

DAILY NEWS

Tehama County Farm-City Night a seismic event

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Correction: There was an error in Wednesday's story about Farm City Night. Everett McDonough presented the Young Farmer of the Year award at Monday's event. The Daily News regrets the error

The west coast of North America is drifting west, northwest and oceanic plates are sliding north, northeast, slipping under the west coast and generating melt that rises toward the surface creating the Cascade Volcanic Arc.

The southern tip of that arc is Lassen Peak, which last erupted more than 93 years ago, at 4 p.m. May 22, 1915, sending a plume of ash 30,000 feet into the sky over Red Bluff.

A retelling of that dramatic eruption and the event leading up to it was given Monday evening by Rachel Teasdale, a volcanologist from California State University, Chico, who was the featured speaker at Tehama County Farm Bureau's Farm-City Night banquet at the Red Bluff Elks Lodge.

Some 300 guests attended the fundraiser and enjoyed the presentation, which included several photographs of the eruption and the effect it had on the area surrounding Lassen Peak.

But the cheers were loudest following Teasdale's presentation, when Richard Edsall, of the Farm Bureau, took the microphone to introduce presenters for several awards given to recognize community members and their achievements.

Bill Goodwin, Tehama County's chief administrator for more than three years, was recognized for Outstanding Community Service, presented by Richard Culp of the Sunrise Rotary Club.

Everett McDonough was presented with the Senior Citizen of the Year award by Jean Shackelford of the Soroptimists.

Catherine Schmitz, CEO of Job Training Center, was presented with the Woman of the Year award by Steve Montandon of the Exchange Club.

Red Bluff Union High School senior Corey Carpenter, who operates his own pig farm operation and has long participated in youth agriculture programs, was honored with the Young Farmer of the Year award, presented by Catherine Gutierrez of Red Bluff Rotary.

LeRoy Crye, who retired from the Wal-Mart Distribution Center, was presented with the Volunteer of the Year award for his contribution to St. Elizabeth Community Hospital and many other organizations. The award was presented by Al Kirchen of the Red Bluff Lions Club.

Debi Stone, second-grade teacher at Olive View School in Corning, was honored with the Teacher of the Year award, presented by Tehama County Department of Education Superintendent Larry Champion. Stone plans to use the \$500 that accompanies the award to purchase books, Champion said.

Benny Brown, owner of Corning Ford-Mercury, was presented with the Business Person of the Year award by Edsall.

Chuck Crain, of Crain Walnuts, was named Farmer of the Year, with the award presented by John Gentry of the Red Bluff Kiwanis Club. Rep. Wally Herger presented each honoree with a Congressional certificate, and a Legislature certificate signed by Sen. Sam Aanestad was given to each.

The Milk Can Awards, given to the service clubs with the most members in attendance at the event, went to Red Bluff Kiwanis Club and Red Bluff Lions Club, said Windy Wilson, of the Farm Bureau.

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