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LINCOLN, NE - Lyle Denniston, Richard "Dick" Fleming and Butch Furse, three veteran journalists, will be added to the Nebraska Journalism Hall of Fame during ceremonies to be held October 23, 2015 in Lincoln, NE.

The Hall of Fame inductees were announced at the Friday, April 17, awards banquet as part of the 141st Annual Nebraska Press Association Convention in Lincoln, NE. The banquet was attended by more than 100 Nebraska journalists. The NPA is the state's oldest trade association, comprised of all 171 daily and weekly newspapers in Nebraska.

The UNL College of Journalism and Mass Communications is a co-sponsor of the Nebraska Journalism Hall of Fame. Dean Maria Marron assisted with the announcement of the Hall of Fame inductees.

The Hall of Fame was started in 1973 by Jack Lowe, retired longtime editor and co-publisher of the Sidney Telegraph. The Hall of Fame honors persons who have distinguished themselves in printed journalism.

Lyle Denniston has been reporting on the U.S. Supreme Court since 1958. His breadth and depth of knowledge about the court is unparalleled in American journalism. Although he has spent most of his career writing for newspapers, he currently covers the court for SCOTUSblog.com, an Internet-based news organization. His reports on court actions are often the first to appear in public. Born in Nebraska City, NE, Denniston also reports for Boston radio station WBUR, for "Justice Talking," a National Public Radio program.

Richard "Dick" Fleming, is well known throughout Nebraska for his public information work for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Fleming headed the public information offices for the Lincoln campus and later its Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR). During his career at the university, he held numerous positions that involved providing news coverage, public speaking and conducting communications and marketing workshops. Fleming maintained close working relationships with members of the Nebraska Press Association, Nebraska Broadcasters Association and other statewide groups to ensure information was meeting their needs and those of Nebraskans.

Butch Furse is a second-generation newspaperman, who began his newspaper career in Denison, Iowa selling advertising for the Bulletin Review. He and his son purchased the Aurora News-Register in 1965 and worked in all areas of the newspaper business until 2000, when he sold the News-Register to Kurt and Paula Johnson. He remains as publisher emeritus, writing a well-read weekly column. During his newspaper career, Furse found time to be a big supporter of school and community activities, serving on many community boards and very active in the Nebraska Press Association.

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