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Greta Hockaday Selected for 2022 Lifetime Pass



YREKA- The 10th District Agricultural Association Board of Directors is happy to announce a Lifetime Pass will be presented to Greta Hockaday of Montague during opening ceremonies at the 2022 Siskiyou Golden Fair.

Greta Petersen Hockaday moved to Siskiyou County with her parents at 10 years old and has been actively involved in our agricultural community and the Siskiyou Golden Fair since that time. That year Greta joined 4-H and began exhibiting at the Siskiyou Golden Fair, her projects were dairy, swine, clothing, and cooking. Greta continued exhibiting at the fair and is still in the sheep barn today some 75 years later. After graduating high school, Greta married Richard Hockaday, 67 years ago, and he is her greatest support in all her endeavors. Greta started at the Siskiyou County Courthouse in 1964 and worked her way up to the assistant tax collector, retiring with 30 years of service.

Greta and Richard were blessed with three daughters, Ann, Debi and Carol. The Hockaday girls followed the family tradition into 4-H and like Greta they were and are exhibitors, 4-H leaders, and award donors for the fair. Grandchildren and now great grandchildren are exhibiting and continuing the family tradition, that is what makes county fairs so special. Greta has been a long-time supporter of the fair awards program, the Friends of the Fair, and continues to donate the Champion and Reserve Steer Blankets every year.

If you want to talk sheep, look Greta up during the fair. Corriedales and Suffolk sheep have been part of her daily life for many decades. Following her retirement over 25 years ago, Greta became a force in the Natural Colored Wool Sheep breed and in 2019 Greta and Richard exhibited at and won Champion Flock for their breeding stock at the Black Sheep Gathering in Oregon, the National Show for 2019.

In the community, Greta Hockaday is active in the Montague Methodist Church and for 30 years she has served as a facilitator for the Montague area food pantry. She is a long-time board member for the Montague Irrigation District and an avid supporter of all things agricultural in Siskiyou County. Greta and sister Carol Crebbin were instrumental in getting the Siskiyou County Search and Rescue fundraiser together to provide much needed and mandated but unfunded equipment. The fundraiser is very successful and is now an annual event the Friday before Mother's Day. For 17 years she and Carol have been active vendors at the Certified Farmers Market – now held every Wednesday at the fairgrounds.

Greta has been, and continues to be, an integral part of our community; willing to support where she can. “Greta is another true example of why the lifetime pass was created” stated fair CEO, Cliff Munson “A living example of a humble mentor and advocate for all ages”

Organizations like the Siskiyou Golden Fair thrive because of community minded individuals that get involved for the good of all and Greta Hockaday has displayed her love of agriculture and the fair honorably. “It takes the whole community to make our fairground thrive year-round,” stated CEO, Cliff Munson, “Greta has done her part for more than 75 years and this award is a simple token to express our appreciation of a job well done.”

Join Greta and the community at the flagpole at 5:00 pm on opening night as she is honored with the Lifetime pass award. Greta loves the fair and would be honored if you all join us as we celebrate the 2022 run of RED, WHITE & BLUE in '22.

For more information, contact the fair office at 842-2767 or info@sisqfair.com. The 2022 Siskiyou Golden Fair, “RED, WHITE & BLUE in '22” runs August 10-14 in Yreka.