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- Dean Sanders
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On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Mountain Home Education Foundation, I want to thank you for your support. As you read stories about outstanding work, I hope you will understand our pride for the Mountain Home Public Schools alumni, teachers, staff, and community partners. As we continue our work, we look forward to providing more opportunities for the students and teachers of Mountain Home Schools.



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**JENNIFER SEAMAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MHEF**

I am thrilled to serve the Mountain Home Education Foundation as the new Executive Director this year. I have always known about and appreciated this organization, but over the past few months I have had a chance to witness the true generosity and concern for students that exists in this community. We are blessed with friends and neighbors who truly value education and understand the importance of giving back to the next generation. Thank you for being here with us tonight to recognize these deserving honorees.

ON THE COVER



Sixth grade students in Vonya Schaufler's science class at Pinkston Middle School work together to measure solar oven temperatures during a class project funded by a MHEF Teaching Grant.

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About the

MHEF

The Mountain Home Education Foundation (MHEF) was created to raise funds to support the educational programs for both students and staff of Mountain Home Public Schools. The MHEF will provide funds for educational programs and activities that have not been funded by the district's normal operating budget. These funds will be used to facilitate student achievement and skill development, to recognize and encourage staff excellence, and to expand community involvement from individuals, businesses, and civic organizations.

MHEF WILL ACHIEVE ITS MISSION BY DIRECTING RESOURCES TOWARD THE FOLLOWING GOALS:

- Provide scholarships for post-secondary education
- Provide funds for teaching grants to enable innovative teaching projects
- Recognize staff, alumni, and friends of the school district for exemplary contributions
- Build community awareness for the MHEF
- Inspire parents and the community to participate with the school district in enriching education

SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 2003, THE MOUNTAIN HOME EDUCATION FOUNDATION HAS AWARDED MORE THAN \$1,000,000 IN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND MORE THAN \$375,000 IN TEACHING GRANTS.

Ways you can **CONNECT**

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MOUNTAIN HOME EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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Retired Educator

RALPH INGRAM



**"I JUST ENJOYED SEEING
THEM LEARN AND
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THEM GROW UP."**

Ralph Ingram

Ralph Ingram has lived on Moccasin Creek all of his 78 years, except the four years he attended the University of Arkansas. Ralph's beautiful farm is a sprawling 345 acres, and he lives there with his sister Thelma, a couple busy farm dogs, and about 60 head of black angus cattle.

Ingram's life today is simple. He enjoys farm life and attends the same country church he has gone to for decades. It's safe to say that Ingram values dedication and loyalty. When you look at his 44-year career as a teacher at Mountain Home Public Schools, those two terms can definitely be used to define him.

Ingram graduated from Calico Rock High School in 1959 and headed directly to the University of Arkansas with dreams of becoming an engineer. "I realized I wasn't engineering material; it wasn't for me" Ingram joked. "So I decided soon to go into education, and I went in with math and science as a teaching subject."

When he graduated from college, he was offered a full time teaching position for \$2,800 a year in the Springdale School District where he completed his student teaching. "When I would tell that story to my students, they would say 'You mean \$2,800 a month, don't you?' and I would say, 'no, that was what they offered for the whole year.'"

But Ingram learned that there was a job opening in Mountain Home, and he could hear Moccasin Creek calling his name, so he went to visit with Mr. Bentley Stracener who offered him a science and math teaching position at Mountain Home Junior High. Ingram taught six years at the junior high level and then decided his upper-level math skills were getting rusty, so he transferred to an open math teaching position at Mountain Home High School where he taught for the next 38 years.

"When I started out, well everything was pencil and paper," Ingram said. "There were no calculators when I started, and later on when calculators came in, well that was a big improvement, but it was also a big change."

During his time as a teacher, he saw many changes and trends. "In the history of my time, they changed to what they called 'Modern Math,'

but it really wasn't all that much different; they just rearranged the concepts," Ingram said. "A lot of people were scared of it -- particularly elementary teachers. They were scared that it would really be something different, but the only changes really were in terminology and that sort of thing."

