

CAR CHASE

-Continued from PAGE ONE running stop signs at the Highway 730 intersection and again at Washington Lane. The suspect's vehicle started two fires along the road, which were later put out by the Irrigon Rural Fire Protection District.

By this point, the stolen car was boxed in by Bowles on the right and Neubert directly behind on Washington Lane, a short distance east of West 4th Road. Bartz swerved his vehicle into the left side of Bowles' pickup, at which point Bowles pushed the suspect's vehicle onto the soft shoulder, where it lost traction and was forced to stop.

Bartz immediately fled on foot to the north, toward the Columbia River and the cover of some trees. A female passenger, 19-year-old Kaitlyn Christman, stayed in the vehicle and was detained by MCSO Deputy Stokoe. Christman did not face charges.

While Bowles and Neubert continued the foot pursuit, officers from the Boardman and Umatilla police departments arrived at the scene and the area was surrounded. The suspect, with Bowles hot on

his heels, decided to try to escape by jumping into the Columbia River. Bartz tried to swim but was too exhausted and began to flounder, at which point he began calling for help. Bowles, assisted by Neubert, waded into the river and was able to pull the suspect from the current; the deputies took him into custody without further incident.

The suspect was transported to the Umatilla County Jail, where he was lodged on the charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (\$7,500), attempting to elude (\$7,500), driving while suspended (\$6,000), failure to perform duties of driver involved in a property damage crash (\$6,000), failure to perform duties of driver involved in an injury crash (\$12,500), criminal mischief II (\$6,000) and escape III (\$6,000), as well as a Benton County, WA warrant for failure to appear on charges of possession of stolen vehicle (\$10,000).

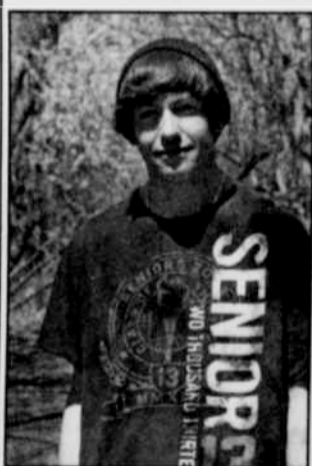
Bartz was also on parole with the Organ State Parole Board. Total bail was set at \$57,500 for Oregon and \$10,000 for Washington.

Heppner represented in Spray rodeo parade



Memorial Day weekend, Dick and Jannie Allen were honored as grand marshals of the Spray rodeo and parade. Archie Ball escorted his grandsons Casey and Cody Fletcher in the parade on the 1939 Chevrolet pickup he restored. Heppner Elementary School students Jordan Sweeney, Hunter and Madelyn Nichols, and Sage Ferguson rode along as well as tribute to Mrs. Allen, who will be retiring this year from teaching. Ball built the flat bed of the pick-up from a portion of the old Heppner Elementary/High School gymnasium floor. Pictured (L-R) are Archie Ball, Jordan Sweeney, Hunter Nichols, Casey and Cody Fletcher, Madelyn Nichols, Sage Ferguson, Karen Smith-Griffith, Jannie Allen and Brandi Sweeney. *-Contributed photo*

CLASS OF 2013



Tyler E. Berry



Julianne Elise Carlson



Breyanna M. Hynes-Kissler



George-Alexander V. Smith



Aidan S. Wright

The wrong photos of these students were inadvertently used in last week's publication of local graduates.

The Gazette-Times apologizes to the students and their families for the error.

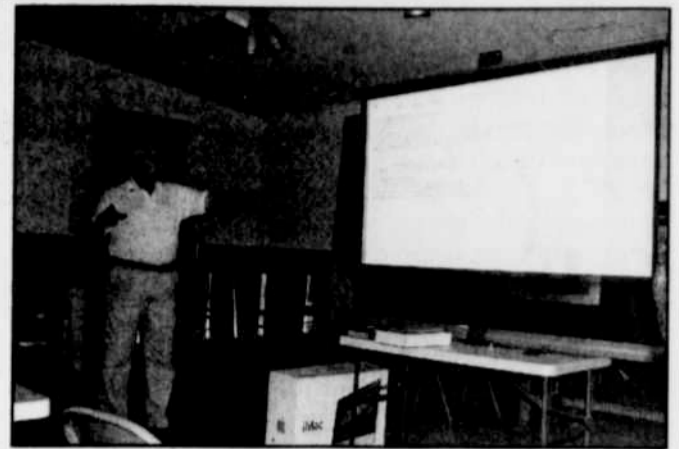
Speaker warns against 'sustainable development' in environmental movement

The environmental movement, and especially the ideas of Agenda 21 and "sustainable development," has become a threat to our lifestyle, especially to those who make their living off the land in the west, a former Coast Guard researcher and self-proclaimed expert on the subject told a Heppner crowd recently.

