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(Neb.)-Nebraska Man Named Carnegie Hero Along With 21 Others



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"I do not expect to stimulate or create heroism by this fund, knowing well that heroic action is impulsive; but I do believe that, if the hero is injured in his bold attempt to serve or save his fellows, he and those dependent upon him should not suffer pecuniarily."
—Andrew Carnegie

PITTSBURGH (AP) - A Lincoln man is one of 22 people honored with Carnegie medals for heroism.

Brandon Wemhoff risked his life to protect the people around him by foiling a Lincoln drugstore robbery in May 2011. He captured the suspect and held him until police officers arrived.

The awards announced Thursday are going to people from 10 states and Canada. Recipients include a Pennsylvania woman who died after coming to the aid of a domestic violence victim and three New Jersey men who rescued two people from a burning van that had crashed.

Carnegie medalists or their heirs receive financial grants approved by the commission.

Below is a list of the 22 Carnegie Heroes, courtesy of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission:

— Loren Earl Hazen, 21, of Kalkaska, Mich. died helping to save Andrew J. Killingsworth, 18, from drowning in Rapid City, Mich., July 2011.

— Mark Kevin Breen, Jr., 29, of Hudsonville, Mich., saved Delilah H. Perez, 13, from drowning in Pentwater, Mich., in August 2011.

- Daniel G. R. Livingston, 22, of Courtenay, British Columbia, helped to save Jessy B. Vandergriendt, 22, from burning in a car in April 2010.
- Jonathan M. Nielsen, Sr., 32, of Morrisville, Vt., attempted to rescue Heather J. Manley, 48, from a house fire in Sept. 2011.
- Michael F. Schiotis, 44, of Spring Hill, Tenn. rescued Anna H. Trently, 41, from assault in Tobyhanna, Pa., in Nov. 2011.
- William L. O'Connor, 64, of Gold Beach, Ore., helped to rescue Leslie K. Hislop, 74, from a burning pickup truck in Gold Beach, Ore., Sept. 2011.
- Mark A. Garsteck, 55, of Mount Pleasant, Pa., and John E. Swartz, 47, of Mount Pleasant helped to constrain an armed assailant in June 2010.
- Stacey Lynn Feiling, deceased, of Mount Pleasant, Pa. died rescuing Janet Piper from assault in June 2010.
- James W. Linthicum, 34, of Wichita, Kan. rescued Edgar J. Arreola, 16, from assault in May 2011.
- Wilfred L. Spencer III, 43, of Moundsville, W. Va. rescued Tiffany L. Aumick, 28, from assault in Wheeling, W. Va., in January 2012.
- John A. Lais, deceased, of Burlington, Vt., died attempting to help save a boy from drowning in Emerald Isle, N.C., August 2011.
- Jeffrey W. Caldwell, 43, of Frenchtown, N.J., Michael A. Pellegrino, 37, of Brick, N.J., and Frederick K. Dow, 49, of Ewing, N.J. saved Frances L. and Harris J. Kaplan from burning in Ewing, N.J., January 2012. Frances, 81, and her son, Harris, 54, were inside a van that had crashed into a wooden utility pole.
- Alan B. Hall, deceased, of Land O'Lakes, Fla., died saving Ruby S. Monahan, 5, from drowning in Dunedin, Fla., April 2012.
- Christopher DeFelice, 32, of Philadelphia, saved Enderson Tejada, 20, from drowning in April 2011.
- Cody Lewis Decker, 17, and Luke Daniel Vaughn, 17, of DeWitt, Mich., saved Tracy D. Lopez, 44, and rescued Carlos A. Adams, 42, from burning in a car, Palm Coast, Fla., April 2012.
- Brandon M. Wemhoff, 29, of Lincoln, Neb. saved Margaret E. Mullet, 54, from assault in May 2011.
- Nicholas Ray Dorken, 28, of Innerkip, Ontario, saved a man from burning, Fort Myers, Fla., February 2012.
- Tray Hughes Ross, 20, of Gainesville, Ga. saved Harold Johnson, Jr., 76, from burning in November 2011.

For more about the Carnegie Heroes Fund, visit <http://carnegiehero.org/about-the-fund/history/>.