At the high school, Ingram taught Geometry, Algebra II, Trigonometry, and PreCalculus. His favorite course to teach was Algebra II. "I just enjoyed the course," he said. "It was high enough up that it was challenging to the students, and it was interesting to me."

The subject matter that Ingram taught was always appealing to him, but more than anything he enjoyed being able to share mathematics with young people while getting to know them and watching them grow up. "I just enjoyed seeing them learn and enjoy themselves," he said. "I just enjoyed seeing them grow up."

Ingram noted that he could not have accomplished much if he hadn't enjoyed being around his students. "I liked the kids, and I think you have to like them if you're going to be successful," he said. "You know, love begets love. Some of my students didn't think too much of me at the time, but I think that there was respect there, and later on they've proven that there was respect."

Ingram runs into former students from time to time, as you might expect after a 44-year teaching career, and he always enjoys hearing what they've accomplished. In fact, Mountain Home High School math teacher Garrett Rucker has gone from Ingram's student, to his colleague, to his friend. They still visit often, and Rucker attributes his love of teaching math in part to his experiences in Ingram's classes.

Ingram said he has fond memories of his colleagues in Mountain Home. "I really liked everybody I worked with," he said. "I taught with so many people who were excellent educators."

Ingram retired in 2007, but his legacy continues through all the lives he positively impacted during his 44 years in the classroom.

Retired Classified Staff

MIKE & JOY WALKER



"I FIRST THOUGHT THE JOB WAS ABOUT BUILDING BUILDINGS. IT REALLY WASN'T. THE LONGER I WORKED THERE, I FIGURED OUT IT WAS REALLY ABOUT KIDS -- TAKING CARE OF KIDS AND EDUCATING KIDS. THAT WAS THE GREATEST THING ABOUT THE JOB."

Mike Walker

Right before Mike and Joy Walker got married, he told her that he wanted to live in Mountain Home someday. Joy wasn't so sure. She liked their life in Jonesboro. She liked being close to a mall. She couldn't picture living somewhere as rural as Mountain Home, but when her oldest son was three and her youngest son was just a month old, Joy told Mike she was ready. Suddenly the quiet life nestled between the Twin Lakes and the White River sounded much more appealing to her. She was thinking of her children, and she wanted them to have a happy, safe environment to learn and grow. And over the next few decades, both Joy and Mike would have successful careers at Mountain Home Public schools, helping to ensure that all the students in the district had a happy, safe learning environment.

After the move to Mountain Home, Mike worked building spec houses. He was skilled in all facets of construction: framing, wiring, plumbing, painting, etc. Joy stayed home with the boys until they were both in school, and then she took a position at Nelson-Wilks-Herron Elementary School where she ran the computer lab. In her 25-year career at Mountain Home Public Schools, Joy worked in the computer lab, the Nelson-Wilks-Herron office, at Central Office, and she finished her career in the front office at Mountain Home Kindergarten. "It was an interesting experience, because when I was in the classroom, I thought the whole world revolved around that computer lab and as long as I got what I needed in there, then things were good," she said. "Then I took a job in the office and realized that my classroom had just been one part of a whole school. Again, when I went to Central Office, I realized that my school building had been just one part of a whole district. It was interesting to see things from different perspectives."

For the first six years that Joy worked in the district, Mike continued his career in construction, serving as an electrician for several years. One day he got a call from Superintendent Steve Singleton, who wanted to tell him

about an open position as Director of Auxiliary Services. Previously this position had been held by a certified employee, but now that it was vacant, the School Board was interested in hiring someone with a lot of construction expertise. That Board had purchased 60+ acres of land, and they had big plans for it. Today that acreage contains Hackler Intermediate School, Central Office, and the new baseball and softball complex. Walker worked on all those projects and countless others during his 20 years in the district.

When Mike started the job, he had one idea of what his role would be, but that changed the longer he worked in the district. "I first thought the job was about building buildings," he said. "It really wasn't. The longer I worked there, I figured out it was really about kids -- taking care of kids and educating kids. That was the greatest thing about the job."

Both Mike and Joy enjoyed engaging with students regularly during their careers. "Schools are a healing place," Joy said. "Children just make you feel good."

