



## *Grand Marshals - Joe & Mary Jo Heffron*

Joe and Mary Jo Heffron moved to Tekoa in 1976. As a young child, Joe's family immigrated from Ireland to New York City and his family eventually settled in California. Joe graduated from Loyola Marymount University, and he also attended UCLA where he received his teaching certificate.

Mary Jo lived much of her life in California and attended California State University of Los Angeles where she majored in art and received her teaching certificate. Joe and Mary Jo met while living in California.

In 1976, Joe accepted a teaching position in Tekoa. He taught at the Tekoa Elementary school for 33 years. After he retired, his love for teaching continued and Joe volunteered daily at school and was a substitute teacher for an additional 11 years. Joe was involved in a weekly bible study that met at Eclairs. He loves riding his bike and joined the Tekoa Bike Club on a few rides. He participated in "Bloomsday" for 22 years. Joe often took time out

of his busy schedule to visit the elderly residents of the Tekoa nursing home on a regular basis.

Mary Jo had a passion for gardening. She often shared her homemade jams, vegetables, and baked goods with the Tekoa community. Mary Jo also created her own original Christmas egg ornaments that she sold and gave as gifts. She also spent time in the classroom while Joe taught at the Elementary School by helping with art projects and crafts. She brought history and stories to life for all the students through her creative displays and art.

Joe and Mary Jo have three children, Bob Heffron, Sue Elkins, and Kathy Ott. They are blessed with five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Joe and Mary Jo dedicated much of their time to the Tekoa Sacred Heart Catholic

Church. They helped serve and lead at many of the church events and festivities. For over 40 years they impacted many lives as leaders and teachers of religious classes at Sacred Heart Parish.

Thank you, Joe and Mary Jo, for your many years of commitment and service to Tekoa and its residents.



## Tekoa Roots

### Kim Schulz

Kim has lived in Tekoa all her life. She has worked for the Tekoa School District for 44 years, first as a P-12 Special Education teacher, and then, for the balance of her career, as the 4th Grade teacher.

Kim has been involved in a multitude of things, including, but not limited to: teaching, coaching, Slippery Gulch, softball, Beta Sigma Phi, Dollars for Scholars, Ambulance fundraisers, Ag Barn fundraisers, taking athletic photos, taking graduation photos, firework fundraisers, chaperoning many school district outings, church youth teacher, church camp leader, whole town clean-ups, planting flowers in the park, attending TSD athletic events, etc. Basically, anything that can benefit a child here in Tekoa will find Kim in attendance.

Beyond skillfully and lovingly teaching multitudes of children over her 45 years of service, Kim's presence means that life will be better for whomever she is in contact with. She gives completely unselfishly of her time, has boundless energy, is caring and has a great love for Tekoa and its residents, particularly the kids, and I am so very proud to call her my bestie!!!

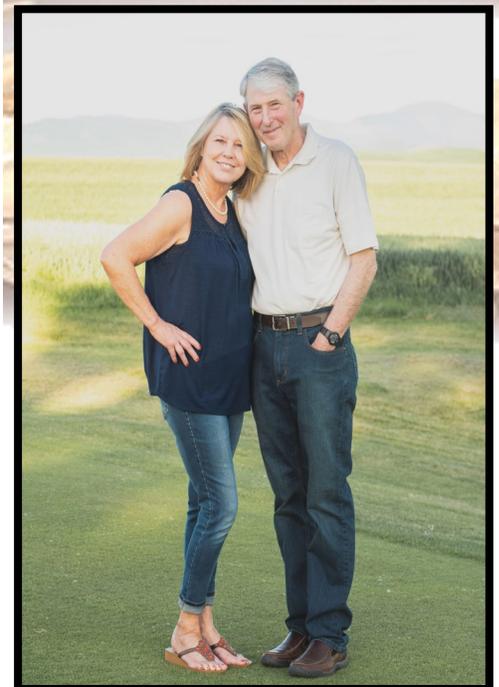
Nominated by: Debbie Dean



### Mike and Becky Buergel

Mike has been a lifelong citizen of Tekoa, after graduating from Tekoa High School in 1971 he attended Eastern Washington State College where he met Becky. They married in 1981, after which they made the move to Tekoa, where they raised three children. Mike began working for the McCormack family at Cash Hardware in 1987 and after 33 years he retired in 2020. Becky started working at the Tekoa Pharmacy in 2007 and continues to be a friendly face there! Over the years Mike and Becky have spent countless hours volunteering on various boards and projects in Tekoa – Tekoa Ambulance, Tekoa Golf Board, Sacred Heart Parish Council, and Tekoa Parks and Recreation. More recently helping maintain the Catholic Cemetery and volunteering at the Tekoa Museum. They attended all their children's athletic events and prepared meals, and goody bags for all the teams. Now they get to enjoy watching their grand children play! Thank you, Mike and Becky, for your continued dedication to the community of Tekoa!

Nominated by: Anthony Buergel, Lindsey Main & Hana Sperber



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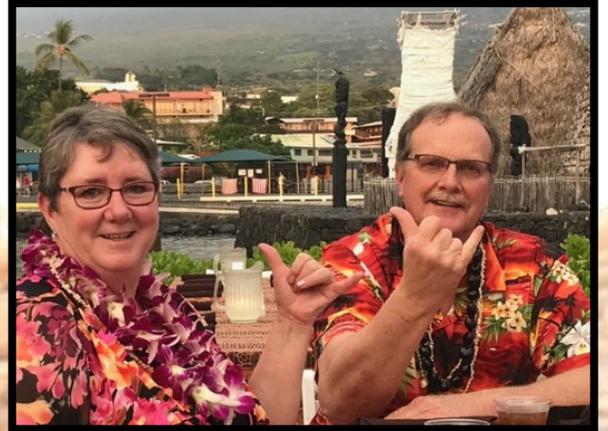
### Steve & Kathy Smith

Steve and Kathy have lived in Tekoa all their lives and contributed so much to the community. Through all these years you can see them helping where it was needed, attending auctions and fundraisers, and participating in the Tekoa community.

