

Fakesch Receives Volunteer Award

Lori Fakesch, Klickitat PUD's (KPUD) billing clerk, recently was honored as "2008 Volunteer of the Year" by the Klickitat County Fair Board for her outstanding dedication and commitment.

Previous recipients include Chris Miller in 2007, and Daniel and Joy Duggan in 2006.

Lori has always been involved with the county fair, from her own 4-H years to helping her children with their 4-H exhibits and animals.

Through the years, she also has volunteered in a number of other capacities, including taking tickets at the gate and working in booths.

"I love the fair," she says. "The county is like a big family to me, and

the fair is the only time of year we all get to see each other, from Trout Lake all the way to Bickleton."

In 2003, Klickitat County Fair Board President Ron Ihrig asked Lori to help him out for just one year and take charge of the fair entertainment. She had worked with Ron for a number of years at KPUD. As a favor, she agreed.

Six years later, Lori says she is still hooked on all of the booking, scheduling and preparation the job entails.



Lori Fakesch

One of her favorite acts from a few years ago was, "The Rhinestone Roper Show," a family roping act that included lots of audience participation. Lori says the act received the most positive feedback of any acts she has ever booked.

Lori wants any local talent interested in performing at the fair to know they are welcome to contact her at (509) 369-2303. She already has started booking entertainers for the 2009 fair.

Congratulations to Lori on her achievement. ■

Seedling Sale a Sign of Spring

Underwood Conservation District is holding its annual native tree and shrub seedling sale.

Based in White Salmon, Underwood Conservation District has helped rural landowners protect and conserve natural resources in Skamania and Klickitat counties for more than 50 years.

Providing native tree and shrub seedlings to the people of this area has been a long-standing annual program, dating to the early 1990s. During the first few years, the annual effort resulted in about 10,000 trees sold.

This year should prove to be one of the best. Underwood Conservation District plans to sell about 40,000 trees and shrubs, including Douglas fir, ponderosa and white pine, red cedar, giant sequoia, and grand and noble fir, as well as a selection of hardwood shrubs and trees, including blue elderberry, vascara, chokecherry, Douglas spirea, indian plum, kinnikinnick,



Workers load plants into coolers in preparation for the Underwood Conservation District native tree and shrub seedling sale.

mock orange and ocean spray.

Prices vary depending on the species and quantity, ranging from \$1 to \$2 per seedling.

Orders are being taken now. The plants will be available in April or May, depending on weather conditions at the nurseries.

For more information and to place an order for low-cost native tree and shrub seedlings, call Underwood Conservation District at (509) 493-1936, visit its Web site at <http://w3.gorge.net/ucd/ucd.htm> or visit the office at 170 NW Lincoln St. in White Salmon. ■