Robert Powell, who travels throughout the state speaking about Agenda 21 and sustainability, says although alarmists in the environmental movement say global warming and environmental disaster are on the way, the end result of their movement is more about moving people off the land into high-density areas using mass transportation than about the environ-

ment. Powell said environmentalists would just as soon see those in rural areas off the land, and he points to an agenda all the way down to local planning commissions as attempting to accomplish this. He says the environmentalists use the crisis of global warming to frighten people into accepting their views.

Agenda 21 is an action plan passed in 1992 by the United Nations with regard to sustainable development, and Powell says many in positions of power are using those ideas to wrest ownership of land away from individuals and to the government. He pointed to the effort to establish wolves back onto the land and water policies—stating that



At a recent program in Heppner, speaker Robert Powell explains how certain aspects of the environmental movement have become a threat to our lifestyle.

all water ultimately belongs to the government—as two examples.

About 45 people attended the meeting, sponsored by the Willow Creek Tea Party Patriots.

Powell urged them to

become involved in not only their local government but also the education system, which he says is teaching our children values against individual ownership of land and personal freedom.

May yard of the month honored

By Kay Proctor

Honors for the first Yard of the Month of 2013 belong to Bob and Eva Kilkenny of 565 Hagar.

Bob lived on the family farm outside of Heppner all his life, but the couple moved to town in 2009 after a particularly bad winter. Their new home was originally built in 1949 by local

businessman Irv Lynch, but needed some TLC. Since Bob is (supposedly) retired, they enlisted the help of their talented neighbor and relative, Shane Laughlin, for work inside and out.

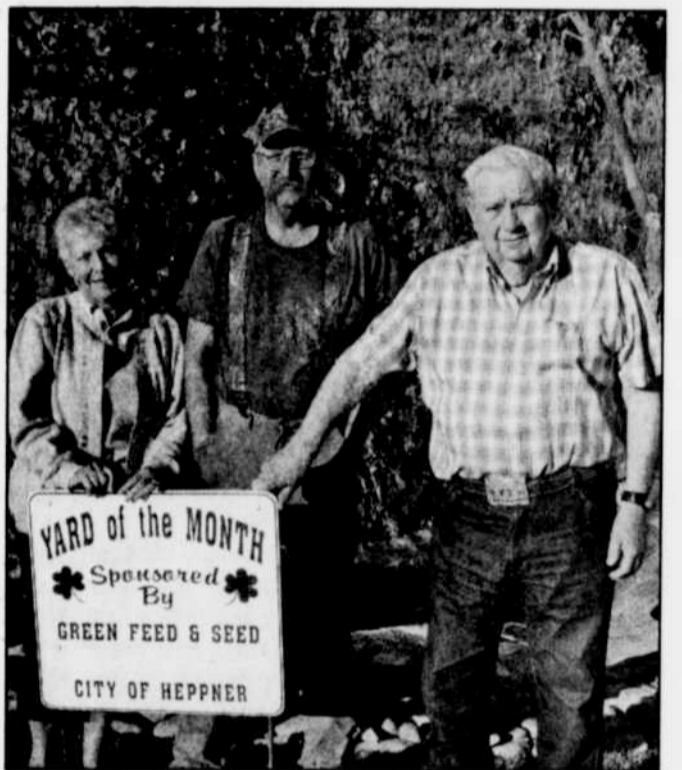
Their goal was low-maintenance for the yard. Shane put in more than 100 hours on an excavator moving soil—mostly from the steep backyard area, leveling and gently sloping it. Underground sprinklers were put in. Beds around the house and lot edges are lined with river rock and Eva chose some easy-to-maintain plantings.

