

Annual Awards Open House

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Pleasantville Chamber of Commerce

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Message from the Director

Thank you for joining us today to show your support for our 2020 award recipients.

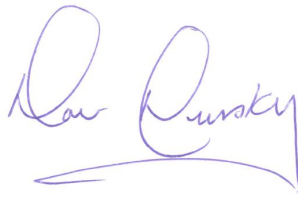


At the end of 2019, the whole world was looking to embrace a better 2020. Plans were well underway for Pleasantville's 9th Annual PIG OUT and the traditional 4th of July Parade and activities. Little did we know what was in store for us last year.

A few month's into the new year, a new virus was sweeping the nation, creating havoc. Events were canceled, families were separated, businesses and churches were closed, and face masks became the new fashion statement. It took some time to adjust to our new normal, but we did it! Our community persevered. Our businesses adjusted, our churches gathered online, office staff worked from home, and Zoom Meeting became the place to see friends and family.

The Pleasantville Chamber Board has a difficult task every year when selecting award winners, and last year was no different. Pleasantville is lucky to have so many outstanding people, businesses, and organizations willing to step-up, volunteer their time, talents, and resources.

We are proud of our community and honored to present our 2020 awards to the Mason Funeral Home, Leanne Sutter, and Midge Brooks. Congratulations!



Platinum Members

Bill Harvey Construction

295 Hayes Dr.
Pleasantville, Iowa 50225
(515) 975-5584

City of Pleasantville

108 W. Jackson St.
Pleasantville, Iowa 50224
(515) 848-3316

Iowa Realty (Michelle Greene)

701 W. Jasper St.
Pleasantville, Iowa 50225
(515) 971-6965

McKay Insurance Agency

106 E. Main St.
Knoxville, Iowa 50138
(641) 842-2135

Peoples Bank

802 W. Jasper St.
Pleasantville, Iowa 50225
(515) 848-5741

Pleasantville Emergency Services

1012 Business Hwy 5
Pleasantville, Iowa 50225
(515) 848-5123

Smokey Row Coffee Company

103 E. Monroe St.
Pleasantville, Iowa 50225
(515) 848-5958

Gold Members

Central Iowa Insurance

114 E. Monroe St.
Pleasantville, Iowa 50225
(515) 481-9709

Checkerboard Restaurant

108 E. Monroe St.
Pleasantville, Iowa 50225
(515) 848-3742

Dairy Shoppe

407 S. Old Hwy 5
Pleasantville, Iowa 50225
(515) 848-8617

Frosty's Pub 'n Grub

107 N. Jefferson St.
Pleasantville, Iowa 50225
(515) 848-5413

Lakefront Living, LLC Custom Engraving & Gifts

121 E. Monroe
Pleasantville, Iowa 50225
(515) 848-3000

Mason Funeral Home

902 North State Street
Pleasantville, Iowa 50225
(515) 848-3117

McCarty Roofing and Repair

806 20th Place
Pleasantville, Iowa 50225
(515) 490-9681

Myers Insurance Agency

201 West Monroe St.
Pleasantville, Iowa 50225
(515) 848-5413

Neogen Corporation

1006 Business Hwy 5
Pleasantville, Iowa 50225
(515) 848-5700

Stone Ridge Dental, P.L.C.

1008 W. Pleasant St.
Pleasantville, Iowa 50225
(515) 848-3691

Travis Trucking, LLC.

133 Dubuque St.
Pleasantville, Iowa 50225
(515) 250-9277

Lifetime Achievement

Midge Brooks

Born on May 1, 1928, Mildred “Midge” Brooks began a lifelong journey as a valued member of the Pleasantville community.

Midge graduated from Pleasantville High School in 1947, and entered into a 57 year marriage to Benjamin “Benny” Brooks, until his death in 2004. Midge and Benny have three children, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. In addition to raising their own family, they also helped raised a nephew.



Along with a lifetime of farm living in rural Pleasantville, where being a good neighbor was a priority, Midge and Benny were active in the Fairview and Pleasantville Christian Church, the local 4-H programs, Marion County Cattleman, and passionate supporters of the Pleasantville Community Schools.

Midge, like her mother before her, has become the “town” seamstress. She has donated countless hours to make, alter and repair many band, dance, and athletic uniforms. Recently, Midge was recognized as a member of the Alumni Hall of Fame by Pleasantville Schools.

Born with the gift to play the piano and organ “by ear”, she enjoys playing for Fairview and Pleasantville Christian Church. Midge has also shared her talent as an organist at Bertrand/Mason Funeral Homes for well over 30 years.

The Pleasantville Chamber recognized Midge as Person of the Year in 2006, and are honored to present her the 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award.



Volunteer of the Year

Leanne (Robuck) Sutter



Leanne (Robuck) Sutter was born and raised in Pleasantville. In 1984, she married Kenny Sutter and together they run a family farm, along with their two sons, Tyler and Jacob, daughter-in-laws, Megan and Kelsey, and six spunky grandchildren.

Leanne has spent many years volunteering her time in our state and community, advocating for agriculture.

She has been a 4-H leader, involved in the Women's Auxiliary & Fire Department, a member of the PHS Booster Club, participates in the FFA and Ag programs at the school, active in the Marion County Cattlemen's Association, volunteers to help with the Pleasantville Pig Out, and is a founding member of the Pleasantville FFA Alumni Association.

Leanne was instrumental in organizing the FFA Tram shuttle at the Iowa State Fair and has volunteered her time helping these and many other groups by staffing grills and serving meals for community events like the Pig Out, the PHS Booster Club, FFA Banquets, and the Iowa State Fair. She has judged concrete statues for the Iowa State Fair and handed out free pork samples for the Iowa Pork Producers.

Leanne has helped to educate children in Kindergarten through 12th grade by hosting Farm Safety Day, Hog Barn Tours, helping with the FFA Crop Plot, and soil contests. She has volunteered her time behind the scenes for many FFA contests, helping make them successful and memorable for the students.

Leanne's enthusiasm and continuing dedication to our community is inspiring. The Pleasantville Chamber of Commerce is proud to select Leanne (Robuck) Sutter as our 2020 Volunteer of the Year.

Business of the Year

Mason Funeral Home

From 1920 through 1930, Charlie Mason opened a furniture and undertaking business along East Monroe Street in downtown Pleasantville. In 1930, the funeral home moved to a building on Washington Street, north of the square. In 1968, construction of a new building on north State Street was completed and the funeral home moved to its present location.

After several owners, Ray Bertrand purchased Mason Funeral Home in 2000 from his father, Jerry Zager, who also owned Bybee & Davis Funeral Home in Knoxville.

Ray has made many updates to Mason Funeral Home in order to provide a higher standard of service for the families of Pleasantville and the surrounding communities. These updates improved the audio/visual equipment, a complete remodel of the selection room, and the addition of a cremation options display.

In March of 2020, a devastating fire destroyed the historic 120-year old Pleasantville Christian Church, leaving the congregation without a place to worship.

Ray stepped forward and allowed the congregation to use the funeral home's chapel until they could rebuild their church.

The Mason Funeral Home continues to support our families and community in their most difficult times.

Because of the compassion they've shown to our community, the Pleasantville Chamber of Commerce is excited to present Mason Funeral Home as the 2020 Business of the Year.

