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PRESS RELEASE

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Dick Solus Selected for 2021 Lifetime Pass



Dick Solus pictured in the center with the 2020 Champion Dairy Blankets

YREKA- The 10th District Agricultural Association Board of Directors is happy to announce a Lifetime Pass will be presented to Dick Solus of Big Springs during opening ceremonies at the 2021 Siskiyou Golden Fair.

Richard “Dick” Solus has always been an active and influential member of our Siskiyou County community. As a young boy, Dick was involved with both 4-H and FFA, growing up he showed dairy heifers, sheep and beef. As a teen, he continued that passion by becoming the FFA President for Yreka High School. During the years of his showing animals, Dick proudly won both grand and reserve champion with his sheep and dairy heifers on multiple occasions.

As an adult, Dick did not lose his commitment to livestock and showmanship; from having a herd of sheep to later owning a dairy farm. In the continuation of his services, Dick was a club leader for many years and served as the dairy leader with Big Springs 4-H, leading his four children as well as the youth

of the community. Under Dick's encouragement and guidance, youth within the Big Springs community and Siskiyou County had the opportunity to take dairy heifers to the fair and restart a dairy division at the fair after it had been eliminated because of a lack of entries.

In addition to his commitment to agriculture and our youth, his presence was seen in other places within the community. Dick has served as a dairy heifer judge, a bid caller for the Junior Livestock Auction for more than 30 years and continues to donate champion blankets and ribbons at the fair. Dick also started and served on the Big Springs Mayten Volunteer Fire Department and was the Chief for 30 years. Dick is recognized for his saving of numerous homes, countless medical aides, and his fundraising via the annual barbeque and auction. Dick was recognized with the 2013 Yreka FFA Honorary member award for all he had done for the FFA Chapter.

Dick has been, and continues to be, an integral part of our community; willing to aid any and everyone. He has always gone above and beyond for his community. Today, he continues his support and offers his time to the community through his involvement in the Mayten Fire Department as board president, supporting his grand and great grandchildren with their livestock interests as well as 4-H and FFA ventures. Dick continues as an advisor to any youth within the 4-H/FFA programs that ask for help. Dick exudes every attribute of a good neighbor, community member and mentor to 4-H and FFA. His passion and love for these items come through in all that he does. "Dick is a true example of why the lifetime pass was created" stated fair CEO, Cliff Munson "A lifetime of service to the fair, his community, our youth and agriculture has not gone unnoticed."

Organizations like the Siskiyou Golden Fair thrive because of community minded individuals that get involved for the good of all and Dick Solus has displayed his love of agriculture and the fair honorably. "It takes the whole community to make our fairground thrive year-round," stated CEO, Cliff Munson, "Dick has done his part with continued service to community, going above and beyond to support anyone in need and sharing his knowledge with junior exhibitors at the Siskiyou Golden Fair." Join Dick and the community at the flagpole at 5:00 pm on opening night as he is honored with the Lifetime pass award. Dick would be honored if you all join us as we celebrate the 2021 run of our fair.

For more information, contact the fair office at 842-2767 or info@sisqfair.com. The 2021 Siskiyou Golden Fair, "Back to the Basics" runs August 11-15 in Yreka.