

Local School Board Members Recognized By NASB



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Sandhills School board members recognized as 2019 Award of Achievement recipients are pictured with NASB President, Steve Blocher of West Point Public Schools, left. They are, l-r: Tedd Teahon, Steve Bass, Jeff Martindale, and Reed Larsen. Not pictured, Michelle Milleson and Tyson Cox.

The Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB), Board of Directors and staff, recognized the 2019 Award of Achievement recipients during the Valentine area meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2019.

NASB is a private, non-profit organization that serves the needs of Nebraska public school districts and Educational Service Unit board members. Nebraska's 1,700 school board members from across the state may participate in board development training throughout the year by attending workshops and conferences to help strengthen their role in governance, legislative advocacy, and stewardship of district resources in support of student achievement. In recognition of their volunteer time and commitment to education, the Association commends continued participation and growth in knowledge and best practice governance. Through the Awards of Achievement program, the following board members were recognized at the meeting for their outstanding excellence:

Level 6 - Ainsworth Community Schools, Brad Wilkins

Level 5 - Ainsworth Community Schools, Scott Erthum; *Thedford Public Schools, Bridget Licking*

Level 4 - Keya Paha County School, Mark Frick; Mullen Public Schools, Jason Coble; *Sandhills Public Schools, Steve Bass; Sandhills Public Schools, Tedd Teahon; Stuart Public Schools, Gary Olberding; Stuart Public Schools, Mike Stracke; Valentine Community Schools, Greg Gass; Valentine Community Schools, Will Fischer*

Level 3 - *Sandhills Public Schools, Michelle Milleson; Sandhills Public Schools, Tyson Cox*

Level 2 - Keya Paha



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Bridget Licking, right, Thedford School board member was recognized as a 2019 Award of Achievement recipient. She is pictured with NASB President, Steve Blocher of West Point Public Schools. Not pictured, Jay Jones.

County School, Erik Johnson; Mullen Public Schools, Travis Hampton; Stuart Public Schools, Becky Estill; Stuart Public Schools, Darby Paxton; *Thedford Public Schools, Jay Jones*

Level 1 - Ainsworth Community Schools, Frank Beel; Ainsworth Community Schools, Jessica Pozehl; Keya Paha County School, Todd Painter; Mullen Public Schools, Mike French; *Sandhills Public Schools, Reed Larsen*

Board members are awarded for their advocacy efforts, participation

in NASB Services and Programs, as well as attendance at NASB workshops and events. Just as board members have made a commitment to provide a quality education for students in their districts, NASB strives to provide quality resources and opportunities for its members. There are ten total levels of achievement that carry over year to year. To learn more, visit <http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/programs-services/awards-of-achievement-program>

Locals Receive “Friends of High School Sports Award”

The Nebraska Coaches Association has presented their “Friends of High School Sports Award” to Ben Eickhoff of Thedford and Mike Harvey of Arnold.

The presentation was made at the 52nd annual awards banquet held in July at the Old Lincoln Train Station Great Hall in Lincoln.

Eickhoff and Harvey have volunteered to evaluate sportsmanship at girl's basketball tournaments since the evaluations began 20 years ago. Eickhoff and Harvey volunteered again when evaluations began six years ago for the state volleyball championships.

Schools start off with five points and they receive points if they applaud or clap for the other team. Points are taken off for poor sportsmanship. Administrators are also evaluated.

Eickhoff and Harvey were nominated by the NCA Board of Directors for the award and were commended for their commitment to traveling to Lincoln to evaluate sportsmanship for the tournaments.

Darin Boysen, executive director of the NCA said the two-man team is ex-



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Pictured above is Ben Eickhoff, left, and Mike Harvey at the 52nd annual awards banquet held in July.

tremely thorough, not biased, and helpful. In addition they also educate students on flag etiquette.

“It blew us away and we weren't expecting it,” Eickhoff said. “We've always been there to encourage athletes and promote good sportsmanship. That's what we do. To us, it's not a big deal, and we're very proud we can promote sportsmanship for athletes and fans alike. It was a big honor and we could hardly carry the award plaque out.

Eickhoff also refereed basketball games for 35 years because he loved encouraging athletes and helping make them better players.

He is currently pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Thedford and the Zion Lutheran Church in Arnold.

Harvey served as principal at Arnold Public Schools for 25 years and is now retired. He spends his time scouting fields with his agronomy business.

A little further into the Nebraska Sand Hills

Bryan L. Jones, author of *North of the Platte, South of the Niobrara: A Little Further into the Nebraska Sandhills*, will be at the Thomas County Library in Thedford, Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. for a book talk and signing.

In his latest book, Jones turns his attention to the people and places of the Nebraska Sand Hills - twenty thousand square miles of grassed dunes, the largest such area in the western hemisphere, pristine home to an astonishing variety of birds, plants, and wildlife, and one of the more iconic cattle ranching regions in the world.

In the course of 70,000 miles and 370 interviews, often accompanied by wife Kathy and copcetic dog Finlay, Jones kayaks challenging Sand Hills



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Author Bryan L. Jones is on his way to the Logan County Library for a book talk and signing on September 23. His new book, *North of the Platte, South of the Niobrara: A Little Further Into the Nebraska Sand Hills*, is filled with adventurous writing, sharp scrutiny, and meticulous and audacious use of language.

ivers, attends neighborhood brandings, recounts the histories of two leg-

endary ranching families, and reviews the work and careers of scientists and geographers who devoted their lives to solving the mysteries of the region. His treatment of the Battle of Blue Water, a turning point in the Sioux Wars, both cynical and humorous, is typical of Jones at his Twainsian best. The book also features retired bull riders, who competed before million dollar purses and private jets became commonplace, two legendary Nebraska poets, World War II veterans, and a rare look at Ted Turner's bison operation. There's also a visit to a one-room school and holistic cattle management practices.

Be sure to meet and greet this author in Thedford, and learn more about this place we call home.

Jones will also be in Stapleton, Monday, September 23, at the Logan County Library at 7:00 p.m. He will travel to the Sandoz Center at Chadron, Wednesday, September 25, for a late afternoon appearance.

Beef State senior interns with CAB

Fifth generation on her family's 120-year-old Diamond Bar Ranch near Stapleton, Natalie Jones joined the Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) Producer Communications team this fall as an intern.

“Besides her writing skills, Natalie brings an insider's perspective on Sandhills cattle ranching, from health to genetics and grazing management,” says CAB team director Miranda Reiman,

Cozad. The internship fits into Jones's last semester at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), where she's completing her BS in Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Communication with a minor in the Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars Program.

Working from the Beef State, Jones helps the CAB team across the country craft stories about outstanding Angus produc-



ers and inform audiences through technical articles, features, news releases, video scripts and social media.

“I come from a place where cattle are king, so I know the value in ‘Targeting the Brand’ through sire selection and herd management,” she says. “People work hard to make their living in livestock, so I hope to help

point out ways to add value to their cattle.”

Jones formerly interned with Superior Livestock Auction in Fort Worth, Texas, and grew up showing livestock in 4-H. A member of Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow, she also served UNL student government as a senator for the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

Launched in 1978 and owned by nearly 30,000 American Angus Association members, CAB is based in Wooster, Ohio. It is the largest branded beef program in the world, with nearly 20,000 licensed partners selling 3.5 million pounds of product daily in more than 50 countries. For producer resources, visit www.cabcattle.com, or see the consumer website at www.certifiedangus-beef.com

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