While moving dirt, some old bottle shards were found. Taking some old wood fencing from the yard, Shane used it for an inlay design in the kitchen's wood floor. The hardwood flooring had been recycled from the demolished gym at Heppner Elementary.

The couple's favorite spot is the backyard deck, where an oasis has been created. This includes a circulating marble fountain brought back from Vietnam, where the Kilkennys got to see workers hand-carving their creations.

Eva, originally from Michigan, likes to grow vegetables, and a sunny spot at the top of the gentle slope was perfect for a garden. Shane built raised beds there in an elongated diamond shape, fitting them in a pattern.

Also in the backyard, a worn-out outbuilding was going to be removed, but Shane had plans to rescue it. With salvaged materials, he added windows, a barn-style door, wood shingles and patterned wood to turn it into a charming storage



(L-R) Eva Kilkenny, Shane Laughlin and Bob Kilkenny in front of the backyard waterfall. *-Contributed photo*

unit.

The lot backs up to a steep basalt cliff, where an aging flume clings high above. Shane excavated a pond at the base of the cliff and installed a recirculating pump system. The water is pumped over 50' up the cliff, where he designed it to appear to cascade naturally from the flume and fall to the pond below. The sight and sound of the waterfall create a backyard haven that is also viewable at night, because Shane added lighting to showcase the falls. And it's all operated by a switch that he salvaged from a demolition project.

The backyard has one tall pine tree for shade and another one that has been topped and delimbed. Returning home one day, Bob and Eva could not locate their green and yellow University of Oregon cement duck that had decorated

their yard. When they finally looked up, the duck was discovered now decorating the top of the pine. Shane had scaled the tree and installed it there "for fun."

Future plans include fencing. Shane was hesitant to be interviewed, stating that there "...is a lot more to do." After much questioning, he disclosed he has an engineering education, contractor's license and was in charge of ground maintenance at Kah-nee-ta Resorts in Central Oregon for several years.

The three, Bob, Eva and Shane, are a genuine team, have a lot of fun, make hard work look easy and have well-earned May's Yard of the Month recognition.

Green Feed/Morrow County Grain Growers, the City of Heppner and the newly formed Heppner Volunteers all co-sponsor Yard of the Month recognition.



The University of Oregon cement duck at the top of the pine pole. *-Contributed photo*

Missionaries to speak at Nazarene church

George and Nancy Miller, global missionaries for the Church of the Nazarene in the Solomon Islands, will be speaking at the Nazarene Church on Sunday, June 2 at 6 p.m. The public is invited to the presentation and a time of fellowship with cookies and coffee after.

George and Nancy Miller are servants of the Lord and have served as missionaries for the Church of the Nazarene since 1989. Nancy and George both felt called to missionary service as children and this call was reaffirmed during their two month service as volunteers in the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Nazarene Hospital in Manzini, Swaziland, in 1987. The Millers were appointed in 1989 and served for one five-year term as specialized assignment missionaries, and then were granted global missionary status in 1994.

George received his

B.S. in Medical Technology from Southern Nazarene University in 1972. Following graduation the Millers moved to Carnegie, OK where George worked in the Carnegie Hospital laboratory and x-ray until their missionary appointment to the Nazarene Hospital at Kudjip in the Western Highlands Province of Papua New Guinea. Also, the Miller's were active raising their four children and involved in their church, where they served in many capacities, including children's ministers, Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, Caravan leaders, and Bible quiz directors. In the district, they were involved in the boys and girls camps, and Caravan program.

During their 10 years of service in Papua New Guinea, their primary responsibility was to the hospital where George served as supervisor of the labo-

ratory and x-ray departments. They also ministered in churches and assisted as missionary advisors to the districts and in other capacities as there was opportunity.

During their second home assignment, George completed his education requirement for ordination and in 1999 was reassigned as District Superintendent to the Solomon Islands District. They have served in that capacity since August 1999. Nancy completed her BA in Ministry in Christian Schools Education in 2007. She completed this online from the program offered by Nazarene Bible College. She served the past four years as principal of Zion Christian Academy, a



George and Nancy Miller

Nazarene K-12 school operated by the Honiara, Zion Church of the Nazarene.

The Millers have four children: Gloria and husband Scott Nelson, Greg and wife Wendy, Geoffrey and wife Churie, and Gary. They also have 11 grandchildren, ranging from 17 years to seven months.

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