

**Hold Until 1:00 PM Thursday, October 12, 2017**

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## **AREA BUSINESSES RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS**

*Presented by the Findlay•Hancock County Chamber of Commerce  
and the Findlay Publishing Company, October 12, 2017*

FINDLAY, Ohio, Oct. 10, 2017— The Findlay•Hancock County area is proud of its Small Businesses and those that lead them. In recognition of these courageous and inspiring individuals and their companies, the Findlay•Hancock County Chamber of Commerce was honored to present the 2017 Small Business Awards at the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Small Business Awards luncheon on October 12, 2017 at Winebrenner Auditorium on the campus of the University of Findlay. Under the direction of Dionne Neubauer, Director of the Findlay•Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, over 200 business professionals were in attendance. Chris Oaks, of WFIN, served as the event emcee.

The following is a list of both small business and community awards that were distributed:

### **Featured Awards**

#### **Small Business of the Year**

Presented to: **Chuck Bills - Ohio Logistics**

Sponsored by: First Federal Bank

#### **Small Business Person of the Year**

Presented to: **Ken Schroeder, FriendsOffice**

Sponsored by: University of Findlay

#### **Customer Service Champion of the Year**

Presented to: **Findlay Ace Hardware**

Sponsored by: The Trust Company

#### **Family Owned Small Business Champion of the Year**

Presented to: **Bowers Heating & Cooling**

Sponsored by: CompManagement Inc. (CMI) & CompManagement Health Systems (CHS)

#### **Professional of the Year**

Presented to: **Paul Smith, Marathon Petroleum Corporation**

Sponsored by: Old Fort Bank

#### **Diversity Small Business Champion of the Year**

Presented to: **Cedar Valley Café**

Sponsored by: Marathon Petroleum Corporation

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**Agriculture Enterprise Champion of the Year**

Presented to: [Stateler Family Farms](#)

Sponsored by: Citizens National Bank

**Go Local Small Business Champion of the Year**

Presented to: [Fields for All Project](#)

Sponsored by: First National Bank

**Nonprofit Leader of the Year**

Presented to: [Carol Metzger, Cancer Patient Services](#)

Sponsored by: United Way of Hancock County

**Downtown Champion of the Year**

Presented to: [Property Analysts](#)

Sponsored by: Fifth Third Bank

**Women in Business Champion of the Year**

Presented to: [Dr. Carmen Doty-Armstrong, Findlay MedSpa](#)

Sponsored by: WFIN-WKXA-106.3 The Fox Radio

**Small Business Manufacturing Excellence**

Presented to: [The Brown Company of Findlay, LTD](#)

Sponsored by: The Companies of Tall Timbers Industrial Park

**Emerging Business of the Year**

Presented to: [Kona Ice of Findlay & Northwest Ohio \(NWO\)](#)

Sponsored by: State Bank

**ATHENA Award**

Presented to: [Kim Switzer, Hancock County Court Services, Chief Probation Officer](#)

Sponsored by: Huntington Bank

**Special Presentations**

**Dennis Russell “Our Spirit Shows” Award**

Presented to: [Bistro on Main](#)

Sponsored by: Hancock County Convention & Visitors Bureau

**Distinguished Leadership Award**

Presented to: [Judge Kristen Johnson](#)

Sponsored by: Hancock Leadership Alumni Association

**Community Partner Award**

Presented to: [HHWP Community Action Commission](#)

Sponsored by: United Way of Hancock County

Special thanks to The Bistro on Main, Jyoakam Communications, Sink’s Flower Shop, University of Findlay and Kan Du Studio for their support of the event. For more information about this, or any other Chamber of Commerce programs, call 419-422-3313 or visit [FindlayHancockChamber.com](#).



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**About The Findlay•Hancock County Alliance:**

The Findlay•Hancock County Alliance is a partnership bringing growth and prosperity to the Findlay/Hancock County community. Through a strong economic development focus, leadership programs, business building initiatives and volunteer opportunities, the Alliance helps position its community among the best micropolitan communities in the United States. The Alliance is a blend of the area's best resources including the Findlay•Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, Findlay-Hancock County Economic Development and the Hancock County Convention & Visitors Bureau.