

2010 Minnesota Grain and Feed Association Community Service Award Recipient

Wayne Longtin

Wayne Longtin of Mahanomen has been selected as the 2010 recipient of the Minnesota Grain and Feed Association Community Service Award, in ceremonies held during the 103rd annual convention of the association.

Wayne Longtin began his career in the grain elevator business at Walhalla, North Dakota where he managed the seed plant from 1957 to 1962. In 1962, Wayne, his wife Irene and their children moved to Circle, Montana to manage the elevator there. In 1972, Wayne took a job as general manager at the Mahanomen Farmers Co-op Grain Association, a job he held until he retired in 1997. In retirement, Wayne had time to do a little farming and raise some livestock as well as raising some nice vegetables in his garden. He also organized and is President of a Retired Grain Dealers Association that meets each July at the Shooting Star Casino, which each year draws over 100 former grain business workers and their spouses together, to get re-acquainted, discuss their aches and pains and to reminisce about the good old days.



Bob Zelenka, MGFA Executive Director, Wayne and Irene Longtin, and Wes Cole, MGFA Board President



secretary of the CHS Northern Minnesota Affiliated Managers Association, served 16 years on the CHS Advisory Committee on Insurance, spent three years on the CHS Manager Advisory Committee and also served on the OSHA Advisory Committee.

Wayne's commitment and dedication to his community included serving on the Mahanomen City Council, Mahanomen County and Village Hospital Board, Mahanomen School Board, and serving as president of the Mahanomen Wild Rice Day Committee and chair of the celebration. Wayne is active with the local Sno-Drifters Snowmobile Club and served as president and trail coordinator. He was treasurer of the Lynnwood Lake Association, member of the Mahanomen Lions Club, member of the Detroit Lakes Elks Club, a 3rd and 4th Degree Knights of Columbus member and a 4-H volunteer for many functions. In 2004, both he and wife Irene were recipients of the Mahanomen County Valley Farmer and Homemaker Award.

Congratulations to Wayne Longtin for being named the 2010 MGFA Community Service Award recipient.

