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I-CASH to honor Teresa Mowrer with Hall of Fame Award

Iowa's Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (I-CASH) has named Teresa Mowrer of Guthrie Center, Iowa the 2008 individual recipient of its Agricultural Safety and Health Hall of Fame Award.

Mowrer will receive the award at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, during the WOI-AM midday radio show, which will air live from the Iowa State Fair in the Iowa State University Extension booth, located in the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds in Des Moines. Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey will present the award.

Mowrer has been the driving force of the Guthrie County Progressive Agriculture Farm Safety Days for eight years. Nearly 250 students each year have enjoyed an entire day of farm safety education as a result of Mowrer's volunteer work. Mowrer's commitment to making the family farm a safe place for children was a key reason she was nominated for this award.

Mowrer's involvement in coordinating the safety days is not a simple task. She begins by attending an annual training each fall in Nebraska, where she volunteers her time and pays the registration for her attendance. Planning the safety days begins in December and continues until the conclusion of the event in May. Each year, children and adults who participate in the program praise Mowrer for her efforts.

Mowrer grew up on a cattle, hog, and grain farm in Perry, Iowa. She received a nursing degree from Iowa Methodist School of Nursing in Des Moines. She works at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines in the Mother/Baby Unit.

Her husband, Bryan Mowrer, farms near Guthrie Center. The couple has a daughter Elizabeth, who works for the Natural Resources Conservation Association, and a son, Kyle, of Cedar Rapids who is an agronomist for Linn County Co-op in Newhall, Iowa.

I-CASH created the Hall of Fame Award in 2002 as a lifetime achievement award for individuals or organizations that have made significant and lasting contributions to agricultural safety and health in Iowa.

Based in the University of Iowa College of Public Health, I-CASH is a joint venture of the UI, ISU, the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

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