Mike agreed that his contact with kids was his favorite part about working in the district. "The biggest and most important job I had there was to open car doors for Kindergarten-ers in the mornings," he said. "It's the best."

Joy has been retired for two years, and Mike retired a little over a year ago. But their lives still revolve around kids: their kids and grand-kids. Their son Cody and his wife Hayden live in Birmingham, AL, with their 22-month-old son Rhett. Their son Clint and his wife Melissa live in Hattiesburg, MS with their 16-month-old son Trey. Mike and Joy spend time on the road visiting both boys and their families, and when they're home Mike plays music with the local band, the Melodikats. The couple also loves spending time in the beautiful home Mike recently built for them overlooking the White River in Cotter.

Congrats!
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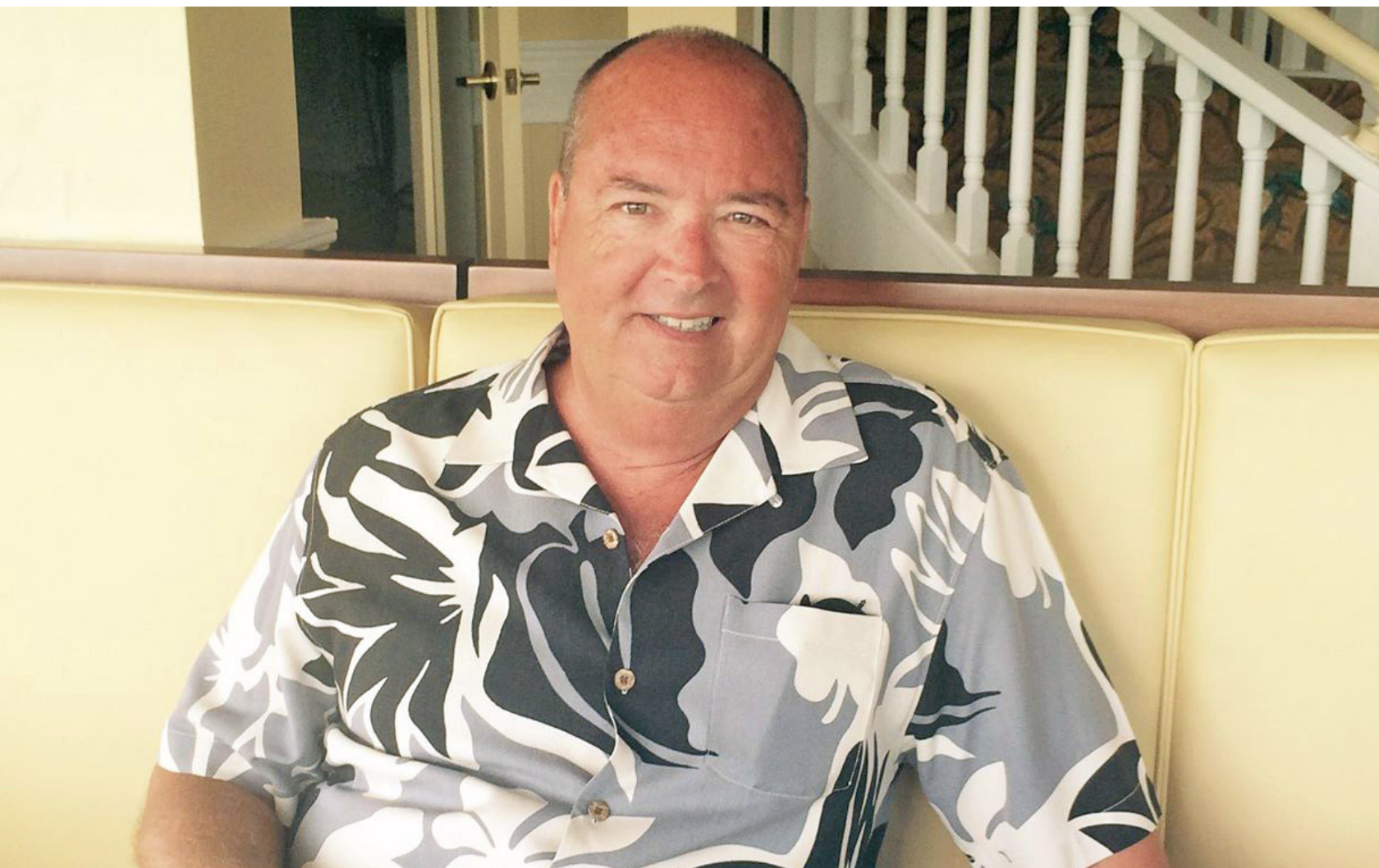
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Distinguished Alumnus

