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Deborah McCaslin honored for lifetime of service

(Lincoln, Neb.) Deborah McCaslin received the 2014 First Lady's award for Lifetime Achievement in Volunteer Service. This award is presented to an individual, who over the course of his/her lifetime has made significant contributions to the State of Nebraska through volunteer efforts.

Nebraska's First Lady Sally Ganem presented McCaslin with his award on April 11, 2014 during the annual First Lady's Outstanding Community Service Awards luncheon ceremony at The Thompson Center on the University of Nebraska Omaha campus.

Deborah McCaslin is the current publisher of the Custer County Chief and the third generation of her family to hold this position. She learned early-on that everyone can have an impact in their community. This held true for all of her careers. Her first was music with a degree in oboe performance. Her marriage to Norman McCaslin, an Air Force officer, gave her the opportunity to perform with orchestras in Taiwan, Germany, Arizona and Washington, DC.

With all of her traveling, Deb was able to see the world through different eyes and become an active person in a variety of communities. As an Air Force spouse she published newspapers in Taiwan and Germany to pass on information the families could use while a member of their family was away in combat. Deb did all of this while raising three children.

When her husband retired, they returned to Broken Bow. "Deb immediately became involved in the community. Everything that she does is with the idea of giving back and helping one person at a time," said Allen Beermann who nominated Deb for the award.

As a member of the Episcopal Church she plays the organ on Sundays, and for weddings and funerals. As publisher of the Custer County Chief she promotes community projects to raise awareness of needs.

Deb is a very active community volunteer and she's made a quite a difference in these organizations; she organized a Hero Flight to take WWII veterans to Washington, DC, she serves as president of the TeamMates board and is a mentor for a 5th grade girl meeting with her weekly. She's chaired the children's Christmas fund to provide to 500+ people in the community. Deb serves at Healing Hearts and Families, helping victims of domestic violence. She is a past president of Rotary and remains active working with Alliance for Smiles and traveling the world to write stories and share photos of the children she meets.

Deb is a tireless volunteer, striving to make a difference and help her fellow neighbors and community members.

For more information about the First Lady's Outstanding Community Service Awards, visit ServeNebraska at www.serve.nebraska.gov.

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