

Good Evening!

I am Bob Hayes from Ponca Public School. I am here to represent the Lewis and Clark Conference.

For the second year, the Lewis and Clark Conference schools may nominate a person from their community to be recognized for their contributions and their volunteerism to their school.

The conference has named this award the "Jim Winch Service Award". Jim was the Athletic Director of Winside Public School for many years and was very active with the Lewis and Clark Conference.

This award will be presented annually at the Lewis and Clark Conference Basketball Championship Games.

This year 9 people within the Lewis and Clark Conference have been nominated for this annual award.

Paul Eaton – Wakefield

Paul Eaton's name has been associated with success in Northeast Nebraska for almost 50 years. His teaching career spanned 27 years at Wakefield Community Schools, and included awards such as Teacher of the Year, Honorary Member of the Wakefield HS Honor Society, and the Wakefield Friend of Education Award. His coaching career spans 47 years and 3 communities, most notably having coached baseball in Wakefield since 1967. In all, his teams and athletes won over 1500 games, participated in many State Tournaments and State Meets, won multiple Lewis & Clark Conference Championships, 18 American Legion State Baseball Championships, and dozens of medals at the State track meet. He has also been an NSAA basketball, football, and volleyball official for 44 years.

Craig Frerichs – Laurel, Wynot

Craig has been a member of our conference for many years, and over those years has been instrumental in the leadership of conference schools, first as an AD for Coleridge, then as an administrator for Coleridge, Wynot, Newcastle School Districts.

Dennis Haselhorst – Osmond

Jean Henes – Creighton

Jean is a nurse who has volunteered to be a trainer for the football team since the late 1970's. She has been on the sidelines, both home and away, for almost all of our varsity, JV, freshman, and junior high games, good times and bad, since then. That figures to be well over 500 games. She has been a valuable asset to many different coaches and players over the years, aiding in assessment and treatment of injuries.

Leon Koch – Winside

Lean is a long time resident of Winside. He has helped with the wrestling programs at Winside for many years. He has helped write for the Norfolk Daily News, Wayne Herald, NebraskaLand Prep, and the Nebraska Wrestling Illustrated. Leon has been the head timer for the conference track meet for many years. He has also helped with many wrestling venues throughout the area and was inducted into the NSWCA Nebraska Hall of Fame in 1986.

Phil Lowe – Ponca

Richard and Sharon Luhr – Wausa

Richard and Sharon spent many years as the band and chorus directors at Osmond, and worked tirelessly for the music programs in the conference. They were looked on as leaders among the ban/chorus directors, and spent a lot of time promoting music throughout our conference

V.J. WolfLeader – Winnebago

V.J. WolfLeader has volunteered his time over the past 6 years helping coach High School Football, High School Track and the Weight Room. His time given for the children has been greatly appreciated by the Winnebago Public Schools and the Community.

The Jim Winch Service Award to these fine people is in special recognition for community service who have given years of service to assist school staff and those students served by the school's activity program. Your dedication and time are appreciated by your school and the Lewis and Clark Conference.

Let's give them a big thank you for their service---Applause