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Bill Hawkins, Dorothy Yadon receive top citizen awards

Smiles, laughter and warm applause punctuated the evening at the Vernonia Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet held on January 17, as eight volunteers were honored for their efforts on behalf of the community.

Bill Hawkins and Dorothy Yadon were selected as Man and Woman of the Year for 1986, and received standing ovations from the more than 60 people who attended the event at Masonic Hall.

Hawkins was selected for his commitment to the development of recreational

activities for area residents, and especially for his work in refurbishing the little league ball park.

Yadon, president and one of the initial supporters of Vernonia Cares, was picked for her efforts on behalf of needy people in the area.

Others nominated for their contributions to the community included Henry Anderegg, Sue Cavinee, Janet Homan, Ray Pelster, Gertrude Schalock and Agnes Wuest.

As Noni Andersen read the reasons for each nomination, the nominees came forward

and received a Certificate of Appreciation from Chamber President Fred Klinger. Then, in the middle of the program, as if to emphasize the reason for the event, the city fire siren sounded and four volunteer firefighters rushed out, leaving their dinners to get cold.

After presentation of the awards to Hawkins and Yadon, the West Hills Chapter of the Sweet Adelines entertained the crowd with a program of barber shop harmony and show tunes.



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Bacona dump site meeting scheduled

The Department of Environmental Quality, which has picked the top of Green Mountain as a potential landfill site for the Portland metropolitan area, has set an open house for Thursday, February 12 at Buxton School, to "share information about the site's Neighborhood Protection Plan."

Billed as an informal meeting, not a public hearing, interested people may attend at any time from 6 to 9 p.m. DEQ says they will share information about potential problems resulting from a landfill, and discuss the range of measures available to safeguard both site and community. Their invitation also says they will have staff and

consultants available to discuss the site and answer questions.

Generally referred to as the Bacona dump site, the location is controversial for many reasons. The landfill area sits at the top of Green Mountain, and would be reached by trucks traveling from Portland via Highway 26 to Highway 47, thence to Hoffmann Road at Highway 47 and Tophill, then 7 miles east to the site.

Green Mountain is the watershed for Pebble Creek and Beaver Creek, both of which drain into the Nehalem River, as well as for tributaries of the Tualatin River and many area

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Nominees for Man or Woman of the Year included (L-R) Front row, Gertrude Schalock, Agnes Wuest and Sue Cavinee. Back Row, Ray Pelster, Henry Anderegg and Janet Homan.

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