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among Nebraska's famous authors recounting the tales of our heritage, the Nebraskaland Foundation presents Nellie Snyder Yost of North Platte with its Pioneer Award.

I'd like to call on James Denney. This man has probably logged more miles, visited more places and seen more sights in Nebraska than almost any other Nebraskan. For the past 23 years Jim Denney, as writer and photographer of the Omaha World Herald's Magazine of the Midlands, Jim has informed readers about nearly every aspect of Nebraska life. He has captured the beauty of our state in words and photos from the buttes around Fort Robinson to leisurely fishing along the Missouri River. Readers throughout America have been exposed to his work. Many of his photos have appeared in Life, Time, People and Sports Illustrated magazines. Jim has received numerous awards including the Freedom Foundation's George Washington Medal for his sensitive photo of Boy Scouts heading to church. He has informed us, told us about the good life and helped us Discover Nebraska. He is enthusiastic about our state's beauty and its history. In recognition of his many years of portraying the spirit and activity of Nebraska, the Nebraskaland Foundation presents its Pioneer Award to Jim Denney of Omaha.

May I call on Doris Royal. If there is a mold of a rocker and a knitter this isn't it. This four-time grandmother certainly doesn't fit that mold. Doris Royal has spent countless hours with her husband, Lloyd, working the family farm near Springfield and she has also broken the mold and set new trails in the stereotype of a farm wife. It is because of her personal crusade to change state and national tax laws that Doris Royal is among Nebraska's unique persons. After laboring for forty years alongside Lloyd in the fields, she learned that the "widow's tax" would not recognize the years she had spent working on the farm saying, "There's always been equal rights on the tractor seat." She began a long and arduous campaign to have national and state tax laws changed. After thousands of hours and letters and dozens of trips to Washington where she testified before Congress about the devastating efforts and effects of estate taxes on the family farm, Congress last fall eliminated the widow's tax with its vast ramifications. It took six years on the trail and Doris deservedly receives the Distinguished Service Award from the American Agricultural Editors Association. The Nebraskaland Foundation believes that Doris Royal also is most deserving of our state's Trail Blazer Award.

Larry Youngman. Travel is in the blood of Larry Youngman. To many he is the father of tourism in Nebraska. Travel has always been a major part of his life both as a reporter for the Omaha World Herald and later when he founded Omaha's