

# Slippery Gulch Bugle

2023

## Grand Marshals - Eric & Connie Marsh



Moving to Tekoa in 1974, newly married and straight out of college, Eric and Connie Marsh immersed themselves in this community from the beginning. Both started jobs teaching at Tekoa High School. Then they built a house and settled in to raise their family. In early 1979 their son Robert was born and then in 1980 their daughter Samantha was born.

Connie taught Home and Consumer Science, or Home Ec. for those earlier students. She also filled in as needed in numerous subjects including English, Science, and Health. Connie provided more than teaching to her students. She mentored them to become kind and caring adults. She coached cheerleading for many years. She also was the Advisor for Future Homemakers of America (FHA) that transitioned to Family, Career and

Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). Connie took numerous kids to state and national tournaments with this organization and was recently honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Eric taught Band and Choir to 5th through 12th grades. He started with the very basics and then helped students to expand their skills. Eric has conducted a jazz band and a pep band. He also taught many subjects in school including Computer Science, Accounting, and Drivers Education. During the early 90's Eric drove the Ski Bus, taking as many kids as wanted to go up to the local mountains to ski all day.

After over 30 years of teaching Eric and Connie retired with plans to maybe be snow birds spending winters in Yuma.

Instead, they decided to take on the management of the local food bank. Connie has written a number of grants to receive additional funding to supplement the state and federal funding. Along with other great volunteers,

they help supplement monthly groceries for those local citizens in need.

The couple stays active with other pursuits. Connie is currently on the Tekoa Parks and Recreation Board helping with the pool and all the other tasks of managing the city parks. She also fills in as a substitute teacher at our schools. Eric currently plays in the Spokane British Brass Band. He is also involved in the Milestone Car Club, which is holding an event during the weekend of Slippery Gulch.

Eric and Connie are still active in the school and community with their 3 grandchildren who are involved in sports, local clubs and the pool.



## Tekoa Roots

### Jack Bowman



Jack moved to Tekoa in 1965 and taught math at the high school from then until 1996. He taught Algebra I and II, Trig, Chemistry, Geometry, and Calculus. He was senior class advisor and coached track for a time. He drove school bus on a route as well as for events. Jack impacted many college bound students ensuring that they were prepared for college level work. Many came back to thank him and to brag that they didn't have to crack a book once they got to college. That says something about both the student and the teacher. He expected a lot of them and generally got it.

Jack has planted over 30,000 trees on his farm with a cover crop before moving back to town in 1996. He has improved the habitat for wildlife, lessened erosion and increased oxygen.

After he "retired", Jack moved back to town. He stayed busy by mowing the rest area each week and drove to Colfax monthly to pick up food for the local food bank.

Nominated by: Cathy Bowman

### Carol Fischer

Carol was born in Mobridge, South Dakota, and moved to Tekoa as a young girl. Carol raised her six children in Tekoa and now has many grandchildren and great grandchildren that live in the area. She loves to spend time visiting her family and working outside in her yard and garden. She can always be seen walking up town, even in the cold of winter, to support Tekoa's local businesses.

Over the years, Carol has selflessly dedicated much of her time to making Tekoa a better place. She spent many years organizing and distributing food at our local food pantry. A lot of her time is spent up at the Catholic Church - cleaning, tending to the prayer garden and church grounds. She always helps get the Parrish Hall ready for any upcoming events. Carol is also a current member of our local P.E.O. International Chapter and has served on the board many times in the past.

We love you Grandma Carol. Thank you for helping make our community a better place!



## Tekoa Roots

### Barbara Scaroni

December will mark 30 years that Barbara Scaroni has been rooted in Tekoa. In her childhood and early Forestry career, Scaroni lived and worked in many states. In forestry college she met her husband, Warren Scaroni. Despite taking classes together, the pair met square dancing, Barbara wearing a dress she had crafted herself.

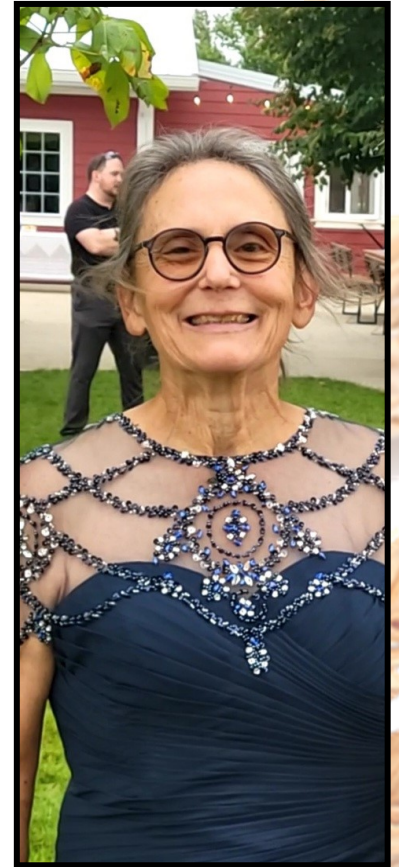
In 1991, Warren lost his battle with brain cancer, leaving Barbara and their four small children on a small plot of land in Central Oregon. A forestry and timber sales job with the Coeur d' Alene Tribe brought her to this area.

In November 1993 Barbara searched for a new home, stopping first in Tekoa. She learned of a house for sale on Truax Street. However, she made the easy mistake of first driving to Truax's dead end. Confused, she stopped for directions and was met by Anne Currier, who responded with "You can buy our house!"

