

Umatilla County Fair

NEWS RELEASE

Below you will find a courtesy copy of a news release that was just issued by the Umatilla County Fair office. Please feel free to forward to others who would be interested in this information. If you have any questions, please direct them towards Peggy Clough, acting Umatilla County Fairgrounds Manager at (541) 567-6121; or email to: peggyc@umatillacounty.net

Don Miller of Milton-Freewater, announced as Grand Marshal for the 2011 Umatilla County Fair

PRESS RELEASE: Grand Marshall, Volunteer of the Year, Managers Award

At a near capacity crowd Saturday Night, at Thompson Hall located in the Umatilla County Fairgrounds, Hermiston Oregon, lifetime volunteer Don Miller of Milton-Freewater was announced as the Grand Marshall for the 2011 Fair. Miller has attended the fair every year since he was 15 years old, and credits his family for all the support he has received over the years. Don was on the Umatilla County Fair Board from 1998-2010 and served several terms as Fair Board Chairman.

Volunteer of the year honors went to Marie Linnell of Hermiston and Terry Rowan of Hermiston. Linnell has been involved in the Youth Livestock Auction Committee for several years. She has been an active Committee member and currently is the Chair of the Committee. She helps input data into the "ShoWorks" program late many evenings during fair as well as doing a lot of behind the scenes work that only fairgoers would ever see. Terry Rowan has helped for many years with the inside ground security. At any given moment you may find him up on a tractor or moving panels for the youth of our community.

Manager Awards were presented to Alice Newman and Darrel Sallee. Newman has consistently helped in the office and has taken on projects above and beyond the scope of a volunteer. In September our Administrative Assistant was on medical leave, while she was gone Newman started helping in the office 3 days a week. By the time our Administrative Assistant returned Alice was working in the office 5-6 days a week, organizing vendor programs for Festival of Lights and helping out where ever needed. Sallee is a familiar face on the grounds for years; however this year he was instrumental in the success of several large arena events that needed that extra touch. Darrell can be found raking the arena, watering, mowing or running the tractor. During the Festival of Lights Parade Sallee and his wife Rhonda bring and decorate their flatbed trailer for the Farm-City Pro Rodeo Board, Fair Board and Fair Court to ride. You may even see him and his wife working the front gate.

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