Correctional center honored as community hero by Red Cross

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LOVELOCK — The Lovelock Correctional Center received the American Red Cross Real Hero Award at ARC’s Real Heroes awards dinner held in Winnemucca on Sept. 7. This is the second time LCC has received the award in the Community Hero category.

“I am extremely proud of LCC’s staff and their commitment to helping our community,” LCC Warden Robert LeGrand said.

The prison staff is actively involved in giving back to the Lovelock Community. They held bake sales at the prison to gather money for high school scholarships. In June they awarded a $500 scholarship to two Pershing County High School graduates. They held annual backpack and school supplies drive that benefit the Pershing County elementary schools.

In addition, they support the Santa for Seniors program, the Pershing County Toy Drive and they have also received recognition awards from U.S. Sen. Harry Reid and State Sen. Don Gustavson.

“We chose Gabbs because some of our staff, including myself, are Gabbs High alumni,” Olivas said.

“I have been in Nevada law enforcement for over 25 years, having worked as a deputy sheriff and a police officer prior to joining the Nevada Department of Corrections in 1994. During my career I have been blessed to work with some of the finest citizens in Nevada and I cannot think of any more caring group of people than the staff of the Lovelock Correctional Center,” warden LeGrand said.

The community nominates all the recipients of the ARC’s Real Hero Awards, said American Red Cross Events Coordinator Julee Sten.

“Each person is unique in their service, but in general they are people who quietly give service on a regular basis without thought of reward or honor,” Sten said about those who were nominated.

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The Lovelock Correctional Center received the American Red Cross Real Hero Award in the Community Hero category for the staff’s community involvement. The award was presented recently at a banquet in Winnemucca. Members of the community nominate Real Heroes for the award and the correctional center staff’s civic involvement, both in Lovelock and beyond, was the basis for the nomination. The American Red Cross holds the awards ceremony annually. LCC staff members (left to right) Starlin Gentry, Jim Reitz, Laurie Rose, Sean Findley, Dwayne Deal, Susan Sparke, Sherry Gentry, Anthony Carasco, Barbara Gilmore and Glenn Chambers show off the Real Hero Award as well as awards from U.S. Sen. Harry Reid and State Sen. Don Gustavson.

Six volunteers from American Red Cross deploy to Colorado

BEND — The American Red Cross is supporting rescue operations in Colorado by providing food, shelter, relief supplies and comfort to thousands of people forced from their homes by devastating flash flooding.

Red Cross disaster workers are at the Boulder airport reception center to provide care and comfort as stranded residents arrive after being airlifted out of flooded neighborhoods and towns. Sunday night, as many as 1,000 people stayed in 24 shelters across the state.

“The Red Cross is making sure that people in Colorado get the help they need,” said Clara Andriola, CEO, Northern Nevada Chapter. “We’re expanding our relief efforts as more workers, equipment and supplies arrive, and we’ll be on the ground for weeks to come helping people recover.”

The Red Cross is working closely with local emergency management officials, the Colorado National Guard and community organizations to ensure people get the help they need. More than 250 trained Red Cross disaster workers are deployed to Colorado, along with more than 20 emergency response vehicles and six trucks of relief supplies.

The Northern Nevada Chapter has sent a total of six volunteers to assist in the Colorado relief efforts. Working with the Southern Baptist Convention, the Red Cross has served more than 7,100 meals and snacks. Government officials estimate as many as 18,000 homes are affected by the Colorado flooding. Access to some communities remains difficult due to flood waters and damaged roads. As these areas begin to re-open, the Red Cross will be there to assess the damage, distribute relief supplies and support a recovery effort that will take weeks and months.

Enrollment at WNC’s rural campuses increases this fall

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FALLON — Enrollment at both rural campuses of Western Nevada College has increased this fall, after six years of state budget cuts that drastically reduced programs and available classes.

Full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment, which measures the number of credits a student takes and is a key factor in determining state funding levels, rose 4 percent in the Fallon campus to 415 and 3 percent at the Douglas campus to 371.

At the Carson City campus, full-time equivalent headcount rose by 2 percent, indicating that individual students are enrolling in more credits.

College-wide, FTE enrollment jumped 28 percent in Career and Technical Education classes over the prior year. These programs provide significant hands-on instruction and practice to prepare students for jobs and national certifications in a wide variety of applied technologies. Programs include Ameri- can Sign Language/Deaf Studies, Applied Industrial Technologies, Automotive Technology, Business, Construction Management, Construction Technology, Criminal Justice/POST Academy, Education, Graphic Communications, Information Technology, Machine Tool Technology, and Welding.