

## HHS holds Night of Excellence



Pictured are Jodessa Chapa, Casey Maben, Jared Huddleston, Sarah Ballard and Joe Pranger receiving their awards.

On Thursday, May 10, Heppner High School celebrated a night of excellence. Awards for top academics were awarded along with sports awards for the 2006-2007 sports seasons.

Parents, relatives, friends and students enjoyed an ice-cream social put on by the Heppner Booster Club and the Heppner High School site council. Over 350 people were in attendance at the event.

Among the awards given were the presidential awards which go to 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who have a very high grade point average. Awards were also given for those earning academic letters. Teachers awarded their top students with awards and coaches gave awards to varsity team members and told of each player's qualities.

Video productions showing sports and academic pictures taken during the year were shown during the evening while people ate their ice-cream, bananas and cake or brownies.

## University of Idaho announces spring 2007 graduation candidates

Who will receive the 100,000th degree from the University of Idaho?

That, among other things, will be on the minds of students in Moscow Saturday, as they await the announcement of their name and wonder if they'll trip as they walk across the graduation platform.

A total of 1,724 students are eligible for the graduation this May from the University of Idaho. These include 1,139 baccalaureate degrees, 102 law degrees, 69 doctoral degrees, 42 specialist degrees and 372 master's degrees.

Commencement took place May 2 in Coeur

d'Alene, May 3 in Idaho Falls, May 7 in Boise, and will wrap-up with the May 12 ceremony in Moscow.

Eligible students from the area are:

Hermiston - Michael Wade Shaw, M.Eng., Civil Engineering; Steven Robert Shaw, B.G.S., General Studies; Brian Thomas Trapp, M.Arch., Architecture and B.S.Arch., Architecture.

Ione - Diana Marie McElligott, B.S.Ed., Secondary Education.

For more information concerning commencement, visit [www.students.uidaho.edu/default.aspx?pid=19809](http://www.students.uidaho.edu/default.aspx?pid=19809).

## Roy Proctor update

A website has been set up to help keep friends and family up to date on Roy Proctor's progress with this bone marrow transplant. The website can be found at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/royproctor](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/royproctor). Visitors can read journal entries and send messages to Roy by signing the guest book.

To help with costs of the transplant Devin Oil has donated 100 gallons of gas to be raffled off on Thursday, May 31. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and can be purchased at Heppner TV, Hair Expressions, HHS, or by contacting Ronda Helfrecht at 676-5996.

## Gift Suggestions for the Graduate



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## Qualls named AVP at the Bank of Eastern Oregon

John Qualls, a Commercial and Agricultural lender with Bank of Eastern Oregon, was named an Assistant Vice President at the bank at a recent organizational meeting of the Board of Directors of Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Qualls provides lending services out of the Heppner, Condon, and Fossil branches of Bank of Eastern Oregon and has a customer base that stretches through Gilliam, Wheeler, and Morrow Counties.

Qualls is a graduate of Heppner High School and Oregon State University in LaGrande, Oregon, with a degree in Agricultural Business Management. After a short stint with the Oregon



John Qualls

State University Extension Service, John joined Bank of Eastern Oregon in April 2002.

Qualls is also a Captain in the Oregon National Guard and served 18 months on active duty in Iraq in 2004 and 2005. He

and his wife, Doashea, and children, Sydney and Hayden, reside in Condon.

"John is a good communicator and having been raised in a farm and ranch family, understands the unique needs of his customer base. He is very deserving of this recognition. We appreciate the skill and dedication he brings to the job," said President and CEO, E. George Koffler.

At the same organizational meeting, Joel Peterson of Ione was re-elected Chairman of the Board for a second term and Brad Anderson of Arlington was re-elected Vice-Chairman of the Board. All other previous corporate officers were also re-elected.

## Foster and Adoptive Parent Foundations Classes being offered

Open your home, and your heart, to a child(ren) in need.

If anyone has an interest in helping a child(ren) in need, they can attend the Foster and Adoptive Parent Foundations Classes being offered at the Boardman DHS Office on June 22 and 23 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is a free class. Register by calling 541-481-9482, ext. 224.

## Birth

### Announcements

**Kelen Joseph Kenny** - Tom and Nicole Kenny of Walla Walla announce the birth of a son, Kelen Joseph Kenny of Monday, May 7, 2007, at St. Mary's Hospital in Walla Walla. At birth he weighed seven pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 inches in length.

He joins a sister, Karly, age five.

His grandparents are William and Marjorie Kenny of Heppner and Robert and Suzanne Duncan of Leavenworth, WA.

## Memorial weekend litter pick-up

Thanks to the huge effort of the Heppner Junior-Senior High students and staff, it won't be necessary to do "formal" litter pick-up along the state highways through town prior to Memorial weekend.

The Chamber of Commerce encourages every business and residence along the highways to do a simple "tidy-up" of their own areas.

