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2023 Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce Board

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The Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce Board from left Vice President Janis Traugher, Board Member Dee Loflin, Board Member Zach Pounds, Secretary/Treasurer Karen Griffin and President Amy Haas.

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Las Brisas Named Bloomfield Chamber Business of the Year

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The Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce held their annual awards banquet on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at the Boathouse Wine Company.

Las Brisas opened its Bloomfield location in 2018. This was their 10th restaurant to open. This November they will celebrate 19 years of being in the restaurant business.

The Chamber and its members are so incredibly proud to have them in our community and we are thankful for all of our local citizens who support them.

The founding of Las Brisas has been a real embodiment of the American Dream and the entire Marquez family is incredibly grateful.

They were able to stay open during much of the Covid-19 pandemic utilizing their drive thru and keeping their employees working.

They have been a huge supporter of several Chamber Banquet events and have supported the Halloween Trunk or Treat event.

And they have given back to the community by supplying all of the Bloomfield school teachers with gift cards.

Their goal in the beginning was to provide us with delicious food and great service and they have accomplished that. They have crafted a place where one can come and enjoy eating with family. I believe it's a great place to feel at home. The food is delicious and the service is excellent.

The Bloomfield Chamber would like to recognize Gustavo Marquez, owner of Las Brisas, his family, and manager, Mr. Cesar Marquez by honoring Las Brisas with the Bloomfield Chamber Business of the Year Award.

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Peter Coutavas Named Bloomfield Chamber Man of the Year

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This “young” man is originally from New York, but he married a southeast Missouri gal named Maryann and ended up in Puxico, Missouri.

He recently became the Administrator of the IDA - Industrial Development Authority of Stoddard County in 2021. However he has served on the board for nearly 19 years. His main function is to create jobs, promote industry and promote tourism.

The IDA of Stoddard County office is located in Bloomfield on the Courthouse Square.

He was the former mayor of Puxico and currently serves as a city alderman. He is a veteran of the United States Air Force and is a member of the Dexter Elks Lodge. He also attends Chapel on the Hill Church.

You might think why is a Puxico man receiving a Bloomfield award. Well his latest endeavor has been working with the Chamber through the IDA in filling the empty buildings in downtown Bloomfield. He attends many Commissioner meetings and is always putting in effort to “rent out” the buildings that belong to the county so downtown Bloomfield will hopefully thrive again.

He also attends most every Chamber event and ribbon cutting and he has assisted with financial funding to many of the businesses in Bloomfield utilizing IDA monies. He is a huge supporter of Bloomfield and we are thankful for his endeavors in helping Bloomfield thrive.

The Bloomfield Chamber would like to recognize and honor Peter Coutavas with the Man of the Year Award.

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Tammy Fowler Named Bloomfield Chamber Woman of the Year

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The Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce held their annual awards banquet on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at the Boathouse Wine Company.

Tammy Fowler knew she wanted to be a nurse since she was in the 3rd grade and she did just that. She became a registered nurse in 1980 and a Family Nurse Practitioner in 1997.

As Tammy says, she is a city slicker from California. She married Ken Fowler in 1978 and it was Ken who brought her here to live in Missouri in 1980.

It was like a foreign country to her. Tammy and her husband, Ken, built a family here having two daughters, Jennifer and Rebecca and later a granddaughter Kylie and a grandson Triston.

Tammy lost her husband in 2021. He was a Veteran. She continues to build their legacy here in the community. She is a member of Mt. Zion Walker General Baptist Church, the Veterans Foreign War Auxiliary and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

She raises some cattle and chickens on their small farm here in Bloomfield and her California family enjoy coming to visit the rural community.

She has spent the majority of her professional career with Missouri Delta Medical Center and most recently with Southeast Health at the Bloomfield Health Clinic. She enjoys family practice because she gets to know the clients and develops a strong relationship with them, considering them an extension of her family. Her practice allows her to be

there for her extended families who journey through battling serious medical health conditions. the relationships she has build here in the community with the people she takes care of will last a lifetime.

The clients of Bloomfield truly care for Tammy and it definitely shows.

On behalf of the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce, the Woman of the Year Award is dedicated to Tammy Fowler.

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John Bruce has lived and worked in Bloomfield his entire life. He is a 1982 graduate of Bloomfield High School and is considered a "fixture" of Bloomfield.

In the summer, you can usually spot John moving one of several yards around town after work. He seems to know everyone in town, and most of the town knows John.

He tries to help anybody in need and especially the elderly.

John began his career with the city in 1983 working mainly part-time for the street department. He was able to work more hours during the summer months mowing.

In 1993 John became a full-time employee for the street department for the city of Bloomfield and has been with the city ever since.

John has two grown children and two grandchildren.

You may find John working somewhere in the city and we are very grateful for his continued service to the people of Bloomfield, especially the elderly.

The Bloomfield Chamber was extremely proud to give John the City of Bloomfield Personnel of the Year Award!

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