Together they have volunteered to help with the Slippery Gulch Chamber breakfast & fishing derby. They are supporters of the Empire Theatre, small businesses and were JayCee Club members. Steve has also volunteered as a fireman, fire commissioner, ambulance driver & grade school basketball coach. Kathy has volunteered with the Christmas fund.

They raised their four kids here and now support all their grandkids whether in sports or school activities.

Nominated by: Molly Carren & Jessica Monroy



### Doug Sienknecht

Doug's Tekoa Roots run deep! His family homesteaded on the southside of Hangman Creek in 1883, in the very same house Doug and Wendy raised their family in, and still reside in today. Born and raised here, as a boy and through his teen years Doug worked the family farm in and around Tekoa, Oakesdale and Farmington areas, and for other families in and around Whitman County. After graduating EWU he returned to the family farm in Tekoa. In the late 70's and early 80's Doug and Wendy owned and operated Hangman Valley Feed-n-Flowers, in the lot where Banner Bank now stands. He was a part of the local community softball team, served as a city council member, an EMT with the Tekoa Ambulance, volunteered his help with numerous 4-H and FFA projects and spent many, many hours working at the Arena with the Tekoa Fair Association. Doug worked for various farmers in the area, then came the opportunity to work for the McCormack family at Cash Hardware. He enjoyed many opportunities at "Cash" and transitioned with them from a family business through many corporate changes. He retired from Pape in 2017 after 25+ years, and has been busy in retirement maintaining the ol' Homestead, keeping track of his mom Addie Mae, and enjoying all 7 of his grandkids every chance he gets!! Haying, Slippery Gulch fishing derby fishing and hunting "the Mountain" also keep him busy. He is a popular school bus driver, and can't go to any local events, school assemblies or even the store without hearing "Hi Mr. Doug!!!" and getting big waves and smiles from his adoring fans. In the wintertime, he can be seen around town plowing snow, and is the first call for many of the "old timers" in the area that need a little extra help.

Nominated by: Carrie Garcia



*Country Roads  
Take me home*

Be watching for these Tekoa Roots nominees in the parade.

# Royalty & Float



The Tekoa Royalty court welcomes everyone to Slippery Gulch Days. Queen Eliona McElderry and princesses Savannah Rinehart, Joan Barnowsky and Khloe Morrison will be riding aboard the newly designed float entitled, "In Full Bloom". Look for the ladies at many of the weekend events including the Chamber breakfast and kids games!

*Welcome home 50 year grads!*

## Class of 1970, 71 & 72

Anyone from the Tekoa graduating class of 1970-72 please join the 50+ year reunion festivities on Saturday, June 18, 2022. At the Event Center there will be social hour from 1-2 pm and lunch will be served at 2 pm. The reunion social will run until 4 pm.

This years shirt was designed by Mish Ink, with the theme of the newly renovated trestle.

You can purchase them for \$20 for an adult size and \$10 for youth sizes.

Purchase yours before Slippery Gulch at Eclairs and the Pharmacy.

If there are any left, on Saturday, June 18th they will be available at the high school during the Chamber breakfast and at the parade.



## *Honored Veteran George R Dean*

During my Senior year in high school, in 1965, I enlisted in the Marine Corps. It was an 120 day delay. In July, after graduation I left for boot camp to San Diego, California.

After training, I was sent to Okinawa and was delayed there until my older brother, Ralph left Vietnam.

Early in 1966 I went to Da Nang, South Vietnam to serve as an ammo tech at the ammo dump there. I worked mainly nights. I would take inventory of incoming ammunition that arrived from the beach.

I served in South Vietnam until my return home in February of 1967.



*Thank you for your service!*

# Schedule Of Events

Slippery Gulch 2022

**All Week**

**Fishing Derby**

**Hangman Creek**

**Friday June 17<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30-6 pm**

**Free Throw Competition**

**Outdoor Courts**

**8-11 pm**

**Teen Lock-In**

**Pool**

**Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>**

**All Weekend**

**'All you can golf!' (\$10)**

**Golf Course**

**7:30-10 am**

**Chamber Breakfast**

**High School**

**8 am**

**Fun Run**

**High School**

**9 am-2 pm**

**Milestone Car Club/  
ATHS Truck Show**

**Below Grade School Hill**

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**10:45 am**

**Kiddie Parade**

**Downtown**

**11 am**

**Grand Parade**

**Downtown**

**After Parade**

**Awards**

**Downtown**

**After Parade**

**Egg Toss**

**Downtown**

**12:30 pm**

**3 on 3 Basketball**

**Outdoor Courts**

**12-5 pm**

**Tractor Show**

**By Gymkhana Grounds**

**12-5 pm**

**FCCLA Lunch**

**By Softball Field**

**1 pm**

**Kid Games/Races**

**Gymkhana Grounds**

**1 pm**

**Food Vendor**

**Gymkhana Grounds**

**1-4 pm**

**"Survival Island"**

**Library**

**1-5 pm**

**Tekoa Museum**

**Library/Museum**

**2 pm**

**Family Movie**

**Empire Theater**

**4 pm**

**Softball Game**

**Softball Field**

**8 pm-12 am**

**Adult Dance**

**Event Center**

**10 pm**

**Fireworks**

**Football Field**