

LIA Briefs . . .

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Sympathy is extended to Suzanne Takasugi and children (Taylor, Cole and Paige) in the sudden passing of **Pat Takasugi, Class 4**. Pat served as Director of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture before being elected to the Idaho Legislature representing District 10 in the Caldwell area. Services for Pat will be held at the Catholic Church in Caldwell on Friday, November 11 at 10:30 AM. Pat has fought the cancer that attacked his body in recent years. Pat was a Lifetime Member of LIA and a tremendous leader in Idaho's agriculture industry. Serving in Pat's legislative position for the 2011 Legislative Session was **Gayle Batt, Class 18**.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to: Suzanne Takasugi and Family
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Wilder, ID 83676



Congratulations to **Randy Brooks, Class 16**, who has joined the faculty of the College of Natural Resources at the University of Idaho in the area of forest management. Prior to his new position on the campus at the U of I, Randy was serving as Clearwater County Extension Educator.



Congratulations to **Tony Ketterling, Class 31**, and wife Rachel on the birth of a daughter, Sophia, on August 24. Sophia is the granddaughter for **Terry Ketterling, Class 9**, and Grandmother Linda.



Congratulations to **Mark Pratt, Class 11**, and his wife Wendy on the selection of their son Seth Pratt to serve as Western Region National FFA Vice President. Seth is a student at the U of I majoring in agriculture leadership. Seth will start his year of service immediately following Thanksgiving and will travel around 120,000 miles over the next year representing the FFA. Seth has spoken several times through the years to LIA class and most recently spoke to Class 32 in Moscow following his selection. Seth will be one of six national officers. It has been over 20 years since a National FFA officer has come from Idaho.



Congratulations to **Chad Clifford, Class 32**, who will be married in Coeur d'Alene on Saturday, November 12. Chad works for Simplot Jacklin as an accountant.



Robert Blair, Class 26, was named a 2011 Eisenhower Agriculture Fellow and is currently visiting Argentina with a very select group from America. Robert will have the chance to visit many agriculture enterprises during this week in Argentina.

John Foltz, Class 12, was the master mind behind the U of I corn maize that attracted over 12,000 visitors prior to Halloween. Many area farmers and ranchers were involved with the activities surrounding the maize located near the rodeo grounds in Lewiston.



Two LIA graduates are finalists for the positive of Legislative Relations at the U of I. **Wayne Hammon, Class 14**, and **Travis Jones, Class 28**, are vying for the position. An announcement related to the selection should be made in the next few weeks.

The 2011-2012 LIA Alumni Directory is at the printer and in final stages before being returned to the LIA office to be mailed to the alumni members. If you have not paid your \$50 annual dues, you may do so online at www.leadershipidaho.org so you will receive your directory. Thanks to everyone who updated their information for this year's directory.

The LIA Nominating Committee will soon begin the process of securing candidates to serve on the LIA Board of Trustees. If you are willing to allow your name to surface as a potential candidate for consideration, please let **Rick Waitley** know at rick@amgidaho.com or call the LIA office at 208-888-0988.