

Award Winners 2009

Citizen of the Year - Les Blum

Les is truly one of the good guys of the world. If you need help, Les is there. Between helping others and enjoying his family, he has served as 4-H Leader, St. Michaels Parish Council, and Corley Community Club President of the Board. Les has also served on the Shelby County Extension Board. Les has also served on the Shelby County Golf Course Board. Les also is a scheduler for Meal on Wheels and also delivers meals. Habitat for Humanity houses is another one of his projects and he also makes sure The Knight of Columbus Fish Fry's run smoothly. Life is precious and you would have to break Les' legs to miss a blood drive. Les is a great neighbor, friend, father, husband and community minded individual.

Business of the Year - HyVee Food and HyVee Wine & Spirits

HyVee's "smile in every aisle" is only a small part of what makes them so special. To be greeted with a smile at both locations is such a pleasure and their customer service is excellent. Church groups, civic groups, business groups all have been helped by HyVee with either service of goods, donations of not just products but also of the employees time. HyVee encourages their employees to be involved in the community as well as "be the best you can be". HyVee has also helped develop young employees for future jobs. HyVee has two relatively new managers with Chris Bryant at the main store and Greg Bladt at the Wine & Spirits location. We appreciate what you have added to our community.

New Business of the Year - Edward Jones, Brian Sieren

Brian has brought a great asset to the citizens of Harlan. Brian's enthusiasm carries into his customer service and values the one on one relationships with customers. Brian also believes in being active in the community and also encourages his employee as well as others to do the same. This is so nice to see in a new business.

Business/Employee Excellent Customer Service - Jim Zimmerman

Jim has the ability to meet and greet you as you walk in to do business as if you are the only person in Shelby County State Bank. His disposition is one that if your mood is not so good he will quickly change it. Jim is energetic with the thingsd that he does. Jim is truly an asset to the community with the different volunteer services he is involved with. We are very fortunate to have Jim be part of our community and is truly an asset to Shelby County State Bank.

Business Mentor - Marty Burchett

Some of our businesses would not be in business if it were not for this woman. Marty has helped many businesses get started and has helped many established businesses. One of the wonderful things about Marty is her willingness to share her knowledge and expertise. Marty is also concerned for the overall good of the business community.

Business with Curb Appeal - Harlan Flower Shop/Amiee "N Me

This business always has great window displays as well as they decorate the outside of their business. Great decorations for the different functions going on in our community.

25 YEARS OR MORE IN BUSINESS

**CDS GLOBAL
DICK DOTZLER AGENCY
FOURTH GENERATION**

50 YEARS OR MORE IN BUSINESS

**BAUERS SHOE
ELM CREST RETIREMENT
FARM SERVICE COOP/COMPUTER DIV
HARLAN FLOWER SHOP
JACOBS CORPORATION
LOGELAND STUDIO
MIDSTATES BANK
NISHNABOTNA VALLEY REC
OUREN REAL ESTATE
OUREN TITLE, INC.
PANAMA TRANSFER
PAULEY'S FUNERAL HOME
PEXTON'S DRUG
RUSTY'S SHOE REPAIR
STA-BILT
VARIETY DISTRIBUTORS**

100 YEARS OR MORE IN BUSINESS

**CITY OF HARLAN
FARMERS MUTUAL
TELEPHONE
FARMERS TRUST & SAVINGS
BANK
HARLAN MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES
HARLAN NEWSPAPERS
SHELBY COUNTY STATE BANK
WEST SIDE TAVERN & LOUNGE**