DEAN SANDERS



"I WAS BLESSED TO HAVE SAM WALTON, THE FOUNDER OF WALMART, AS MY MENTOR. HE TAUGHT ME TO BE A SERVANT LEADER -- CARING ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO WORKED FOR ME. I CARED ABOUT MAKING OTHERS SUCCESSFUL, AND MY HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO WALMART MADE ME SUCCESSFUL."

Dean Sanders

Dean Sanders, son of Carew W. and Dorothy Sanders, attended Mountain Home Public Schools after the Oakland School consolidated into the district. He graduated from MHHS in 1968. During high school, Dean played football all four years, was a member of FBLA, and a fire marshall. “Mountain Home is the ideal place to grow up and go to school,” Sanders said. “I made friends for life: Bob Bryant, Rick Russell, and Jerry Silzell, and many others. We water skied, fished, hunted, rode horses, and played sports.”

Sanders’ parents had a strong work ethic and encouraged him to work from a young age, so it was not surprising that while he worked toward a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (majoring in banking and finance) from the University of Arkansas, he also began working as a store clerk at the Fayetteville Walmart.

Also while in college, Sanders married his high school sweetheart Cindy, a native of Mountain Home and daughter of David and Marilyn Nevius. “The best thing about living in Mountain Home was meeting my Cindy,” Sanders said lovingly.

After he graduated from college, Sanders joined the Assistant Managers Training program through Walmart where he moved several times and trained in various store locations. At 24 years old, Sanders was promoted to store manager, becoming the youngest store manager at that time. The Siloam Springs store earned “Store of the Year” under his leadership.

Eventually Sanders was promoted to the Walmart General Office in Bentonville where he contributed on many job levels; including buying, fashion distribution, and operations. He became an Executive Vice President of Walmart Stores and served on the Walmart Executive Committee. He was then chosen to run the Sam’s Club division as President and Chief Executive Officer. He served in that ca-

capacity for two years before retiring at 45 years old after 25 years of service to Walmart.

Sanders worked closely with Mr. Sam Walton during his time at Walmart, and he is even mentioned in Mr. Sam’s book. “I was blessed to have Sam Walton, the founder of Walmart, as my mentor,” Sanders said. “He taught me to be a servant leader -- caring about the people who worked for me. I cared about making others successful, and my hard work and dedication to Walmart made me successful.”

While working at Walmart, Sanders began showing and raising quarter horses and showing at National Cutting Horse shows throughout the United States. Sanders set up a very successful cutting horse operation using the management skills he acquired at Walmart.

Sanders had horse trainers who worked for him, but he also enjoyed showing horses himself. He won a number of horse shows, including one of the largest -- The Super Stakes. His horse was chosen as NCHA horse of the year in 2001, and the runner-up that year was another of his horses. Sanders was inducted into the National Cutting Horse Hall of Fame in 2005.

Sanders and Cindy have been married for 49 years, having raised two children: Shannon and Kyle. Now his time is spent enjoying his five grandchildren (Maddox, Crew, Grayson, Sterling, and Sawyer) and their activities. He spends his time hunting quail and deer, a sport he has enjoyed since his youth in Mountain Home. They visit Northwest Arkansas from their home in Spring, Texas regularly to see their son and his family, and they also enjoy coming to see loved ones in Mountain Home. “What a great place to grow up,” Sanders said.

Community Partner

BAXTER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER



“WHEN YOU LOOK AT BEING COMMUNITY DRIVEN, THEN YOU HAVE TO LOOK AND SAY, ‘WHAT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO THIS COMMUNITY AND TO THE STUDENTS IN THIS COMMUNITY?’”

