

PIERCE COUNTY SCD SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER

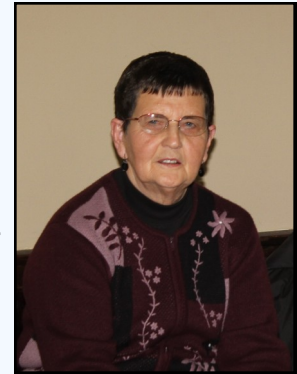
NOVEMBER 2012

BEVERLY BLEKEBERG RETIRES

BEV SERVED AS OUR CLERK FOR NEARLY 25 YEARS, BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY, 1988. HER DUTIES INCLUDED SERVING AS SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, KEEPING MINUTES OF MEETINGS, CARING FOR CORRESPONDENCE, AND MAINTAINING DISTRICT RECORDS SUCH AS POLICY, EMPLOYMENT RECORDS, SALES TO CUSTOMERS, DETAILS OF PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS THE DISTRICT CARRIES OUT. SHE ALSO WAS THE DISTRICT TREASURER, MAINTAINING FINANCIAL RECORDS AND BEING CUSTODIAN OF THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS. BEV WAS ALSO THE RECEPTIONIST FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE, AS WELL AS THE LOCAL NRCS STAFF.

WHILE MANY OF THOSE TASKS ARE QUITE COMMON AMONG DISTRICT CLERKS IN THE STATE, WHERE BEV REALLY SHINED WAS IN THE MANY EXTRAS SHE DID. HER PERSONALITY ENABLED HER TO MEET THE PUBLIC WELL AND WORK WITH THE BOARD AND LOCAL NRCS STAFF EFFECTIVELY. SHE HAD A GOOD MEMORY FOR PAST DISTRICT PROJECTS, AND SERVED AS A VALUABLE RESOURCE DURING DISCUSSIONS AT DISTRICT MEETINGS.

BEV'S WILLINGNESS TO HELP PLAN AND ORGANIZE SPECIAL EVENTS OFTEN MADE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HAVING A FUNCTION AND HAVING A MEMORABLE EVENT. THIS WAS VERY EVIDENT IN ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THE SEVENTH GRADE CONSERVATION TOUR WHICH WAS HELD AT THEIR FARM FROM 1994 TO 2004. ADDITIONALLY EACH YEAR SHE PLANNED AND ORGANIZED THE ANNUAL LADIES AG NIGHT, OUR ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET AND THE LOCAL ECO-ED. FOR EACH EVENT, SHE DID MOST OF THE PLANNING, ARRANGED ACCOMMODATIONS, TOOK CARE OF THE CORRESPONDENCE, CONTACTED LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, AND CONTACTED PROGRAM PROVIDERS, AS WELL AS SETTING UP MUCH OF THE TABLES, MEALS, AND TABLE DECORATIONS WHICH ADDED A SPECIAL TOUCH.



IN ADDITION TO HER JOB AS DISTRICT CLERK, WHICH WAS A HALF-TIME POSITION, SHE IS ALSO A WIFE, MOTHER, AND GRANDMOTHER. PRIOR TO BECOMING OUR EMPLOYEE, BEV AND ORVIN WERE RECIPIENTS OF OUR DISTRICT'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN 1985.

IN HER QUIET, SOFT-SPOKEN MANNER, BEV PROVIDED SUPPORT AND HELPED KEEP OUR BOARD ON TASK TO COMPLETE OUR DUTIES FOR THE CITIZENS AND LAND USERS OF PIERCE COUNTY.

CONGRATULATIONS, BEVERLY...AND MANY THANKS!—SCD BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

CLARISSA BERNDT—NEW SCD CLERK



CLARISSA WAS BORN AND RAISED IN McMinnville, Oregon with her two older siblings. After graduation she moved to Eugene, Oregon where she attended Lane Community College and the University of Oregon with a major in Accounting. In 2008 she moved to Rugby and married her husband, Robert.

WHEN SHE IS NOT AT WORK SHE IS ENGAGED IN HER FULL TIME MINISTRY WORK, HELPING PEOPLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BIBLE. WHILE SHE ENJOYS A QUIET DAY AT HOME, SHE ALSO ENJOYS TRAVELING AROUND THE WORLD WITH HER HUSBAND, MEETING NEW FRIENDS AND CATCHING UP WITH OLD FRIENDS.

SHE LOOKS FORWARD TO LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE FARMING INDUSTRY HERE IN PIERCE COUNTY (AS SHE IS USED TO WORKING ON PRODUCE FARMS), AND GETTING TO KNOW MORE IN THE COMMUNITY.

EQIP DEADLINE—NOVEMBER 16TH

THE LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR 2013 EQIP FUNDING IS NOVEMBER 16TH. THIS MEANS THAT YOU WILL NEED TO HAVE A SIGNED APPLICATION IN OUR OFFICE BY THAT DATE. THE LIST OF CONSERVATION PRACTICES AVAILABLE THRU EQIP GOES ON AND ON.....BUT JUST TO LIST A FEW: TREES, PORTABLE WINDBREAK PANELS, WATERING FACILITIES, FENCE, NO-TILL INCENTIVE, COVER CROPS, WETLAND MANAGEMENT, SEASONAL HIGH TUNNELS AND ORGANIC/TRANSITION TO ORGANIC FARMING. THERE ARE MANY FUNDING POOLS TO HELP COST-SHARE THESE PRACTICES. STOP BY THE OFFICE TO ASK QUESTIONS AND SIGN AN APPLICATION!

TIME TO ORDER TREES

NO BETTER TIME THAN NOW TO ORDER REPLACEMENT TREES FOR NEXT SPRING! BEFORE THE SNOW COVERS THE GROUND COMPLETELY, YOU SHOULD GO OUT AND GET AN ACCURATE COUNT ON THE TREES YOU NEED TO RE-PLANT FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR. ALSO, IT IS A GREAT TIME TO STOP IN AND SIT DOWN WITH JARED AND PLAN OUT NEW TREE PLANTINGS ON YOUR FARMSTEAD OR FIELD. THERE ARE COST-SHARE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TOO! STOP IN THE OFFICE FOR A HANDPLANT TREE REPLACEMENT FORM, OR CALL AND LET JARED KNOW WHAT YOU NEED!



*CONGRATULATIONS TO BEVERLY BLEKEBERG ON RECEIVING
2012 DISTRICT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD!!!*



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