



Henry County Water Authority 2016 Business of the Year

The Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year award recognizes a business which stands out among peers in the business community as a leading organization both in its approach to business and in service to the community. Recipient should demonstrate excellence in overall

business operation, including customer service, employee development/relations, site aesthetics, marketing, integrity, innovation and community contribution. Recipient must be a member in good standing of the Henry County Chamber of Commerce and operational for a minimum of three years. This year's honoree unquestionably meets and surpasses each of these requirements.

Tonight's honoree is not a traditional business for consideration, but an entity whose business in some ways can be considered business for Henry County. First operational in 1961 and continuously since then, it has been recognized for excellence in its operation on numerous occasions. The Business of the Year is the provider of essential services to Henry County, whether business, non-profit or individuals. It not only meets the daily needs of thousands, but maintains an inventory sufficient to provide for our needs for the next year, regardless of conditions.

Employees of the business have been recognized for excellence in operations, regularly receive high marks for technical competence and have proven that they are capable of meeting the business needs in a professional and efficient manner. The business product is regularly examined and has been consistently found to meet the most demanding standards of excellence.

From a community stand point, the business has a major role in attracting business and industry to Henry County. It has a well established reputation for delivering as needed, and the result of both planning and implementing a strategic plan has enabled the business to place Henry County in the enviable position of having the ability to meet prospective needs far in excess of other communities. Not satisfied with providing a necessary community product the business engages the community in other ways, including sponsoring youth events, providing youth educational programs, providing facilities for outdoor recreation and healthy living.

You may not realize that what you may consider just a public utility plays such an important role in the community, but that is exactly what our honoree does. Tonight we are pleased to honor the Henry County Water Authority as the Chamber of Commerce's 2016 Business of the Year.