Ron Peterson, President & CEO

The mission of Baxter Regional Medical Center is “To provide excellent care for every patient, every time.” This mission aligns perfectly with Mountain Home Public School’s mission of “Committed to excellence in education -- every student, every time.” Together, these institutions have created a great partnership that provides real-world learning opportunities to K-12 students and creates a pipeline for students to enter the healthcare field and potentially go to work for BRMC.

Ron Peterson, President and CEO of Baxter Regional Medical Center, said the organization puts a major focus on serving the community. “When you look at being community driven, then you have to look and say, ‘What is our responsibility to this community and to the students in this community?’” he said. “It’s really a win-win benefit for us, because A) it makes us a good, responsible corporate citizen of Mountain Home, but also it’s our future workforce, and there’s no way that we could survive without having people come from the high school and working at Baxter Regional Medical Center.”

Over the past 15 years, Mountain Home High School seniors have had the opportunity to intern at Baxter Regional Medical Center. BRMC employees train the medical intern students in several departments and career fields throughout the semester. Alecia Czansktowski, the high school’s medical internship supervisor, noted that she sees former high school interns all over the hospital campus today as current employees. “Many of these students go on into the healthcare field to be doctors, nurses, therapists, techs,” she said. “I’ve seen many of them at the hospital with my new interns. It’s always good to see those friendly faces and know they started out as interns in our department.”

In addition to the strong internship program, BRMC provides guest speakers and hands-on learning opportunities across the district. It is not unusual to see Jodi Bodenhamer from the Reppell Diabetes Learning Center in one of the district’s classrooms discussing the importance of nutrition and exercise with students. A number of BRMC

employees serve as mentors at MHHS, and they visit those classrooms monthly. Students have received tours of emergency vehicles, and have learned life-saving procedures from BRMC medical professionals.

BRMC has been generous to the district by providing the Health & Human Services Academy shirts each year. The hospital also provides the district with an athletic trainer on staff and with other medical personnel during athletic events. Several EAST projects, like the BigLil sister program, have been funded by BRMC. Last year a MHHS student took on an Eagle Scout project that involved him raising funds for new AEDs across the school district. After this student fund-raised on his own, BRMC and the hospital’s Foundation stepped in to fund the remainder of the necessary AEDs.

Dr. Jake Long, Superintendent of Mountain Home Public Schools believes the partnership with Baxter Regional Medical Center has far-reaching impacts. “There’s no way to measure the impact that our partnership with BRMC has had on students, on our community, and beyond,” he said. “BRMC is invested in the future of our community, and they have recognized the importance of inspiring and training the future workforce by partnering with our schools.”

About Baxter Regional Medical Center

Baxter Regional Medical Center opened as Baxter General Hospital in 1963 with 39 beds and four physicians. Today the nonprofit hospital employs more than 1,700 people, with more than 180 primary care and specialist physicians and mid-level providers on our medical staff and over 500 volunteers in the BRMC Auxiliary. The facility features 268 all-private beds and encompasses more than 500,000 square feet. BRMC’s state-of-the-art healthcare services include, but are not limited to, 3D mammography, behavioral health, cancer care, complete cardiac care, diabetes management, neurosurgery, orthopaedics, pain management, physical rehabilitation and wound healing services.

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Conner Oxford, 2nd runner up

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Skyler Cones	Heather Hestley	Allyson Morrison	Neigha Stetka	Alexis Yearwood
Crisy Cook	Kaleb Hodges	Mackenzie Morrison	Brett Stockfish	Kaitlyn Zulfer
Becca Crawford	Julie Hopkins	Andre Munson	Ashley Stone	
Noah Cutchall	Seth Horn	Trusten Nothwehr	Tyler Stonelake	
Graham Davidson	Mercedes Hotchkiss	Shania Parker	Michael Street	

Teaching Grant Highlight

AMERICAN GRAFFITI DAY AT PINKSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

The seventh grade American Graffiti Day project is a cross-curricular unit that features tie-ins from a variety of subject areas. Seventh grade students read and analyze "The Outsiders" in literacy class, research social issues and occurrences from the 1960s in their social studies classes, create advertisement art pieces and study popular artists from the time period in art class, and learn songs from the time period in band and choir.

