Good Neighbors recognized for selfless deeds

Thirteen good neighbors nominated for giving back to their community and others.

OMAHA, NEB. *(June, 14 2016)* – ASKARBEN Foundation and the Omaha World-Herald have announced the 72nd annual Good Neighbor Award recipients. The Good Neighbor awards recognize Nebraskans who have performed unselfish acts of kindness. Receiving the award this year are 13 individuals and groups representing eight Nebraska counties. Award winners will be recognized at their local county fair with a certificate and a Good Neighbor lapel pin.

Burt County

Kass Bromm, *Tekamah, NE*

Kass Bromm has been a USPS mail carrier for 36 years with the last 23 serving as the carrier for the city of Oakland. Kass is always upbeat and greets everyone with a smile, a wave and a genuine "Hi!" She never complains about her work, knows all of her patrons and looks out for them.

Cass County

Richard (Rick) Wilson, Jr., *Avoca, NE*

Rick Wilson goes above and beyond and is the type to work behind the scenes, always ready to lend a hand. He understands family, friendship hard work, but most of all that communities need good neighbors.

Cuming County

Gaylen and Nadine Anderson, *Oakland, NE*

Every year Gaylen hires a high school or college student to work on the farm so they can have an agriculture related experience. Gaylen and Nadine play many roles and help with tasks that make the community a better place.

Bev Wieler, *West Point, NE*

Bev Wieler has been a neighbor and friend to many of the residents of West Point. Her positive attitude is contagious. She truly cares about her friends and neighbors.

Dawes County

Mike and Delia Bartels, Arnie Fankhauser, Kay and Benny Martin and Craig Price, *Chadron, NE*

Volunteers for the Chadron Easter Egg Hunt arrive early to set-up, cook and then serve lunch to the community. This event would not be possible without the Bartels, the Martins, Arnie and Craig.

John and Mary Schleicher, *Chadron, NE*

John and Mary Ann Schleicher organized the western end of the 2015 Tractor Relay across Nebraska (TRAN). Months of planning took place to plan the route, secure meals, lodging/camping locations, parking and entertainment. Thanks to John and Mary Ann, we have had the chance to meet new folks, have raised funds for a worthy cause and have further promoted the rural lifestyle.

Douglas County

John E. Carter, *Omaha, NE*

John Carter loves the Omaha Home for Boys. John has put hundreds of hours into gathering all the Home's artifacts into one safe location, cataloguing and recording historic photographs and documents and preserving the Home's history for future generations to experience.

Gage County

Exmark MFG Co, Inc., *Beatrice, NE*

Exmark employees have spent many hours volunteering during the Gage County Fair. They have helped with a wide variety of tasks and sponsorships through the years.

Madison County

Tom Frakes, *Norfolk, NE*

Tom is a most generous neighbor. If he sees a need, he responds to it. He provides food for neighbors, the Mission and other charitable entities in Norfolk. He's always willing to put other's needs before his own.

Otoe County

Dennis and Gina Essink, *Syracuse, NE*

Denny and Gina are the leaders of the local 4-H club. For decades they have empowered members to achieve, promoted community pride projects, while developing teamwork and communication between families. They are leaders, teachers and role models.

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