

Awards

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and places that matter the most.

This year's Drucker Award of Distinction was sponsored by Pathways Financial Credit Union and presented by Ohio State Representative Adam Bird.

"The Drucker Lifetime Award is reserved for those who have not only achieved success, but who have demonstrated a lasting commitment to their community. And John Wood Insurance Agency is a true reflection of that legacy," Bird said while presenting this year's Drucker Award.

Receiving the 2025 Brown County Volunteer of the Year Award were Jamie and Rema Loudon.

The 2025 Brown County Volunteer of the Year Award was sponsored by Waldom Electronics of Georgetown and presented by Christy Clary of the Brown County OSU Extension Office.

The Brown County Volunteer of the Year Award honors individuals who embody volunteerism and leadership. It recognizes those who dedicated their time, overcome challenges, and make a lasting impact on their communities while inspiring others through their service.

"Jamie and Rema could easily be nominated separately for this award, but what makes their impact so special is that if you get one of them, you get both," said Clary.

"Their partnership in service, their shared passion for helping others, and their unwavering commitment to this community set them apart in a truly remarkable way.

Both are educators— Jamie as the Agricultural Education teacher and FFA advisor at Georgetown High School, and Rema as an English teacher at Western Brown High School.

Every day, they go above and beyond for their students, shaping young lives not just through education, but through mentorship, leadership, and example."

What makes Jamie and Rema truly exceptional is what they do outside of the classroom.

Together, they serve as head advisors of the largest 4-H Club in Brown County, Georgetown Hooves and Halters, working with approximately 100 youth each year.

Through their leadership, young people gain valuable life skills, and their impact can be seen throughout the community — from the flower beds at the Brown County fairgrounds, to improvements at the Antique Machinery Showgrounds, to projects at Lake Wayne.

Jamie also plays a critical role in the Brown County Junior Fair, serving as an advisor to the Junior Fair Board and as president of the sale committee.

The success of the fair each year is due in large part to his dedication.

During fair week, Rema works alongside him in the sales office while also supporting 4-H and FFA youth.

When the Small Animal Superintendent position became vacant, Rema stepped up without hesitation and now serves in that role, ensuring continued opportunities for young participants.

Rema's service extends even further as she serves as president of the Brown County 4-H Committee, secretary of the Brown County Master Gardeners, and leads the Brown County affiliate of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library— helping inspire a love of reading among the county's youngest residents.

Together, Jamie and Rema also dedicate countless hours to Helping Hands, where they serve in leadership roles and volunteer multiple times each week through the food pantry and thrift store.

"Despite their tremendous impact, Jamie and Rema never seek recognition or notoriety," said Clary. "They serve quietly, consistently, and selflessly— simply because they care."

The Brown County 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award was handed out to Jina Bohl, retired vice superintendent of Western Brown Local School District.

The 2025 Brown County Lifetime Achievement Award was sponsored by John Wood Insurance Agency, Inc. and presented by Jen Patrick (Brown County Chamber of Commerce chairperson).

"For more than 35 years, Jina dedicated her life to education, service, and strengthening the Brown County community," said Patrick.

She began her career as a first-grade teacher at Mt. Orab Elementary— where she first inspired young learners.

Over the years, she served in multiple leadership roles, including director of curriculum and Instruction, before becoming assistant superintendent — helping guide the success of an entire school district and shaping the lives of countless students.

Bohl's impact has reached far beyond the classroom.

She has been a champion for early childhood education, healthcare access, and the overall well-being of



Photo by Karen Brown

Kiwanis Club of Southern Hills Region was the recipient of the Brown County Point of Pride Award.



Photo by Wade Linville

Jina Bohl, retired vice superintendent of Western Brown Local School District, was the recipient of the Brown County Lifetime Achievement Award.



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Jamie and Rema Loudon were the recipients of the Brown County Volunteer of the Year Award. From the left, OSU Extension Educator Trevor Corbo, Jamie Loudon, Rema Loudon, and OSU Extension Educator Christy Clary.

the Brown County community.

Through her work with the Brown County Institute, she helped expand the Dolly Parton Imagination Library —

putting books into the hands of children across the region.

She also served as vice chair of the HealthSource of Ohio Board of Directors, working to improve access to quality healthcare for families.

Bohl has played an important role in bringing organizations together — supporting efforts like the Ohio Safety Net Alliance's Adams-Brown Chapter — strengthening collaboration and better serving those most in need.

Receiving the 2025 Brown County Point of Pride Award was presented to Kiwanis Club of Southern Hills Region. The 2025 Point of Pride Award was sponsored by Champion Media newspapers and presented by Wade Linville, editor of The Brown County Press, News Democrat and Ripley Bee).

The Point of Pride Award recognizes a social service or civic organization whose dedicated service has made a meaningful and lasting impact on the quality of life in Brown County.

"Tonight, we recognize an organization that truly represents the heart of our community — the Kiwanis Club of Southern Hills Region," said Linville.

"For 78 years in Brown County, this organization has been dedicated to improving the lives of children and strengthening the community they serve."

"The Point of Pride Award honors those who make a lasting difference — those who give their time, their energy, and their heart to others, and that is exactly what Kiwanis does," said Linville. "Their work touches the lives of countless young people — creating opportunities to learn, to grow, and to succeed. Each year, they invest in the future by providing scholarships to graduating seniors — helping young people take their next steps forward. But what truly sets this organization apart is not just what they do — it's how they show up. Time and time again, they step in where there is a need. They organize, they volunteer, they lead— always with the same goal - to make a difference."

"Kiwanis members bring energy, compassion, and a shared sense of purpose to everything they do. They



Photo by Wade Linville

Receiving the Brown County Drucker Award of Distinction was John Wood Insurance Agency, Inc.

don't just support the community — they help build it," said Linville. "And like so many who serve, they do not seek recognition. They simply show up, again and again, because they care about the kids, about the community, and about the future. For 78 years, the Kiwanis Club of Southern Hills Region has demonstrated what it means to serve with heart, to lead with purpose, and to make a lasting impact. Tonight, we celebrate that legacy."

The 2025 Brown County SparkPlug Award was presented to James "Moose" Lungmus, co-owner of Ride to Eternity.

The Brown County SparkPlug Award was sponsored by Schroeder Law Group and presented by James Schroeder, Attorney at Law.

The SparkPlug Award recognizes an individual or business that has gone above and beyond in supporting the Brown County Chamber of Commerce throughout the year.

"Our next award is one that comes directly from the Chamber — a recognition of someone who brings energy, enthusiasm, and a true passion for supporting our mission.

The SparkPlug Award is given to someone who goes above and beyond — someone who shows up, steps in, and helps keep the Chamber moving forward. And this year's recipient does exactly that," Schroeder said while presenting the SparkPlug Award to Lungmus. "This individual is a constant presence— at Chamber events, supporting fellow members, and always willing to lend a hand. They show up with energy, with positivity, and with a genuine desire to support others. With a background rooted in service, that commitment is clear in everything they do. Whether it's helping a fellow member, supporting an event, or simply being there when needed — they lead by example. They don't do it for recognition. They do it because they believe in this Chamber, in this community, and in the people who make it strong. That is what the SparkPlug Award represents — someone who ignites energy, inspires others, and helps move us all forward. And this individual does that every single day."

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