

2016 Grant County Fair GRAND MARSHALS



GALE & CARL SHEPPARD

It all began when Carl Lester Sheppard was born in the Ontario/Weiser area in May 1946.

At the age of 24 he moved to Prairie City, married and had two sons, Gene Sheppard and Darryl-McKenzy Smith. He began working for the United States Forest Service on the road crew and also worked for various ranches in Prairie City. He was also a member of the Grant County Search and Rescue for several years.

Gale Kathryn Pope was born in Portland, Oregon in July 1955. She was raised in Eugene, Oregon. Gale attended Oregon State University and

majorred in Animal Science.

Carl met Gale in 1978 while she was employed with the BLM in Juntura through a mutual friend. Gale moved to Prairie City and started working for the United States Forest Service on the timber marking crew with Carl.

They were married in January 1979. Their first child, Pamela Jane Sheppard, was born in October of that year. While Carl stayed working with the United States Forest Service, Gale stayed at home and raised their daughter. Then in June of 1983 their second child, Ann Kathryn Sheppard,

was born. Gale returned to work for the United States Forest service.

Gale became involved in the 4-H program when Pam became a Pre-4Her. She became a leader in both the livestock and non-livestock projects due to the shortage of leaders. Carl soon became involved as a co-leader. They both stayed involved with the program throughout the years that their girls participated. Gale stayed on as a leader for a few more years.

Gale was also a chaperone for the 4-H horse bowl time during the state competition.