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Longtime volunteer keeps machinery moving

By **MATTHEW WEAVER**
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SPOKANE — There's a little bit of a trick to getting all of that equipment moved in and out of the Spokane Ag Expo and Pacific Northwest Farm Forum, Brad Hoyt says.

He ought to know.

Hoyt, a wealth advisor with Hoyt Lewis and Associates, a financial planning firm, began volunteering with the Spokane Ag Expo and Pacific Northwest Farm Forum in 1982. He's returned every year since.

"Because I kept going back, they more or less put me in charge of moving in and out," he said. "I tend to be organized and don't mind giving directions to people."

In the fall, Hoyt and manager Myrna O'Leary work to determine which machinery companies are bringing to display at the expo and where it will fit.

"It's just a matter of making



Brad Hoyt

sure we understand what they're bringing and try to get them coordinate when they're going to bring it."

Hoyt starts at "the nose" of the building and works to what he jokingly calls "the back of the boat," from one end to the other.

"There's always somebody who has a bigger piece of equipment that takes longer to set up than another," he said.

"Some people have to be on the carpet, so they need to get in before you get past them. We have to have plastic down."

The equipment is moved into the building from a staging area, because some large equipment can't be moved on the weekend, Hoyt said. The lot is full on Sunday morning, but city traffic is fairly light on Di-

vision, the main street.

Over the years, Hoyt developed a plan for moving the equipment out, as well.

"It lets everybody get out reasonably quickly," he said.

Hoyt grew up on a 400-acre farm near Post Falls, Idaho.

After graduating from high school, Hoyt went to work building houses for Boise Cascade, where his dad was a builder. He studied business administration at Eastern Washington University.

After a few years, Hoyt returned to the Spokane area as a dealer for Boise Cascade.

Hoyt became interested in financial management. His father was disabled at the time, so Hoyt was taking care of the farm and finances.

"I decided I wanted to do something different that would help people," he said. "I enjoyed helping people make money, enjoyed helping people with money."



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