

The Centralia Chamber of Commerce is soliciting nominations for the awards listed below. Think about the people that you work with and the people you encounter day to day in your business. As in all communities there are many unsung heroes that make communities special. Think about who they are in Centralia and nominate them for one of the awards listed.

Business of the Year-recognizes general excellence in business practices and exemplary merchandising, customer service, improvement of facility and community service.

Business of the Year

- 2005 Kinkead Pharmacy Radio Shack
- 2006 Prenger Foods
- 2007 Reinhardt Construction
- 2008 Forrest Chevrolet
- 2009 Alliance Foam Technologies
- 2010 Herndon Welding
- 2012 Ritchie and Sons Hardware
- 2014 Hubbell Power Systems
- 2015 LaCrosse Lumber
- 2016 MFA Agri Services
- 2017 Richman Graphic Services

Community Betterment Award-recognizes exceptional effort or benefit to the Centralia community during the 12 months preceding the award. This award is sponsored by the local banks.

Community Betterment Award

- 2005 Don Bobbitt
- 2006 Richard "Red" Moore
- 2007 Carl Henderson
- 2008 Charlie Stidham
- 2009 Centralia Habitat for Humanity
- 2010 Rodgers Rental
- 2012 Jaime Mills, Brad Creel, Mike VanMaanen
- 2013 John Oliver-Oliver Funeral Home
- 2014 Russ Green
- 2015 Dennis Haubein and Curt Kelly
- 2016 Charlie Johnson
- 2017 Women's Network

Ambassador Award-recognizes an individual who has represented the Centralia community in a positive way.

Ambassador Award

- 2005 Tom Quinn
- 2006 Jack Chance
- 2007 Ave of Flags
- 2008 Roy Welch
- 2009 Past and Present Park Board Members
- 2010 Centralia Public Library
- 2012 State Champion Lady Panther Softball
- 2013 Tony Sander
- 2014 Steve Hahn
- 2015 Sierra Angell Blachford
- 2016 Sonny and Annette Tucker

2017 2016 Lady Panther Softball Team & Coaches

Citizen of the Year Award can be any persons who live and/or work in the Centralia Zip Code area and have made a significant contribution to the community.

Citizen of the Year

- 1987 Paul and Irene Farmer
- 1988 Anabel Howard
- 1989 Wally Schramm
- 1990 P.O. Fenton
- 1991 Burton and Mildred Knowles
- 1992 Paul Sturgeon
- 1993 L. E. "Red" Beckman
- 1994 Al Burkhardt
- 1995 Richard Prenger
- 1996 Art and Doris Allen
- 1997 William and Mimi Hooper
- 1998 Charles "Cab" Atkins
- 1999 Bill and Mary Alice Reinhardt
- 2000 Jim and Janey Enlow
- 2001 Barney and Dot Wainscott
- 2002 Earnest Ferguson
- 2003 Jed and Jill Angell
- 2004 Erle Bennett and the State Championship Football Team
- 2005 Jim Lee
- 2006 Don and Linda Bormann
- 2007 Ed and Ernestine Dunstan
- 2008 Dave Holsinger
- 2009 Drew Umstatt
- 2010 Charlie Popeck
- 2012 Lynn Behrns
- 2013 Bill Miller and Denny Rusch
- 2014 The Dickerson Family
- 2015 Patt Olsen
- 2016 Dennis Mills
- 2017 Lorry Myers and Larry Dudgeon

The Agricultural Award winner can be any person involved in agriculture from the Centralia School District.

- 1992 - Gary Riedel
- 1993 - Keith and Sandy Schnarre
- 1994 - C. H. Armontrout
- 1995 - Donnie Shelton
- 1996 - Richard Erisman
- 1997 - Luther and Charles Angell
- 1998 Brian and Fran Schnarre
- 1999 Kenneth and Ardell Martin
- 2000 Pat Reichert
- 2001 Scott Stone
- 2002 Richard and Norma Keil
- 2003 Lyndell Galloway

- 2004 Mr. & Mrs. E.V. Coolley and Mr. and Mrs. Truman Coolley
- 2005 Doug and John Romine
- 2008 Young Farmers
- 2009 The Andrew Stanton Family
- 2012 Benoit Farms
- 2013 David and Kathy Hasekamp
- 2014 Dwain and Amy Shelton
- 2015 Randy Ridgeway
- 2016 John and Karla McBride and Larry Dale and Patty McBride

The Educator of the Year will recognize service, concern, commitment and dedication to meeting the educational needs of all students.

- 2005 Bobbie Tetley
- 2006 Betsy Timmerberg
- 2007 Scott Long
- 2008 Leah Rolfson
- 2009 Doris Wood, Janette Johnson
- 2010 Mary Ann Sander, Linda Schafer
- 2012 Kelly Jones, Ann Beck & Sherry Jerome
- 2013 Dawn Crocker, Angie Ridgeway, Jenna Calloway-Hodson, Tonya Dimmitt
- 2014 Valerie Fadler, Lisa Matthieson, Mona Dupre, Jim Newstead
- 2015 Sara Daum, Rhonda Kottwitz, Alicia Hancock, Scott Stone
- 2016 Kelly Dickerson
- 2017 Janette Stone

The Chamber is asking for nominations for these awards from the public. Nominations should be submitted in written form to the Chamber Office, P.O. Box 235, Centralia, MO 65240 or ginny@centraliamochamber.com. Nominations should include why the person should receive the award and any other background information that you know.

Deadline for nominations is March 20. All nominations must be in by March 20.

Awards will be presented in late April at the Chamber Annual Dinner.

For More Information
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