



Judge Doyle receives award

LEXINGTON, Neb. – The Honorable Judge Jim Doyle received the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Public Citizen Award on Friday, Sept. 20, during its annual conference.

The conference was held at the Kroc Salvation Army Center in Omaha.

The annual conference is the largest convening of social workers across the state. It is for the purpose of learning about contemporary issues in the social

work profession, including mental health, child welfare and multicultural practice.

Doyle received the Public Citizen Award due to his development of the Midwest Nebraska Drug Court since 2006, which serves Lincoln and Dawson counties.

Drug Court seeks to reduce recidivism and substance abuse among nonviolent substance abusing offenders. Using monitoring, treatment, support, incentives and sanctions, these offenders are encour-

aged to continue their education, become or remain employed and be positive members of their community.

Doyle said he was happy to earn the award, but said there are many other who deserve just as much credit as him.

“It’s an honor to receive this,” he said, “but I’m just one small soldier in a huge army trying to help others. There are a lot more people who also deserve this honor, not just me.”