LINCOLN – When Don Harpst Jr. established The Leadership Nebraska Award in honor of his father, he must have had in mind a newspaper person precisely like this year’s recipient. Here is a man who generously uses his publishing base for community leadership.

His leadership roles include these projects and memberships — and many more:

President, Humboldt Community Foundation; President, Quad County Golf Association.

Member, Humboldt Lions Club, Humboldt American Legion, Humboldt Chamber of Commerce.

Editor, Humboldt Standard.

The 2014 recipient is JACK COOPER of Humboldt, NE. An excerpt from his nomination reads: “For practically his entire career, Jack has set a positive and hopeful record by focusing on our community and its importance within the county, region and state. No other person has had the influence of Jack Cooper in coalescing a community to continue to keep our town alive and relevant.”

Rod Worrell, the 2013-2014 Nebraska Press Association President, presented the award. A stipend comes with this award.

We again salute Jack Cooper. Such a gentleman honors us as we honor him.

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