, participating in numerous club, provincial and national 4-H events. We are privileged to be able to assist our province's youth continue their education in the agriculture field."

This annual scholarship opportunity, available for BC 4-H members, was named in honour and recognition of former O.I.I. president and fellow cattleman, Brian Hill, who passed away suddenly in July 2008. "We are thrilled to be able to honour Brian Hill through this annual memorial scholarship," says Bob Miller. "Brian was a strong advocate of the cattle industry and youth involvement in agriculture. This scholarship will assist BC youth wishing to pursue their education in the agriculture sector."

The Brian Hill Memorial 4-H Scholarship is open to BC 4-H club members graduating from high school and continuing their education in the agriculture industry or a related field. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded by O.I.I. annually. More information and application forms for the Brian Hill Memorial 4-H Scholarship can be found at www.ownership-id.com.

O.I.I. wish to thank BC 4-H Council and Sharon Hill and families for their cooperation and support of this venture.

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