

Daily Republic
Attn: Luke Hagen
120 S Lawler Street
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Letter of Nomination, Person of the Year 2014

Wednesday December 17th, 2014

Mr. Hagen,

We would like to nominate **Dave Allen, Pheasant Country Pheasants Forever Chapter President**, as the Daily Republic's Person of the Year.

In addition to his full time career as owner of Tobin's Transfer, a dedicated husband, father and grandfather, Dave has pursued a busy second career as a community volunteer and the ring leader of the Pheasant Country Pheasants Forever chapter. The chapter raises funds for pheasant habitat, hunting and youth programs in the Mitchell area and is the largest Pheasants Forever membership chapter in all of the United States and Canada, with over 700 members.

The results of his many years of volunteer service have achieved spectacular results in 2014. The chapter completed a \$25,000 picnic shelter project at Lake Mitchell as part of the 'No Child Left Indoors' initiative through pheasants forever, and as a thank you to our community for supporting the organization over the past 29 years. The shelter is open to the public and encourages families to take advantage of the outdoors. Allen has also taken lead of the group in over 30 community events in 2014 which included a seed give-a-way, youth hunt, trap shoots, landowner banquet, Memorial Day BBQ challenge, cowboy fast draw national competition, and a youth fishing Derby at Cabela's.

His leadership and dedication to our community was summed up in the NBC Sports premiere of "Opening Day". The hour long show premiered on Wednesday November 21st and showcased pheasant hunting season in South Dakota, primarily in and around Mitchell. The show was narrated by South Dakota's own, Tom Brokaw, and Allen was the ring-leader in bringing this national show to Mitchell.

Allen has inspired and educated countless other committee members and has helped build up an organization in Mitchell that is one of the largest and most influential non-profit organizations within our community. With his strong 40+ person committee and 8 person board, Allen plans to continue doing bigger and better things for pheasant habitat, hunting and our youth during their 30th year in 2015.

When Allen finds free time, he has volunteered as a Lake Mitchell Advisory Committee member, with Make-A-Wish Foundation's Summer's Last Dance, as a consultant to several conservation groups in Mitchell and donates food and his expertise behind the grill at several community events.

Thank you for considering our chapter president, Dave Allen as the 2014 person of the year.