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Photographers to Receive Mayor's Award of Excellence

Derby, Kansas – Mayor Randy White has named Barney Tull, Bill Fales, and David Peebler the recipients of the 2019 Mayor's Award of Excellence. The award was established in 2002 as a way to honor an individual, family, organization, or business that has contributed significantly to the Derby community. The award will be presented at the Nov. 26, 2019 City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Derby City Hall, 611 Mulberry Road.

Tull, Fales and Peebler have been committed stewards documenting Derby's progress through their camera lenses for many years. All three are dedicated to their craft of photography, capturing some of the most recognizable images that represent Derby. This award is for their sustained and devoted service to the Derby community, including the City and other local groups. Some examples of their service:

- Barney Tull has been an active volunteer in photographing community events for the Derby Recreation Commission, Derby Public Library, and City of Derby. He routinely displays photographs of Derby people and places at Derby City Hall. Tull created an exhibit focusing solely on McConnell Air Force Base, including the planes and the people who work on them.
- Bill Fales routinely volunteers by photographing community events. He displays photographs of Derby landscapes and scenic views at the Derby Welcome Center. His sunrise photo, taken at Derby's High Park, was featured on the state website, Kansas.gov. Bill's photo of the City of Derby's 2018 Tree Lighting represented Kansas as "The Most Iconic Christmas Tree in Every State" by *Country Living* magazine.
- David Peebler has filmed 30 years of Derby High School football. Over the years, he shot and edited video of the freshman, junior varsity, and varsity games. Peebler has also been involved in the community, serving on Derby's Park and Urban Forestry Board as well as the Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center Board of Directors.

All three professional photographers have received the Derby Community Foundation's 'Person of Generosity' award, which is awarded to those with the vision to know what good work can do coupled with the generosity to go into the community and do it.

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“Not only are these three top-notch artists in their photography and videography, they have generously given their time and talents to show the world how good Derby looks,” said Mayor Randy White. “Seeing Derby through their lenses is how many people see Derby, and for that they deserve this award.”

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