## Chamber in need of flatbed for talent show

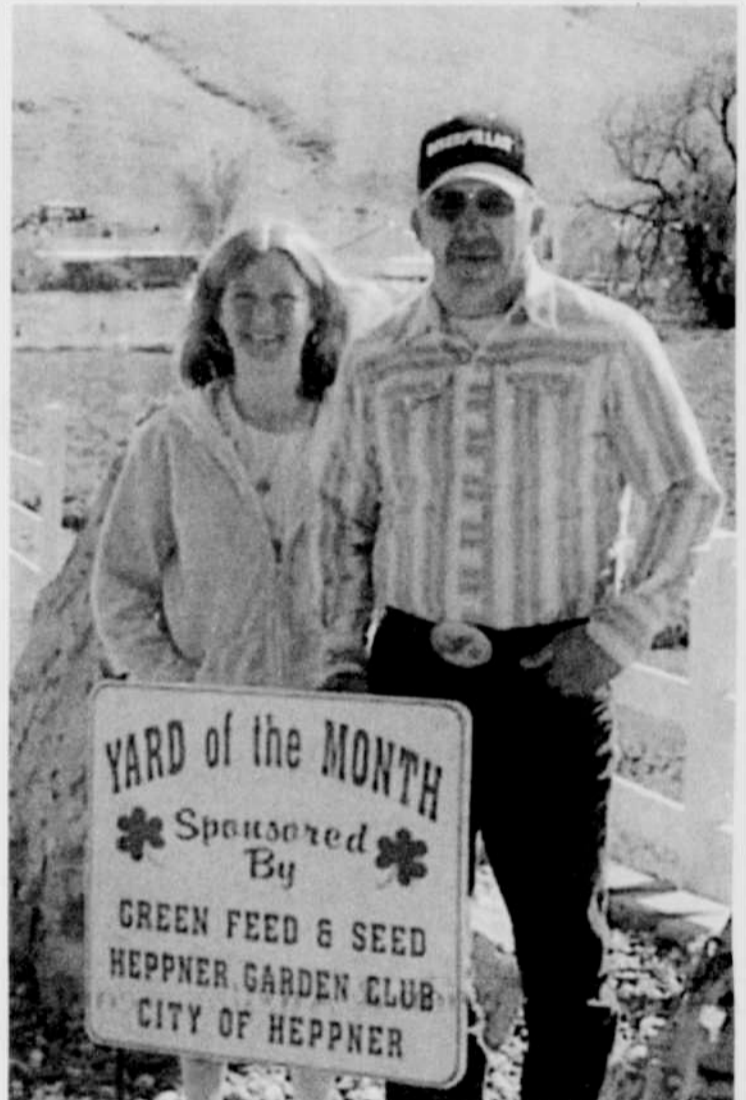
Due to circumstances beyond their control, the MCGG flatbed is not available for the evening of June 15 and 16 in City Park. If anyone knows of a flatbed that the Chamber can borrow contact Terry at the Chamber at 676-5536. The flatbed is needed for the talent show on Friday and the Blue Mountain Fiddlers on Saturday.

## Yard of the Month winners announced for May

Brilliant white ranch-style fencing surrounding both an alfalfa field and verdant green expanses of lawn with stately trees, earn John and Karen Griffith the Yard of the Month award for May. Their 12 acres are located at 73073 Fuller Canyon Lane.

The entrance to this property is flanked with two large boulders brought in from Opal Butte, framed by wall brick and river rock. A "G" is affixed to the front side of the larger boulder to announce that the Griffith's live here. This was a gift from a colleague of Karen's. Entering the gravel driveway visitors are greeted by a railroad spike roadrunner which was handcrafted by Karen's Uncle Leonard. The driveway curves around the west side of the house and is lined by juniper trees. These give way to a handsome pole fence as it leads back to the shop.

Eight of their acres are currently green with alfalfa, due to the diligence of Mac Hoskins, to whom they lease that portion of their land. With the help of the Griffith's son Aaron, the remaining four acres of lawn are scrupulously maintained. Bo, the family's Border Collie, along with Rudy, a miniature Dachshund, have their own ides of how the lawn should be maintained. They assist the Griffiths by



John and Karen Griffith

digging holes. Bo's house is located underneath a towering white dogwood tree whose full blooms add elegance to the backyard. The lawn in both front and back of the house has ample shade from spruce, maple and birch trees.

John and Karen have lived in the Heppner area for 20 years, the last eight at the

Fuller Canyon Lane location. A considerable amount of work has been done by them in those eight years to improve the property.

The Heppner Yard of the Month is co-sponsored by the City of Heppner, MCGG Green Feed, Heppner TV, and the Heppner Garden Club.

## Chamber of Commerce pink flamingo update

So far, the Chamber has collected \$337 from the Pink Flamingo migration. According to Dale Bates, the Chamber needs at least \$1,600 to obtain decent speakers and the accompanying hardware for installation. The Chamber

appreciates everyone who has participated so far.

Remember to pick the next recipient carefully. The Chamber wants this fund raiser to be fun, not a monetary obligation to someone who

cannot afford it. If you do not want the flamingos in your yard, but still wish to donate to the cause, contact Terry at the Chamber office. She already has a list of people who are not partial to the pink birds.

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