

The Wytheville-Wythe-Bland Chamber of Commerce will be presenting various awards at the Annual Membership & Awards Banquet to be held **Thursday, October 20, 2022**, at the Wohlfahrt Haus. Complete the nomination form by submitting information highlighting the major achievements or qualifications over the past five years based on the criteria listed for each. *Deadline: September 2, 2022*

**OUTSTANDING CITIZEN** *(Award established in 1979) Sponsored by Stanley King, Sr.*



**Criteria:** Honors a resident of Bland or Wythe Counties that is dedicated to fellow man; demonstrates long lasting contributions to community service and/or projects; participates in commercial, community, civic or governmental activities for the betterment of the community over an extended period of time and shows personal and/or business success. **Past recipients:** J. L. Reynolds; T. Barclay Allison; Paul Parsons; T. A. Turley; James A. Williams, Jr.; D. Woodrow Bird; Paul H. McDowell; Willy B. Crockett; N. Stanley King, Sr.; Raymond Fulton; Garnett Ager; Dr. W. Randolph Chitwood; Rev. Dr. Thomas Sproule; Judge R. William Arthur; Arthur M. Gates; Thomas E. Mallory, Sr.; Dr. John P. Baumgardner; Dr. Robert Douglas Humphrey, Jr.; Jeanette Hurt Clippard; Dr. Carl E. Stark; Robert Eley Johnson; John R. Crowgey; G. W. Catron; Martha DeBord; Archibald A. Campbell; D. Reed Counts, Sr.; Olin S. Armentrout; Ruth Anne Chitwood; Thomas A. Bralley, Jr.; Wythe B. Sharitz; Stephen A. Lester, Sr.; George T. Johnstone, Sr.; Edmund Pendleton; Jack King; Jack W. Hunley; Linda P. DiYorio; Charles G. Crockett; Rose M. Lester; Dr. Walter S. Barton, Mayor Trenton G. Crewe, Jr.; Danny C. McDaniel; Jacqueline K. King; John M. Johnson; C. Wayne Sutherland; Dr. Charlie White



**BUSINESS LEADERSHIP** **Criteria:** Honors a Chamber member business or business leader of Wythe or Bland Counties that in the past year has made a significant impact on the economy, and contributed significantly to civic, public and/or community services.

**Past recipients:** Richard E. Phillippi, Jr.; William N. Gilmer, Jr.; Steven D. Irvin; Wayne & Ty Roop; Collin Peel; Steve Lester; Bill & Farron Smith; Bill & Jackie King; Dr. Gordon W. Jennings; Dale & Debbie Clark; Dr. Rebecca Beamer; Tommy Anders; Dr. Noah Malavolti; Dr. Amanda Brewer-Lord; Tim Walsh; Gary & Charlotte Naber; Tim Havens; Wythe County Community Hospital; Hannah's Attic - Vickie Smith; Bojangles; Matthew & Sandra Clarke - Clarke Precision Machine; Southern Pharmacy; Steve Lester, II; Musser Lumber; Joint IDA



**MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR** **Criteria:** Honors a Chamber member business that is an active for-profit enterprise in the industrial sector with contributions in Wythe or Bland Counties including civic, public services and community service. **Past recipients:** Dave Elmore; Joe Freeman; Larry Corvin; David Carpenter; Bob Fowlkes; Tom Hough; Peggy Sutphin; Michael & Ronald Musser; Tom Lovelace; Collin Peel; Gatorade; Pascor Atlantic; Duchess Dairy; ABB, Inc., Somic America, Inc.; Coperion; Clarke Precision Machine; Klockner Pentaplast



**ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR** **Criteria:** Honors an individual who owns and operates a small business, has shown innovative products/services, sustained success, and has contributed to Wythe and/or Bland Counties including civic, public services and community service.

**Past recipients:** Caroline Simmons - Curves; Matt & Tessie Temple - Wiffle Pops; Clayton Bush - 103 Towing & Recovery; David Clark



**COMMUNITY SERVICE / IMPACT** **Criteria:** Honors an individual or business of Wythe or Bland Counties that has made a significant, positive impact to the quality of life and is active in community organizations. The recipient expends time and talent to help make our community a better place in which to live, work and play.

**Past recipients:** Hontas Austin; Mike Hall; Tasos Gogos; John & Shirley Sutherland; Sarah Dunn; Molly Thompson; Paul Looney; Nancy Tate; Mabeline & Elton Robinson; Dr. Walter Barton; Basil Gordon; Robert Kegley; Betty Munsey; Reece Johnson, Jr.; Wytheville Ladies Ruritan Club; Tommy Hundley; Dee Dee Hoosier; Randy & Myra Moler; Bill & Wilma Snyder; Debbie Walker; Joseph Hand, Jr.; Linda DiYorio; Dr. Robert Douglas Humphrey, Jr.; Jean Lester; Danny Gordon; Andy Kegley; Randy Newberry; Rodney Cassell; Don Spiller; Farron Smith; Charlie White; AGAPE Food Pantry; Community Food Kitchen; Wythe-Bland Foundation; Wythe County Public Schools; All Nations Church; Central United Methodist Church; Dr. Jeffrey Pettit; Legacy Church; Open Door Cafe



**OUTSTANDING CHAMBER VOLUNTEER** **Criteria:** Selection will be based on the nominee's outstanding contributions in a voluntary role to the Wytheville-Wythe-Bland Chamber of Commerce. (Current Officers cannot be nominated.)

**Past recipients:** Dave Macpherson; Ron Kime; David Johnson; Betty Munsey; Robert Kegley; Jody Gibson; Danny Gordon; Amanda Dean; Leah Huffman-Chase; Ron Boone; Teresa King; Wythe-Bland Young Professionals; Brandi Jones; David Kause; Judy Lefler; David Kause



**TOURISM ACHIEVEMENT** **Criteria:** Nominees must be an active tourism leader in the industry and represent Bland or Wythe County. **Past recipients:** Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre; Big Walker Lookout & Country Store; West Wind Farm Vineyard & Winery; Trinkle Mansion Bed & Breakfast; Beagle Ridge Herb Farm & Environmental Education Center; Edith Bolling Wilson Birthplace Foundation & Museum; Wolf Creek Indian Village & Museum; Wytheville Museums - Frances Emerson; Rural Retreat Depot; Wytheville CVB - Rosa Lee Jude; Millwald Theatre; Wythe Raceway - Fred Brown; Wytheville CVB - Mary Jo Babbitt



**AGRICULTURE ACHIEVEMENT & Farmer of the Year** **Criteria:** Nominees must be from Bland or Wythe County; involved in agriculture and community; stand out for their commitment to innovation, giving back to their communities, committing to good land stewardship and being a great example for future generations.

**Past recipients:** Jim & John Huffard; Roger King; Melinda Belcher; Hill Dairy Farm, Inc.; Alfred & Dianna Stephens; Tom & Ruth Clark; Laymond Barger; Wythe County Farm Bureau Ladies Committee; Wythe County Agriculture Association; Phyl Snapp; Bland Farm Management Group; David Danner; Morehead Farms, LLC; Charles & Betty Dix; Ceres Alumni Association; H.C. Groseclose Agriculture & FFA Museum; Wythe "Bucky" Sharitz; J.C. Kidd Farm; Dr. Larry Taylor & Dr. Sheryl Taylor; Blue Willow Angus Farm - George & Helen Keck; Wolfpen Dairy - Aker Family; Barbara & Leon Cassell; Richdale Farms - Crowgey Family; Jerry & Molly Thompson; Matthew Miller; G. H. Peery, III

