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Vest claims SPC's Barton Service Award

LEVELLAND – Russell Vest was named the recipient of the 2009 Jerry Barton Service Award during the annual Service Club Luncheon hosted by South Plains College. The luncheon, held Wednesday (April 15) in the Sundown Room, honored five citizens for their outstanding contributions to the community.

The 2009 Jerry Barton Service Achievement Award nominees were Donna Edwards, Levelland Marigolds; Rev. Wayne Horton, Levelland Breakfast Rotary; Jerry Sitton, Levelland Evening Lions; Vest, Levelland Noon Lions Club; and Joe Tubb, Levelland Noon Rotary Club.

Vest has served in the leadership of the Levelland Noon Lions Club in every leadership position available. At some point, Vest has led the fund raising efforts of the club which include the annual Hamburger Supper, Singing Valentine Project, annual Pancake Supper, Broom Sale and Winter Wonderland. Russell is behind-the-scenes types who can make things happen.

Through the Levelland Noon Lions Club, Vest has helped to put glasses on needy school children, given scholarships to deserving students, given scholarships to drug-free students, strengthened the Boy Scouting program through contributions, supported the Stork's Nest program at Covenant Hospital Levelland, given Christmas gifts to the girls at Girlstown, supported Children's Hope, supported Levelland community outreach, given to the Levelland Area Foundation, supported the Levelland Playground Project and the literacy program.

Vest has been involved in the lives of students through the Levelland Athletic Booster Club, LISD Pace Club and high school mentoring program. He has been involved in the Levelland Chamber of Commerce and he was in the first Leadership Levelland classes. He has served as a member and former president of the SPC Texan Club and part of the SPC Foundation Board.

Vest has served on Main Street Committees and LISD site base committees. He is an active member of the First Baptist Church serving as sound coordinator for worship services, a participant in the Men's Ensemble and as a deacon of First Baptist. He is a member of the Texas Credit Union League and the Texas Credit Union Foundation.

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