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**SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR:** Kelsey and Zach Bowman accept the award for Southern Pretties Shop, with Drew Beckett and Dr. Mandy Thornberry presenting.



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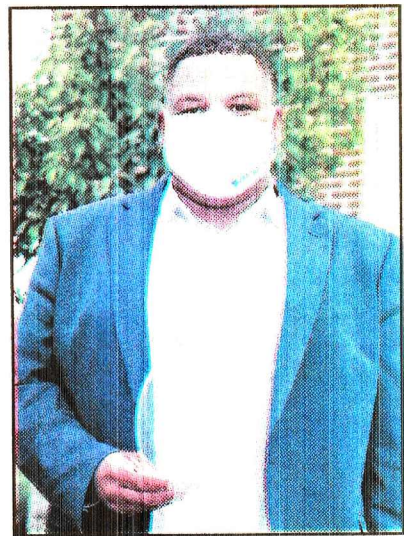
**NEW BUSINESS OF THE YEAR:** Drew Brewer and Britanna Gilbert accept the award for Bourbontown Pharmacy.

**NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR:** Bourbon County Schools System, included in the picture are Superintendent Amy Baker and staff, Drew Beckett and Ned Sheehy.



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**AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR:** The award was accepted from Drew Beckett by Melissa Crump, of Crump Spurlock Attorneys.



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**COMMUNITY PERSON OF THE YEAR:** Tyquan Rice, Paris Independent Schools.

## Many Recognized

# Annual Chamber Gala Held Outdoors In Millersburg

Though originally postponed due to rain, the Annual Chamber of Commerce annual Gala and Awards Ceremony was held Friday, September 11, 2020 outside at Mustard Seed Hill in Millersburg.

Emceed by Chamber President Drew Beckett, awards were presented for Community Person of the Year, Ambassador of the Year, Educator of the Year, Business/Industry of the Year, Non-Profit of the Year, Small Business of the Year and New Business of the Year.

The event was sponsored this year by Crump Spurlock Attorneys, Dr. Amanda Thornberry, The Southern Marketplace, Southern Pretties Shop, Frames on Main, CASA of Lexington, Trakside at the Depot and Amy Boone of Sweet Home KY.

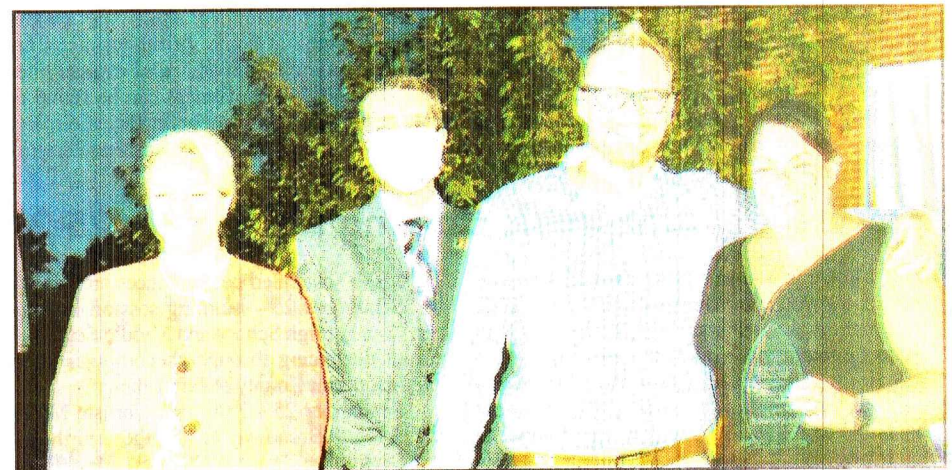
There was also a silent auction accessible at the event as well as online.

The entire evening was recorded and posted on Facebook Live.

The current Chamber Board of Directors include Director Lauren Biddle, President Drew Beckett, Stephen McCauley, Brandon Eason, Dave Bond, Tom Ralston, Dr. Mandy Thornberry, Amy Baker, Paul Clift and Debra Hutchison.

Photos around this story illustrate the winners of various awards.

A video of the event can be found on bourbon-countycitizen.com under the "video" section.



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**BUSINESS/INDUSTRY OF THE YEAR:** Winners were Holly and Curtis Mackley who pose here with Erin Hunt Ferguson, far left and Drew Beckett.



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**EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR:** Stephen McCauley, Superintendent, Paris Independent Schools,

# Substance Use/Abuse Is The Number One Concern Of The Citizens

SUBMITTED BY  
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Bourbon County Health Department

Community Health Assessments conducted by the Bourbon County Health Department reveals that substance use/abuse is the number one concern of the citizens. There are many actions being taken to help to reduce this concern. Substance use/abuse is a complicated issue to address. To gain change in this issue, there must be education, prevention, enforcement, and treatment. Once all of these actions come together consistently and collaboratively, and are sustained, then and only then will a community see positive changes.

The Bourbon County Health Department is bringing a series of 3 articles to parents to help them engage in conversation with their children. When parents talk, children listen, even when you think they are not. Engage in conversation with someone else when the children are in the same area. They are listening. I hope you enjoy Week One.

