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Congratulations to **April Ward, Class 30**, who was recognized for her community service as an employee of USDA Farm Service Agency. April has been an active EMT in her community for several years. Very few FSA employees were given this special recognition and April was one selected from across the US for this honor.

Sympathy is extended to **Louis Zamora, Class 31**, whose father passed away on August 13 of a massive heart attack. Mr. Zamora was 75 years old.



Mitch Lucero, Class 28, had 2.5 hours of surgery related to his hip injuries sustained in the car accident on August 5. He left the hospital two days following the surgery and returned home to Richfield where he will continue several weeks of physical therapy. We know keeping Mitch confined during this time will be a full-time job for Acee his wife.



Mary Matlock, Class 17, passed away on August 10. Services were held on August 27. Mary worked for the U of I Caine Center for over 30 years. She had a real love for animals – horses and dogs were her real joy. Mary was a regular volunteer for the Ag Pavilion each year.

Thanks to the dozens of LIA Alumni who volunteered during the Western Idaho Fair Food Producers of Idaho Ag Pavilion. It was a great help having you help support the activities of the Pavilion. Now we are off to the Twin Falls County Fair where we hope to see more of our LIA alumni friends.



July 1 marked the start of the new membership year for LIA. If you have not sent in your dues, please do so in the near future. You can go online at www.leadershipidahoag.org and secure a membership form for payment. Remember, Lifetime Membership (\$1000) is also available and encouraged with all funds being deposited into the LIA Endowment Fund.



Extended deadline for LIA Class 32: The LIA Board of Trustees allocated additional dollars from the LIA Alumni Auction to allow extended time into the first part of September for applications for LIA Class 32. The board stressed the importance of securing more applications from farmers and ranchers. If you know of farmers and ranchers in your area who might be interested in applying for Class 32, have them contact our office ASAP so we can process their applications for the Selection Committee's consideration.



Leah Clark, Class 26, will receive the Governor's Award for Excellence in Agriculture in the area of Marketing Innovation. Leah is the director of the Idaho Preferred Program at the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. The presentation will be made during the 2012 Idaho Ag Summit in February held in conjunction with the LIA Boise Session.



For clarification about the February meetings of LIA: The Idaho Ag Summit will be held at the DoubleTree Riverside along with the LIA Auction on Wednesday evening. However, all other LIA functions (Class 32 Boise Session, LIA Annual Meeting and Graduation of Class 32) will be held at the Red Lion Downtowner. Both hotels are very close in location.



Drew Eggers, Chairman of the LIA Board of Trustees, announced at a recent board meeting that Northwest Farm Credit Services has agreed to an annual investment in the Leadership Idaho Agriculture program of \$10,000.

The 2011-2012 LIA Alumni Directory is under revision. We encourage you to submit an updated information form to let fellow alumni know of what is happening in your life. Any time during the year there are changes, we encourage you to pass those along to our office. We would ask that all changes and updates be in our office by September 15.