

# Spotlight shines on Hillsboro winners

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**The Chamber of Commerce plans to honor six community members for working to make it a better place to live**

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HILLSBORO — Six persons whose labors have made a difference in their community will be honored Tuesday.

The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce will pay tribute at a luncheon to the winners of its annual Distinguished Achievement Awards.

Jerralyn Ness, executive director of the Washington County Community Action Organization, will be honored as Professional of the Year. Ray and Carol Hagg, owners of Country Gardens floral and gift shop, have been named Retailers of the Year.

Bob Terry, president of Oregon Garden Products, is the community's Agriculturist of the Year; Scholar of the Year is Michael Tinneland a science teacher at Glencoe High School; and Sportsman of the Year is Ted Zehr, baseball coach at Hillsboro High School.

A panel of Chamber members se-

lected the winners based on nominations from the community. They will be honored at the Chamber forum lunch at 11:45 a.m. in the Tuality Health Education Center, 334 S.E. Eighth Ave.

Ness has worked for the Washington County Community Action Organization for 20 years, the last 10 as executive director. The agency provides a variety of services for low-income families in Washington County.

She also is secretary of the Washington County Human Services Coalition, chairwoman of the Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center board of directors and a member of the United Way Executives Association.

Pamela Wilkinson, development director for the community action organization, nominated Ness saying that staff members had "tremendous respect ... for the work she has done and for the values she upholds."

"She never forgets why Wccao ex-

ists — for the low-income families of Washington County," said Wilkinson.

Terry won't be on hand to pick up his Agriculturist of the Year award. He's flying to Washington, D.C., Tuesday to receive the 1993 Job Training Partnership Act Presidential Award from President Clinton. He was scheduled to receive another award Tuesday as well. He is winner of the Vern Ryles Jr. award presented by the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Terry is credited with saving the jobs of more than 600 employees when he took over management of Oregon Garden Products in 1988. The company was on a downhill skid at the time and the owners were considering liquidation.

Not only did he turn the company's finances around, but he guided it to a prominent — and generous — role in the community. Among other things, Oregon Garden Products donated thousands of flowers for Hillsboro's float in the 1993 Port-

land Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade.

Tinneland has taught in the Hillsboro district since 1974 and has been at Glencoe since 1980. His principal at Glencoe, Joe Rodriguez, describes him as one of "the few educators whose vision for students and thirst for knowledge are remarkable."

Zehr, who coached Hillsboro High to the state baseball championship in 1993, was named high school baseball coach of the year last year. His principal, Phil Barnekoff, called Zehr "not only an outstanding coach but also an exceptional math and science teacher."

The Hags have owned Country Gardens at 4825 N.W. 253rd Ave. for eight years. They were nominated for the retail award by two employees who admire their bosses' sense of community and their work both in and out of the shop.

"Country Gardens is a reflection of Carol and Ray's personality and love for life," said employees, Joy Scratcher and Sue Hays.