



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: July 22, 2025
Contact: Taryn Retzlaff
NSAA Phone: 402-489-0386

LINCOLN, NE — The Nebraska School Activities Association is honored to recognize Mike Kring of Axtell Community School as this week's Above and Beyond Award nominee.

A dedicated volunteer, mentor, and supporter of student success, Mike has been a cornerstone of the Axtell school community for over two decades.

Mike's contributions to Axtell span every level of the school and community. For more than 20 years, he has faithfully run the game clock at football, basketball, and wrestling events, serving as a familiar and friendly face to generations of student-athletes. Beyond high school athletics, Mike has invested deeply in youth programs, coaching youth football and helping with the operation of elementary and youth sporting events.

His service didn't stop when his own children graduated - Mike has continued to give his time, energy, and support to Axtell's students out of pure commitment to their success and well-being. Whether it's coaching, supplying equipment, or volunteering three to four times a week, Mike remains a constant and trusted presence.

Mike also led Axtell's Box Tops for Education program for 15 years, raising funds that directly benefited students by providing much-needed school and



playground equipment. He has served on local boards and continues to support the district's activities and growth at every opportunity.

Perhaps most remarkable is the day-to-day impact Mike has on the Axtell community. Students know him, talk with him at games, and look to him as a positive and dependable adult role model. His caring nature, reliability, and service-oriented spirit have made a lasting impression on coaches, teachers, and students alike.

Mike Kring is more than a volunteer - he's a treasure to the Axtell Community School and a true example of what it means to go above and beyond.

The NSAA's Above and Beyond Program is designed to recognize the hidden gems of communities across Nebraska. [Click here to nominate someone today!](#)