Approximately 88,000 Americans die from alcohol attributed causes each year, making alcohol the third leading preventable cause of death in the United States. Additionally, another 64,000 annual deaths are attributable to drug overdoses. The benefits of reducing underage drinking and substance use are substantial, including saving lives and dollars, and promoting the health of young people.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) "Talk. They Hear You."® Campaign's goal is to provide parents and caregivers with the resources they need to address the issue of alcohol and other drugs with their children under the age of 21. The Campaign seeks to:

- Increase parents' awareness of the prevalence and risks of underage drinking and substance use;
- Equip parents with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to prevent underage drinking and substance use; and
- Increase actions by parents to prevent underage drinking and substance use.

Adolescents Are Engaging in Underage Drinking and Substance Use

Alcohol continues to be the most widely used substance among America's youth, with an estimated 7.4 million people younger than the age of 21 drinking alcohol in the past month. Marijuana is also prevalent among adolescents. An estimated 1.2 million adolescents aged 12 to 17 used marijuana for the first time in 2017, which translates to approximately 3,300 adolescents each day. Additionally, more than one-third of adolescents are misusing prescription pain medications. Research indicates that 53 percent of people aged 12 to 17 obtained prescription pain relievers for the most recent nonmedical use from a friend or relative for free.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
[www.underagedrinking.samhsa.gov](http://www.underagedrinking.samhsa.gov)



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**HEALTHCARE WORKER OF THE YEAR:** Austin Lizer of Paris-Bourbon County EMS, accepted this award from Drew Beckett, and Mayor Johnny Plummer, right.



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**ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR:** Zach Bowman and Kelsey Bowman accept the award for Southern Pretties Shop from Drew Beckett (in back) and Shanda Smith, right.



Photo Submitted

HMH Human Resource, Becky Jenkins and HMH Chief Executive Officer, Sheila Currans with the awards.

# HMH Ranked 2nd In Best Places To Work In Kentucky

Harrison Memorial Hospital (HMH) was recognized and honored at the Best Places to Work in Kentucky sixteenth Annual Awards Ceremony on September 9 at the virtual event. The final rankings were announced at the event, and HMH ranked second out of 31 in the medium business category.

The Best Places to Work in Kentucky 2020 list is made up of 100 companies. There are three categories – small companies of 15-149 employees, medium companies of 150-499 employees and large companies consisting of more than 500 employees. HMH has been awarded this honor and was listed in the medium company category with 30 additional companies.

HMH has ranked second for two consecutive years, which is the highest ranking since being a part of awards ceremony in 2011. Furthermore, HMH was the highest ranked healthcare facility in all three groups. In addition, HMH was honored for being named the Best Places to Work in Kentucky for ten straight years. For the past ten years, HMH has been ranked eight times in the top ten.

"We are delighted and proud to receive this prestigious honor for Harrison Memorial Hospital. HMH one of the largest employers in Harrison County, providing careers to more than 450 highly skilled, highly dedicated professionals in both the clinical and non-clinical fields," says Dr. Stephen Besson, Chairman of the Harrison Memorial Hospital Board of Directors. "In addition, being ranked second in the medium business category is remarkable, and strengthens the fact that HMH is a top facility for employment as well as patient care."

The awards program was created in 2005 and is a project of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Kentucky Society for Human Resource Management Council and Best Companies Group.

This statewide survey and awards program was designed to identify, recognize and honor the best places of employment in Kentucky, benefiting the state's economy, workforce and businesses. The Best Places to Work in Kentucky 2020 list is made up of 100 companies.

"Being named second out of 31 companies and having the highest healthcare facility ranking is a phenomenal achievement. The patients we serve are most benefited when the employees are

happy and committed to their organization", said Sheila Currans, HMH Chief Executive Officer. "Employees are truly the core to our success and we want each employee to feel appreciated and respected. Hopefully, this environment will serve to only enhance the patient care experience."

For a list of winners, please visit <https://www.kychamber.com/2020-best-places-work-kentucky-ranked-company-listings>.

## CITY OF MILLERSBURG ORDINANCE NO. 2020-032

### AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ABANDONED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR 2020

WHEREAS, the City of Millersburg has established an abandoned property board to deal with abandoned properties in Millersburg pursuant to Kentucky statutes, and in order to provide for necessary services and funding of that process within the City of Millersburg, and to cover the costs attendant thereto:

Be it ordained by the City of Millersburg:

- (1) That the real property tax rate for property designated as abandoned

property located in the City of Millersburg shall be set at 75 cents per \$100.00 of assessed valuation.

(2) That this Ordinance shall become in full force upon enactment and publication as required by law.

Passed on first reading by the Millersburg City Council on the 17th day of August, 2020 and given second and final reading on the 14th day of September, 2020.

Attest:

Cora Coffey  
City Clerk

Mayor

[Signature]

## CITY OF MILLERSBURG ORDINANCE NO. 2020-033

### AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MOTOR VEHICLE AND WATERCRAFT TAX RATES FOR 2021

WHEREAS, the City of Millersburg in order to provide for necessary services and funding for essential municipal operations within the City of Millersburg, and to cover the costs attendant thereto:

Be it ordained by the City of Millersburg:

- (1) That the motor vehicle and watercraft tax rate for such property

located in the City of Millersburg shall be set at 61 cents per \$100.00 of assessed valuation.

(2) That this Ordinance shall become in full force upon enactment and publication as required by law.

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