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### **Great Plains Communications Names Broken Bow Middle School teacher, Carolyn Troxel, as the 2017 Outstanding Teacher of the Year**

April 27, 2017 (Blair, Neb.) - Carolyn Troxel has been named the 2017 Outstanding Teacher of the Year by Great Plains Communications.

Throughout her 30 years as a teacher, Troxel has shown true dedication as a language arts teacher, mentor, and advocate for not only students but also fellow teachers. She has a positive impact on her students, as well as her school and fellow teachers.

In addition to teaching, Troxel also gives back to her community as a volunteer for multiple organizations and events. She is involved with her church, both as a Sunday school teacher and the youth group sponsor. Troxel also volunteers with several organizations including the Lion's Club and 4-H.

"Because kids and food are my passion, I either had to become a teacher or open a Chuck E. Cheese," said Troxel. "It's fulfilling to be a role model and a trusted adult for young lives. Teaching allows me to promote how much fun learning can be."

Ms. Troxel graduated with her BA in Education from the University of Nebraska-Kearney in 1986. Since then, she has completed graduate hours at UNK, MidAmerica Nazarene University, Wayne State College, Chadron State College, Hastings College, and Augustana College. Prior to teaching in Broken Bow, she taught at Loup City from 1987 to 1990 and Ansley from 1990 to 2000.

Great Plains Communications awards the honor of Outstanding Teacher of the Year to one individual annually from the areas the company services in rural Nebraska. The winner is chosen based on accomplishments in several criteria categories including commitment to education, community service activities, and additional letters of recognition.

### **About Great Plains Communications**

Great Plains Communications is the largest privately owned telecommunications company in Nebraska and is headquartered in Blair, Nebraska. At the core of their service offering is an 8,000-mile regional fiber network encompassing the state of Nebraska and extending into Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, South Dakota and Wyoming.

They currently provide over 92 Nebraska communities with High-Speed Internet, High-Definition Cable Television, and Local and Long Distance Telephone services. Their business solutions range from voice and data products to installation and support of large business networks with scalable Ethernet solutions. The company also prides itself on their progressive approach to accommodating the unique needs of regional and national telecommunications carriers, LECs, ISPs, and wireless carriers.

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