

Another Successful Year for Turkey or Tickets Program

Donnelly, Idaho, November 22, 2021: The Tamarack Environmental Protection Association (TEPA) and the Valley County Sheriff's Department are pleased to announce the annual "Turkey or Tickets" program has enjoyed another successful year.

Every Thanksgiving season since 2015, the TEPA and the Valley County Sheriff's Department have teamed up to provide community engagement and education through the program.

Nearly 600 turkeys have been handed out since the program started and this year, more than 60 fortunate people received a Thanksgiving turkey instead of a ticket when they are stopped by a Valley County Sheriff's deputy. The turkeys were donated by the TEPA, D9 Grocery and Ridley's Family Market.

Now officially known as the Jan West Memorial Turkey or Tickets program, the initiative was re-named in her honor after she lost a courageous battle with brain cancer in 2018. West and TEPA founder Doug Dvorak spearheaded the Turkey or Tickets program with Valley County Sheriff Patty Bolan.

"Jan was very passionate about service and she did everything she could to improve her local community," said Dvorak. "I think this program exemplifies her commitment and hopefully, everyone who gets a turkey instead of a ticket this year will remember to thank her for the program."

"One thing I should point out is that this is not a blanket 'get-out-of-jail-free-card' for the lead footed out there," Dvorak added. "Anything more than five miles an hour over the speed limit will probably still get you an unwanted piece of paper."

About TEPA: Founded by a group of passionate and visionary Tamarack homeowners, TEPA is an Idaho non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with tax exempt status. TEPA is a professional and educational organization for individuals who work to control environmental hazards and promote healthy, balanced and sustainable environmental conditions. The organization advocates for wildlife and wilderness as well as sensible land use, planning and rural landscape protection. It is a staunch defender of the natural and scenic resources that make our region so special. TEPA's Mission: To conserve, protect and restore the environment with an emphasis on Tamarack Resort and its surrounding communities.

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