On American Graffiti Day, students gather for a 1960s-themed program, perform musical numbers, dance, and dress like they are from the 1960s. They even get to attend a classic car show on campus, hosted by the Mountain Home and White River Car Clubs.

The MHEF awarded the seventh grade teachers a teaching grant so that they could purchase materials, supplies, and prizes for the event. This year, the seventh grade teachers took the learning a step further by incorporating the "Gravy with Grandparents" event the week before American Graffiti Day. This allowed students to eat a meal with their grandparents (or volunteers) and have discussions about the similarities and differences between the generations.

Toni Hamby, the lead teacher for the grant-funded project shared this: "Through the MHEF teaching grant grant, the seventh grade teachers have been able to extend student learning this year with our unit of study about "What we can learn from another generation" that ties into our big American Graffiti Day.

We were able to invite grandparents to come and eat breakfast with our 7th graders, free of cost, and to get a chance to just sit and talk over a simple meal. There were even question prompts available to help get some good, old-fashioned face-to-face conversations going. We would never have been able to include this home connection piece without the support of the Foundation."

The MHEF encourages teachers to try something new and to extend their current curriculum in new ways, and this is just one example of impactful work that these grants fund.



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2019

RALPH INGRAM

MIKE WALKER

JOY WALKER

DEAN SANDERS

BAXTER REGIONAL
MEDICAL CENTER

2004

Fannie Pinkston
Bob Hackler
Evelyn Hackler
Mary Hogle
Larry Choate
Nell Powell Wright
Linda Pitts
Terry Poynter
Dr. Fran Coulter
Earnest Perry

2005

Thelma G. Carter
Mary Alice Elam
Willie Mae Magness
Bentley Stracener
Dr. William R. Snow
Larry Nelson
Wade Doshier
Darren Irby
Dr. Jennifer Wiseman
Imogene Roane

2006

Norma Wood
Patsy Mooney Chambers
Betty Jo Atkinson
Dr. Stanley Trauth
Dr. Thomas Bruce
Admiral Robert Baker, M.D.
Thurston Perry

2007

Dean Hudson
Vicki Brantley
Nell Ponder
Frances Hackler Jones
Dr. Darren McGuire
Dr. Simon Abraham
Nannie Lee Trammel

2008

Don Dempsey
Leo Pitchford
Mauzee Pitchford
Dr. Carson Davis
Kevin L. Perkins
Dr. Janet Cathey
Sherry Perkins
Norma Bryant

2009

Sheridan Kirksey
Sarah Kelly
Barbie Kent Graham
Thomas Fowler
Bob Knight
Richard Padget
Sergeant Tom Knebel

2010

Robert Nelson
Renata Jenkins Byler
Dean Curlee
Dr. Robert Ahrens
Elaine Hughes
First National Bank
Pfc. Wilford Knight

2011

Susan Bergman
Dr. Ed Coulter
Warren Haley
Gwen Khayat
Anna Jean Dahlke
Bonnie Brown
Army Infantry Private
Homer F. Strain

2018

Margaret Mason
Norman Mason
Glenda Small
Robert Newton
John Partipilo
Marvin Kunz
LTG. Paul Ostrowski
Arkansas State University -
Mountain Home

2017

John W. "Bill" Maxwell
Brandi Sanders Joplin
First Security Bank
Hal E. "Bud" Bodenhamer

2016

Nancy Reed
Mica Strother
Dr. Max Cheney
Southern Tag & Label

2015

Anita King
Jeffery Koenig
Dr. James McGuire
Jane Ritter
Ted Sanders
Donel Jo Dobbs

2014

Calvin Czeschin
Nancy Knight Crawford
Patty Marion
Debbie Shearer Walker

2013

John Erwin
Pat Hickman
Nora Regan
Steve Singleton
Pfc. Elvin French

2012

Terre Ware
Jackie Edmonds
Neil Putz
James Biggers
Baxter Healthcare
Lance Corporal Sidney Lee
Fletcher