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The Harpst Leadership Nebraska Award 2018 Announced at NPA Annual Convention Award Luncheon

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 journalism skills for community leadership.

His leadership roles include these projects and memberships:

- Served in leadership capacities with the Elkhorn Valley Historical Society and Sacred Heart Parish.
- Longtime board member of the Area Good Neighbors program, which serves the community’s leading social services/food bank agency.
- Volunteers with American Legion baseball as secretary, keeps statistics for all of the local baseball tournaments, and helps develop and promote kids in the Norfolk community.

The 2018 recipient is JERRY GUENTHER, regional editor with the Norfolk Daily News. An excerpt from his nomination reads: “Jerry is a great ambassador for youth in our community. Norfolk is lucky to have him here working and pulling for kids in our town. I know I speak for many parents when I say Jerry is a truly a great asset for Norfolk.”

The Harpst Leadership Nebraska Award was awarded Friday, April 20, 2018, at the Nebraska Press Association’s 144th Annual Convention at the Cornhusker Marriott in Lincoln, NE. Russ Pankonin, publisher of the Imperial Republican, presented the award. A stipend comes with this award.

We again salute Jerry Guenther.