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LINCOLN, NE — The Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) is proud to name Rich and Carolyn Schliep of Sandy Creek as this week's "Above and Beyond" Award recipients.

For more than three decades, this dedicated duo has been the steady heartbeat behind the scorer's table at Sandy Creek, faithfully supporting generations of student-athletes with their time, service, and unwavering presence.



For an incredible 36 years, Carolyn Schliep has kept the official scorebook for Sandy Creek volleyball and basketball games. Her sharp eye, steady hand, and dependable nature have made her a cornerstone of every home game. If she's not there, it's only because she's cheering on her grandchildren at their events—but even then, her heart remains with Sandy Creek.

By her side for much of that journey has been her husband, Rich Schliep, who ran the score clock for 30 years before stepping away due to hearing challenges. Yet even now, Rich continues to show up, sitting proudly at his wife's side and supporting the teams and school he's served for so long.

Together, Rich and Carolyn have become cherished members of the Sandy Creek athletic family. Their legacy isn't just about the games they've worked—it's about the countless student-athletes, coaches, and fans they've impacted through their loyalty, kindness, and commitment.

“There’s something truly special about seeing them at the scorer’s table,” said a school representative. “They’re part of the fabric of who we are. Their presence brings comfort, familiarity, and a deep sense of pride in our programs.”

In a world where consistency is rare, the Schlieps have been a constant. Quietly and faithfully, they have supported 36 seasons of volleyball and basketball, rarely missing a moment. Their dedication exemplifies the heart of high school athletics—community, tradition, and the selfless support of others.

The NSAA is honored to celebrate Rich and Carolyn Schliep for their extraordinary contributions to Sandy Creek and for truly going above and beyond in service to Nebraska high school sports.