





## 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual *Community Awards Descriptions*

The Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce is currently seeking nominations for the 2016 Community Awards Dinner to be held on **March 10, 2016** at the Dearth Community Center. Honorees will be recognized during the reception for the following categories based on the criteria listed below:

**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR** – An outstanding individual who lives or works in Branch County recognized for their impact on the lives and citizens of this community. This special individual shows dedication and spirit beyond what is considered regular duty. Nominee must have demonstrated integrity and ethics and have made a significant contribution to our community over the course of their career.

**EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR** - A classroom teacher or administrator who has demonstrated a superior capacity to inspire a love of learning in students. This individual should be a role model and inspiration to the education community and demonstrate leadership by their participation in community events and organizations.

**BUSINESS OF THE YEAR** – A business, small or large, that goes out of its way to become a community partner. This business donates time, resources and leadership to support projects and activities that benefit the community. This business exemplifies commitment to growth within the community.

### **OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE or PROFESSIONAL**

– A public service professional who goes above and beyond the call of duty. The category public service includes, but is not limited to, leaders in health care, police, fire, housing & development initiatives, city/county employees and/or elected officials. Active participants of public service organizations will also be included in this category for organizations such as United Way, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Kiwanis, etc. Achievements must be in a field positively affecting the well-being of Branch County whether in a paid role or voluntary.

### **OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION OR COMMUNITY PROGRAM**

– An organization, program that has demonstrated an exceptional achievement of its mission while improving quality of life in Branch County. Examples include, but are not limited to, local non-profits, charities, churches or agencies.

*All nominees must be a resident or business owner in Branch County. At least one recommendation letter for each nomination is preferred (not to exceed three). You may nominate candidates for more than one category; however, the Awards Committee will make the final decision on the category. Please complete one form for each nominee. Tickets available at [www.coldwaterchamber.com](http://www.coldwaterchamber.com) or at the Chamber of Commerce, 20 Division St.*

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