

"Put Your Best Face Forward"



DARLING HARDWARE, 156 N. Main Street in uptown Perry, is winner of this month's "Put Your Best Face Forward." The trophy was presented Saturday, Oct. 16, by City Councilmember Mike Johnson.

Employees present during the presentation, include (from left): Richard Spickenreither (37 years); Debbie Hanks (1 year); Scott Williams (2 years); Janny Darling (45 years); Johnson; and Victor Darling (18 years).

Mary Jackson (12 years) and Ralph Dansby (3 years) were unavailable for the photo.

Founded in 1935, Darling Hardware is now owned and operated by fourth-generation family members. The hometown hardware store was the first local business to be selected by the community as the #1 VIB (Very Important Business of the Year) sponsored by the Perry-Morrice Area Chamber of Commerce in 2009. Winners of that award are nominated based on customer and community service.

The monthly "Put Your Best Face Forward" award recipient is selected by a council member based on overall appearance, clean sidewalks and windows, window presentation, flower displays (weeded/watered) and absence of trash.

Recipients receive the traveling trophy to display in the business throughout the month and are recognized through local media.