Venango Area Chamber of Commerce

Outstanding Citizen Award

Each year, the Chamber bestows this award upon on an individual who consistently evidences civic leadership through volunteerism and service to their community. The Outstanding Citizen Award is among the Chamber's most prestigious community recognition awards.

The nominating committee is looking for Venango County citizens who demonstrate a well-rounded and deep-rooted commitment to family and community. Nominees must be community volunteers with records of extensive and diverse participation in community service and civic involvement, aside from accomplishments directly related to the candidate's employment.

Those wishing to nominate individuals for the Outstanding Citizen Award must submit an official nomination form along with a nominating letter that describes the nominee's background and qualifications for this award. Those having previously nominated candidates for the Outstanding Citizen awards may re-nominate a candidate by sending an updated nomination letter along with a nomination form. All selections are made without regard to race, color, creed, age or national origin.

The deadline for submitting a nomination is:
Friday, November 6, 2026

The nomination form is on the reverse side to this notice but is also available on the chamber's website at:
venangochamber.org/recognizing-excellence

Citizen of the Year Past Recipients

Robert L. English, Sr.	2010
Louis R. Kraft	2011
Dan Feroz	2012
Orie & Betty Hepler	2013
Brenda Carll	2014
R. Lee & Maureen James	2015
Stephen Kosak	2016
Urania "Rainy" Linn	2017
Leah Gesing	2018
Jamie Hunt	2019
Lisa Winger	2020
David Wagner	2021
Denise Jones	2022
Vince Witherup	2023
Cindy Urban	2024
Warren Thomas	2025

For additional history of past recipients visit the Chamber's website at venangochamber.org/recognizing-excellence

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2026 Nomination Form

Name of Candidate _____

Employer and Title _____

Home Address_____City_____State_____Zip_____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone_____

Preferred Email Address_____

Name of Nominator _____

Employer and Title_____ Relationship to Candidate_____

Home Address_____City_____State_____Zip_____

Home Phone_____ Business Phone_____

Preferred Email Address_____

Criteria:

- Candidate participates in activities that make a difference in the well-being of others
- Candidate has exceptional ethical qualities and strives to improve and preserve the community
- Candidate has shown support for the community over a period of time
- Completed nomination packet must include:
  - Nomination Form
  - Letter stating the candidate's qualities for the award, written by the nominator
  - Two letters of recommendation to support the nomination, from different sources
  - Additional documentation to support nomination if necessary, i.e. information about awards received, press releases or news articles citing community involvement, resume or biographical information.

Return the nomination form and all supporting materials by Friday, November 6, 2026

to the Venango Area Chamber of Commerce; 100 Seneca Street, 5th Floor; P.O. Box 376 Oil City, PA 16301.

Packet may be emailed to *kthompson@venangochamber.org*

If you have any questions, please contact Kat Thompson at (814) 676-8521.