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NEBRASKAland Foundation to present four awards

LINCOLN – The NEBRASKAland Foundation will honor four distinguished Nebraskans with achievement awards at the Statehood Day Dinner on Feb. 27 at the State Capitol.

The honorees are Dick Holland of Omaha, Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award; Maxine Moul of Lincoln, Pioneer Award; Dick Mercer of Kearney, Wagonmaster Award; and Dick Davis of Omaha, Trailblazer Award.

Holland, a retired advertising executive, and his late wife, Mary, have a long record of generous work and philanthropy in support of children, the arts, education, health care and the environment. The Holland Center for Performing Arts in Omaha is named in their honor.

Moul is being recognized for her significant contributions in government, rural development, charitable endowments and newspaper publishing. She serves as Nebraska director of rural development for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Previously, she served as Nebraska lieutenant governor and director of the state Department of Economic Development.

Mercer has enjoyed an illustrious career as a farmer, cattleman, local civic leader and steward of our natural resources. His environmental leadership includes service on the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission, Nebraska Environmental Trust board and the Central Platte Natural Resources District board.

Davis is being recognized for his notable accomplishments as a school administrator, businessman, entrepreneur and advocate of education. He is chief executive officer of Davis Companies, a risk management enterprise. He serves on the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education and founded a scholarship program for minority students.

The NEBRASKAland Foundation sponsors numerous programs as part of its mission to promote Nebraska and the state's "good life." Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale helps host the dinner.

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