

## Jeff Burdett selected for Dustin Curtis scholarship



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Jeff Burdett, center, is the recipient of this year's Dustin Curtis Memorial Scholarship. With him are Dustin's family members, sister Cassie and parents Joann and Greg Curtis.

Kuna High School senior Jeff Burdett was selected as the winner of the second annual Dustin Curtis Memorial Scholarship.

The family of Dustin Curtis, along with Kuna American Legion Baseball, created this scholarship in Curtis' name in 2011.

The scholarship is open to current graduating seniors of Kuna High on the baseball team who are planning on continuing their education.

The scholarship is meant to recognize young men who love the game of baseball and play

with dignity and respect for their fellow teammates and competitors on and off the field, as Curtis exemplified.

Curtis was a standout baseball player at Kuna High and was the starting catcher on the varsity team his junior year. His life was cut short by a car accident in 2007, the summer after his junior year of high school.

Burdett, who receives \$500 toward his post-secondary education, was honored during a brief ceremony before the May 2 game against Nampa. He was presented the award by Curtis' family members, including Cur-

tis' father, Greg, who coached Burdett in youth baseball.

Burdett's work ethic, leadership and more than 450 hours of community service were cited as reasons for his selection.

The winner is selected by a committee that includes Angie Beberness, of the James A. Dodge Memorial Scholarship; Mike Spicer, local businessman and longtime Kuna High Booster; Travis Spengler, Kuna varsity baseball player; Scott McIntosh, editor of the Kuna Melba News; and Joann Curtis, Curtis' mother.