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NEBRASKAland Foundation to present three awards

LINCOLN – The NEBRASKAland Foundation will honor three prominent Nebraskans with achievement awards at the Statehood Day Dinner on March 5 at the State Capitol.

Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Awards will be presented to Allen Beermann of Lincoln, DiAnna Schimek of Lincoln and Tom Plummer of Ogallala and Lincoln.

Beermann has served as Nebraska's official and unofficial ambassador for some 40 years. He was Nebraska secretary of state from 1971 to 1995 and has served as executive director of the Nebraska Press Association since 1995.

He has been active in the causes of state promotion, economic development, international relations, scouting, military support and health care.

Schimek was a Nebraska state senator representing District 27 in Lincoln from 1989 to 2009. As a senator and private citizen, she has championed the causes of families, women, minorities, the needy, health care, housing and historical preservation.

On the national level, she was active with the Council of State Governments and the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Plummer, a fourth-generation western Nebraska farmer-rancher, has been a leader in protecting Nebraska's natural resources. He was instrumental in building the Lake McConaughy Visitor/Water Interpretive Center, served on the Nebraska Games and Parks Commission, and has been involved with the Nature Conservancy and Platte River Whooping Crane Trust.

He has been active with Nebraska Wesleyan University, the Elks, the Nebraska Easter Seal Society and many civic organizations in the Ogallala area.

The mission of the NEBRASKAland Foundation is to promote Nebraska and the state's "good life."

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