



**OUTSTANDING CITIZEN:** This award was established in 1965 to recognize a citizen of Marion County who has voluntarily and unselfishly served the community. The service has continued over many years and has contributed immeasurably to the positive image of Marion County and has been an inspiration to others. Through active civic involvement and fine example this individual has been a continuous beacon for community betterment.

**Past Outstanding Citizen Award recipients are:** Theo Walker, C. E. Brents, W. C. McDuffee, Don Campbell, John F. Dearinger, W. J. Crowds, J. T. Whitlock, Charles Goodin, Eddie Deep Sr., Fabian Buckman, G. H. Karnes, Rev. W. A. Clutts, Jesse Sims, Gene Spragens Jr., Dick Moraja, Mr. & Mrs. Horace Johnston, Monsignor Joseph D. Gettlefinger, Dr. Salem M. George, Steve Keith, Charles E. Lancaster, Mary Jane Shockency, Ed Marrett, Violet Brown, J. B. Thomas, Terry Ward, Keith George, Pat Blandford, B. J. Baute, Dr. Joe Green, Veronica Hill, Robert Clark, James Ray Allen, John G. Mattingly, Mary Cambron, Phyllis & Carter Wind, John O. Thomas, Paul Powell, Col. George Hoerter, Sidney Osbourne, Freddie Higdon, Kenny Marrett, Nadine Spragens, Robert C. Clements, Bro. Bud Owen, Melissa Knight

**OUTSTANDING CHAMBER MEMBER:** The Outstanding Chamber Member of the year award was created in 1982 to recognize people who have sacrificed both personal and business time for the betterment of their community in their work with the Chamber. The nominees must have at least three years of service to the Chamber and may not be a member of the Board of Directors or Staff.

**Past Outstanding Chamber Member of the Year recipients are:** Steve Keith, Myrtle Ann & Fabian Buckman, Bill Leake, Mollie Lee Wathen, Dick Moraja, Bob Garrison, Nancy Tatum, David Clements, Pat & Mahala Mattingly, John G. Mattingly, Col. George Hoerter, Marty Wheatley, Barbara Crist, Roger Dill, Jacob "Jake" Pickerill, Marion Adjustment Center, Knights of Columbus, Eddie Browning, Charles Lancaster, Sr, Kitty & Jimmy Thomas, Carter Wind, Nancy Bliss, Lebanon Lions Club, Shelton Young

**OUTSTANDING FARMER:** This award is presented to a recipient who owns, operates, or is active in the management of a Marion County farm with main income generated from farming. The family should reside on the farm and follow sound farming conservation practices and recommendations.

**Past Outstanding Farmer Award recipients are:** J. C. Detherage, T. Ray Mattingly, Tip Whitehouse, Howard Lee, Monroe Reynolds, Gene Lanham, Joe Frank Browning, Phillip Lyvers, Patrick Spalding, Wayne Hollon, Bernard Luckett, Larry Elder, Joe Paul Mattingly, Joe Denny Raley, Joe H. Spalding, Mark O'Daniel, Bob Kirkland, Joseph S. Ford Jr. Lanham Farms Inc., Bobby Buckman and sons, George Hupman, and Dan and Paula Mattingly, Paul Peterson, Peterson Farms, Gene Lanham, Kenny Peterson, Steve Downs, Darrell Essex, Wayne Costello, Tom & Marie Wright, Two Toms Game Bird Farm, Donald Veatch Family Farm, Joe Bernard Luckett, Thad & Kim Peterson

**OUTSTANDING BUSINESSPERSON:** This award is presented to a recipient who owns, operates or is active in the management of a Marion County business and whose business and personal conduct is a credit to themselves, their company, their employees and their community. The candidate can come from any facet of business activity, must have been in business for a minimum of three years, and must currently be active in community affairs.

**Past Outstanding Businessperson Award recipients are:** Theo Walker, Dennie Clark, Rob "Shot" Spalding, Warren McClellan, Eddie Deep Sr., Sam B. Spalding, T. E. Spragens Sr., Junior Rogers, Fabian Buckman, Jim Grundy, Ed Marrett, Bob Martin, W. W. "Bill" Durham, Larry Tatum, "Sonny" Pickerill, Wesley Daugherty, James R. Thomas, Robert E. Garrison, Gene Spragens Jr., Billy & Rita Higdon, Ed O'Daniel Sr., Ball Brothers, Jimmy Higdon, Bob Mattingly, John Boswell, Doris Purdom, Kenny Marrett, Monica and Michael Henning, Freddie Hilpp, Pat and Mahala Mattingly, John Turner, Mary Lou & Bill Leake, Charles Borders, Elmer George, Phyllis Troutman, Michael F. Howard, Gerry Rogers, Joseph H. Mattingly, III, Pat & Peggy Reed, Bill & Terry Mattingly, Bill Pickerill, Charles Lancaster Jr., Rick Goodin

**OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR:** In recognition of the importance of education in our community and the desire to publicly recognize educators employed within Marion County who have contributed in an outstanding manner to the education of Marion County students, the Chamber established this award in 1988. The nominee may be a teacher, administrator or staff person employed in the Marion County public or private school system. By this award, the Chamber desires to recognize the importance of quality education in our community and recognize in particular those individuals whose actions have enhanced education in either the primary, secondary, vocational or adult education area.

**Past Outstanding Educator Award recipients are:** Joyce Payne, Virginia A. "Sugar" Hamilton, Lynn D. Farris, June Elliott, Katina Johnson, Jan Lanham, Anita Davis, Robert B. Benningfield, Suzi Smith, Deborah Spalding, Jayne Hogan, Dr. Bruce Daniels, Beverly "Sis" Roby, Joe Bradshaw, Sue Ann Glasscock, Angela Holt, Dan Lyvers, Pam Marks, Jane Mattingly, Mary "Mimi" Crum, Judy Gaddie, Coury Leathere Osbourne

#### **OUTSTANDING HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL**

Originally created in 1988 as the Outstanding Emergency Services Personnel award, this year the chamber wanted to include all healthcare professionals that serve Marion County, in addition to those that work in the emergency services arena. The recipient of the award should be someone who has not only performed well in his or her role as a healthcare professional in Marion County, but also someone who has made an example of him/herself due to his/her role in the community. The person nominated for this award should set a higher standard for patient care, be innovative and demonstrate the type of leadership and advocacy that is necessary to meet the community's health needs. This person should also serve as a role model for other healthcare professionals in the community.

**Past Outstanding Emergency Services Personnel Award recipients are:** John Sheperon, Betty Wethington, Bennie Kessler, Ricky Mattingly, Scott Lawson, Carroll Kirkland, Aileen Flanagan, Robbie Turner, Paula Coyle, Nash Hayes, Chief George Harmansky, Marion County Rescue Squad, Billy Nally, Tony Hutchins, Emergency Services of Marion County, Troy Hamilton, Mike Carrico, Karen Rogers, R.N., C.E.N., Jim Thomas, Don Whitehouse

**OUTSTANDING INDUSTRY MANAGER:** This award is given to a manager of a local industry. The recipient will have made a significant contribution to the community and to their company in such areas as green initiatives, fair business practices, community involvement and employment growth. The nominee may be any leader who has supervision responsibility in a local manufacturing company.

**Past Outstanding Industry Manager are:** Dennis Brown