

2019 Wasco County Ageless Award Honorees



Pictured left to right: Lucille Peterson, Prudence Amick, Bill Hamilton, Terry Stoddard

Prudence Amick:

Since 2007, Prudence has been a CASA volunteer (Court Appointed Special Advocate) traveling across Oregon from Portland to Burns Oregon to advocate for children who have been placed in foster care. Prudence is a SHIBA volunteer (which requires annual training) assisting folks through the Medicare maze. She also is a Meals-on-Wheels driver delivering a healthy meal to those older adults who are unable to prepare their own healthy meal.

She serves on the board of Opportunity Connections which provides services and supports for people with cognitive disabilities. She also has time to volunteer at the Senior Center. She serves on the Center's Board of Director as secretary and as manager the Center's most important fundraiser: Bingo which raises thousands of dollars each year to support the Center. She files the necessary reports and documentation and counts and deposits, and most every Saturday night you will find her calling bingo at the Center.

Bill Hamilton:

Bill was selected because of his work with "Fix It for Him" which does odd jobs to help others who need assistance. The two primary jobs are gathering firewood for seniors and building ramps for seniors as well children and the disabled. He also does minor jobs like putting on a handrail for the bathtub or installing molding on windows.

It takes a commitment and drive to manage the work of his dedicated 100 volunteers. He will check out the job, make a list of the needed inventory for the job, schedule the work, send out an email asking for help from volunteers -- and gets the job done. Bill has been leading "Fix It for Him for approximately 10 years and does 40-50 jobs each year and is supported primarily by Calvary Baptist Church and Home Depot. Bill is a proud and active member of the Lions since 1970 and has served every year as the Lions organizer for the annual Lions Christmas Tree Pickup.

Lucille Peterson:

Lucille has volunteered with the Maupin's senior meal site (Pioneer Potlatch) and Maupin Translator (Local TV Relay Station) for 30 plus years. She was the lead cook and always made sure that people who could not attend the senior meal-site received a meal. Lucille volunteered to become a board member of the Tygh School Community Center, Inc. and she volunteered to drive Medical and Senior Clients. She continues to serve on the TSCC, Inc board of directors to this day. Lucille has headed up food fund raisers for TSCC, Inc. as well as for the community in general. She guided the Senior Center board/community members that catered fund-raisers which become very successful. Lucille has also helped seniors with their taxes through the Area Agency for Aging for 30 plus years. She has done this in the south county areas of Maupin, Tygh Valley, Wamic and Pine Grove. She would even travel to house-bound seniors to do their taxes. She has been described as a "pretty spunky chick and rises to any challenges...most have learned not to dare her to do something...lest they don't get out of the way fast enough...she is really a love."

Terry Stoddard:

A student of Terry's who nominated him for the Ageless awards wrote, "I have known Mr. Stoddard since 4th grade when he began to work with me and my class at Dry Hollow Elementary. He has continued to mentor me in math (and life) through the years. He comes every day to the school and helps me and my fellow classmates. He volunteers all his time to help us. He also has the Butterfly club that meets after school each week in the Spring. If it were not for him, I would not be as advance in math as I am today. I appreciate him so much and am so thankful that he gives so much of his time to all of us at the Middle School." His great contribution to youth and students is evident as talk to the students themselves who all not that Terry is a real blessing to the classrooms.