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Newspaper carriers say profits make responsibilities worthwhile

By Kathleen Beck
News Reporter

The next time you receive a paper, consider how it got there.

For most carriers, the job is a passion. People in Lincoln neighborhoods I contacted in Lincoln, Nebraska, were excited to talk about a day in the life of a newspaper carrier.

Overall, the kids said they liked having a paper route for the money. "I'm going home every day and getting to deliver the newspaper can be a big job," said Jason.

On the last day of school, even the bus staying in the lights, but I have to go home and deliver papers," said Matt.

Jason Watson, 12, said, "I'm not the number one because I have a lot of things that you have to stop for an hour to deliver the papers."

Matt said he makes about \$120 a month on his paper route. The fifth-year student said he's saving the money for a

new bike. He said he already has a \$150 skateboard and a "video game."

Jennifer Hines, 11, said she buys clothes with the money from her paper route in North Lincoln. She delivers 60 papers.

Matt delivers 40 papers daily and 50 on Sunday. He said he likes having a paper route, except for some of his customers. "I've got a few nasty ones," he said.

Dogs also can pose a problem for paper boys, according to Matt.

"I've got three dogs that'll take the paper to my house," he said. "I've got two dogs that'll attack me."

One dog chased a hole in the bottom of his bag, Matt said, but he didn't complain to the owner.

"They're nice people and they usually let me and I didn't want to get on the bad side of them," he said.

Jennifer said she once was bitten by a dog while collecting money from a customer. The dog was chased by a big black dog on his route.

"There are days I wasn't there

anywhere and I don't know what happened to it," she said. "I guess it died."

Jason said dogs weren't much of a problem on his route. Jason and his 10-year-old brother Tom share the paper route. The Watson boys deliver to 87 houses in southeast Lincoln, and they have divided the route into two equal sections. They've even made maps of their sections.

Tom said he enjoys having a paper route because it's fun and you get money.

Jason is a seventh-grader at Lincoln East and Tom is a fifth-grader at Eastridge School.

All four said collecting money is the hardest part of the job.

"Collecting is the hardest part because you have to go out and a lot of times no one is home and then you have to go back," Jason said.

The Watsons usually collect every four weeks, Jason said.

Jennifer said it takes her 15 or 20 minutes to rubber-band the newspapers before they can be delivered. Her route takes about one-half hour to an hour, she said.

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out the truck and get their route started by 5.

During their route, they make two or three trips to the city dump to empty their truck. There, they pay a dump fee of about \$100 to empty each 20,000 pounds of garbage. If their truck weighs more than the 51,000-pound limit they are forced to pay another fee. They agree that going to the dump is the worst part of the job. Often they get stuck or get a flat tire out there.

"It's a mess," Gregg said.

A different mess in Gregg's garbage collecting history was the time a customer called him up and claimed that Gregg had taken a toolbox from his garage. The customer was hysterical and didn't believe Gregg when he denied it. Later that day, the customer called back and apologized. The customer's son had borrowed the toolbox.

Another time a man called Gregg and claimed that he had stolen a \$35,000 diamond ring that had been on the garbage can. The man's house wasn't even on Gregg's route.

I was surprised to hear how many times they find trash cans with fires burning inside. One of the fires set their truck on fire and they were forced to dump in a parking lot to put it out.

The garbagemen are really into what they do. Gregg told me they both had their Ph.D.s. In what? "Pick up, haul and dump," he said.

"If you didn't have garbage service, it'd be a mess," Gregg said. "I don't think everybody would want to drive out to the dump in their car to get rid of it."

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