



HARDIN COUNTY

Chamber & Business Alliance

Business of the Year-Wilson Sporting Goods

217 North Liberty Street, Ada, Ohio 45810

For 65 years, Wilson Football has made Hardin County their home. Each year, over 700,000 footballs are handmade in Ada, Ohio by Wilson's talented workforce of men and women. Wilson Football Factory have built footballs for Super Bowl champs, MVPs and Hall of Famers by honing their craft and dedicating their livelihood to creating a legacy of quality. Every point scored in the NFL has been with a Wilson football creating the longest official game ball relationship in American sports history.

Small Business of the Year-Golden Graphics, LTD

314 West Franklin Street, Kenton, Ohio 43326

Celebrating its 38th year in business, Golden Graphics started in 1983 with a \$500 cash advance on a Mastercard. Since then, this small business has grown to employing seven, two locations and performing over 150 jobs per day serving companies as far away as Wyoming and as close as Honda of America and the Ohio State University. Their quiet support of the community is designated by their passion projects, but their true skill is in solving each of their customers issues and giving them the best service using state-of-the-art equipment.

Citizen of the Year-Susan Bailey

11812 Park Lane Drive, Kenton Ohio 43326

Susan Bailey is a citizen of many talents and treasures. In her professional life, Susan is a pharmacist at OhioHealth Hardin Memorial Hospital. In her spare time, she can be found at Skinny's Tavern where she and her husband are co-owners and operators. Susan, our Sue, as she is most lovingly known, gives much of her time to community projects that she is passionate in supporting including the Kenton Historical Courthouse District where she helps to coordinate volunteers to water the downtown flowers each spring and summer. She also is instrumental in the annual Mistletoe Ball that raises funds for Hardin Memorial Hospital and takes on the responsibility of decorating the hospital during the holiday season. These are just a few of the things that contribute to Sue receiving the Citizen of the Year award.



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Community Service Award-ONU HealthWise Mobile Health Clinic

525 South Main Street, Ada, Ohio 43310

In 2015, the ONU HealthWise Mobile Health Clinic was established to help support the extensive health needs of a rural community suffering from poverty and lack of access to care. Through a grant provided by HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration), a 38-foot bus was developed to travel around Hardin County to provide medication therapy management, routine screenings and immunizations free of charge to community members. Since its establishment, ONU HealthWise has built partnerships with the Kenton Community Health Center, Kenton-Hardin Health Department, Hardin Memorial Hospital and many others.

Women LEAD Professional Excellence Award-Julie Crowe

14064 Township Road 135, Kenton, Ohio 43326

Julie Crowe has given many years of dedication volunteering and enhancing the non-profits in her community through finding opportunities for funding and grants. Julie has been an integral component to Heartbeat of Hardin County's Bridges and GEM program. Julie was a founding member of Society Singers and Hardin County Players creating a foundation of the love of theatre and culture in the community. Julie dedicated much of her career to the Hardin County Family YMCA and finally retired after 26 years of service.

Young Professional Leadership Award, Shannon Barnes

406 South Patterson Avenue, Forest, Ohio 45843

Shannon Barnes has been selected to receive the Young Professionals Leadership Award for 2019. Shannon has worked at Robinson Fin Machines for over 22 years specializing in human resource management and finance. She is also the general manager of Hometown Media and radio station WKTN 95.3. Shannon is known in the community for her ability to manage multiple roles with grace and excellence.

Ambassador of the Year-Kolt Buchenroth

11740 TR 180, Kenton, Ohio 43326

Kolt Buchenroth is perhaps the youngest recipient of the Hardin County Ambassador Award. Kolt is known throughout the community for his dedication to helping wherever he is needed with kindness and excellence. Kolt is a behind the scenes humble volunteer that works on providing solutions for critical tasks for the Alliance.



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Emerging Business of the Year-Crimson Lane Venue

4600 Co Rd 1, Ada, OH 45810-Mike and Jodi Willeke

Crimson Lane is a wedding venue that opened in early 2019. Since then, it has become one of the most sought-after wedding venues in northwest Ohio. This is a family owned and operated business that was built on 130 acres of farmland and woods along with a nine-acre lake. The family has dedicated their time to creating a space where families can celebrate the special day.

Non-Profit of the Year-Harco Industries

509 South Main Street, Kenton, Ohio

Harco Industries is a county staple that has provided resources to special needs individuals and their families for years. Harco Industries is also the parent organization of KudoStudio which provides an artistic outlet to individuals with disabilities. Their gallery is open to the public.