In this welcoming community she raised her four children and her fur children, all of whom are familiar faces around town. This town continued to be a blessing as it came alongside her in incredible ways after the family was terribly injured in a car accident. When her children were grown she took up foster care.

For work and pleasure, Barbara strolls through the rolling Palouse forests and fields. She has traveled across the U.S. to earn a Master of Science in Silviculture and across the world to watch wheelchair races.

Sustained by her unwavering hope and joy that spring from her love of Christ she longs to serve others. Over the years she has served many summers as a wildland firefighter and has explored running homes for the elderly and housing refugees. Currently she is working to restore local waterways and training to be certified in EMS and ambulance driving.



*Country Roads  
Take me home*

Be watching for these Tekoa Roots  
nominees in the Grand Parade.

You can celebrate someone that makes Tekoa great in next year's Tekoa Roots. Check out [slipperygulch.com](http://slipperygulch.com) for criteria. Forms come out in April at Éclair's and Tekoa Pharmacy.

## Royalty & Float



The Tekoa Royalty court welcomes everyone to Slippery Gulch Days.

Queen Carrie Sanchez and Princess Marissa Alonso will be riding aboard the newly designed float entitled, "Rockin' the Boat".

Look for the ladies at many of the weekend events including the Chamber Breakfast at the high school and the Kids Games at the Gymkhana Grounds!



*Welcome home 50 year grads!*

*Class of 1973*

Tekoa High School, class of 1973, are celebrating their 50-year class reunion during Slippery Gulch. These former Tekoa Tigers will be attending the Chamber Breakfast, participating in the Grand Parade and then gathering for a fun evening of laughter, memories, and the "older we get the better we were" stories.

Members of this golden reunion class are:

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|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Arnold Krell,            | Diane Towne,           | Kent Weightman,              | Ruth (Wise) Gies,      |
| Carla (Gumm) Wilson,     | Gail (Buth) Stevenson, | Kim (Gumm) Schulz,           | Shelley Yeske,         |
| Darlene (Wilks) Gardner, | Janet Faunce,          | LaDonna (Morgan) Sienknecht, | Steve Smith,           |
| Dave Caples,             | Kathy (Wolfe) Smith,   | Milt Groom,                  | Tom Albright, and      |
| Debi (Hay) Gumm,         | Kenny Smith,           | Pam (Eberle) Hardy,          | Scott Kern (deceased). |
| Debbi (DuBois) Kirk,     |                        |                              |                        |

## This Year's Design

This year's shirt was designed by Mish Ink, with the theme of enjoying the scenery around Tekoa, "Always Take the Scenic Route".

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

Purchase yours before Slippery Gulch at Éclair's and Tekoa Pharmacy.

If there are any left, on Saturday, June 17th they will be available at the high school during the Chamber Breakfast and at the Grand Parade.





## *Honored Veteran Renee Brown*

Renee Brown completed 26 years of service in the Air Force working as an Aircraft Hydraulics Mechanic. At the end of her career she was an E7 Master Sergeant. She retired out of Fairchild Air Force base in 2008 and moved to Tekoa in 2017 with her mini red heeler Ruby.

During her time in the military, Renee served in many different USA locations. She also spent time in Japan and 2 tours in Kyrgyzstan and Qatar. Kyrgyzstan borders China and Russia, which was a unique location. While she was there the Kyrgyzstan government hosted military meetings between the two nations.

- Cannon Air Force Base - Clovis, NM - 2 yrs
- Elmendorf Air Force Base - Anchorage, AK - 6 yrs
- Dyees Air Force Base - Abilene, TX - 2 yrs
- Yokota Air Base - Tokyo, Japan - 2 yrs
- Grand Forks Air Force Base - Grand Forks, ND - 6 yrs
- Fairchild Air Force Base - Spokane, WA - 8 yrs

Renee has quickly become a valued member of the Tekoa community. She volunteers her time helping the local food bank. She can be found walking her dog Ruby around town. She has other hobbies of camping, visiting with friends and family. We are honored that she picked Tekoa to enjoy her retirement.



*Thank you for your service!*



# Schedule of Events

## All Week

### Friday June 16<sup>th</sup>

4:30-6 pm

8-11 pm

### Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>

## All Weekend

7:30-10 am

8 am

9 am-3 pm

9 am-3 pm

9 am

9 am-4 pm

10:45 am

11 am

After Parade

After Parade

12:30 pm

12-5 pm

1 pm

1 pm

1-4 pm

1-5 pm

2 pm

4 pm

8 pm-12 am

10 pm

## Fishing Derby

Free Throw Competition

Teen Lock-In

Golf (9 for \$9/18 for \$18)

Chamber Breakfast

Fun Run

Milestone Car Club &

ATHS Truck Show

Tractor Show

Éclair's Coffee

Crafts & Bazaar Vendors

Kiddie Parade

Grand Parade

Awards

Egg Toss

Bike Challenge Course

FCCLA Lunch

Kid Games/Races

Food & Bazaar Vendors

Community Helpers Fair

Tekoa Museum

Tekoa History &

Family Movie

Softball Game

Adult Dance

Fireworks

## Hangman Creek

Outdoor Basketball Courts

Pool

Golf Course

High School

High School

Below Grade School Hill

Below Grade School Hill

Along Seaman Road

By Softball Field

Community Center

Downtown

Downtown

Downtown

Downtown

Outdoor Basketball Courts

By Softball Field

Gymkhana Grounds

Gymkhana Grounds

Library

Library/Museum

Empire Theatre

Empire Theatre

Softball Field

Event Center

Football Field