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2025 JONESVILLE CITIZENS OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED

The Jonesville City Council is pleased to announce the selection of Tim Bowman as the 2025 Jonesville Citizen of the Year and Emily Toner as the 2025 Jonesville Youth Citizen of the Year. The public is invited to an Award Ceremony on Tuesday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m. at The Sauk Theatre to honor the contributions of these outstanding individuals.

Tim Bowman was born and raised in Hillsdale County and is a long-time resident and public servant in Jonesville. His service to the community includes serving on the Jonesville Riverfest Committee, cleaning the St. Joe River, and planning and running canoe races during Riverfest weekend. Tim served on the Jonesville Village Council and the Jonesville City Council for more than 13 years, including service on the Personnel and Budget Committees. Tim is a member of the Jonesville Rotary, and previously served on the Jonesville Business Association. He was a bee keeper for many years and joyfully shares his hobby with anyone who expresses interest.

Tim was nominated by Andy Penrose, who served with him for many years on the Council. “Tim has been by friend, my colleague, and in many ways my role model. He has great problem-solving skills and insight, and an unwavering commitment to make Jonesville a progressive place to live,” Andy said. “We are fortunate to have Tim as a leader in Jonesville.”

Emily Toner is a senior at Jonesville High School, where she is an outstanding student with dual enrollment courses at Jackson College. She is a member of the National Honor Society with a grade point average over 4.0. She is the current vice president of the Hillsdale County Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council (YAC). She has participated in a number of YAC initiatives like Fill the Freezer and the “Track the YAC” 5K event. Emily serves on the Above the Influence student group that provided for families in need at Christmas. Overall, she has committed more than 50 hours annually to service to the community.

“She is an active presence in the community as a volunteer, and she has made a genuine impact on a variety of different people and organizations throughout the past several years,” said Peter Konieczki who nominated Emily for the award. “Ultimately, Emily has had a profound impact on her community, and is the precise sort of ambassador that Jonesville should hope to send out into the world.”

Tickets for the Award Ceremony are available for \$5.00 at the Jonesville City Hall. The Jonesville Citizenship Awards act to recognize the contributions of citizens to the Jonesville community based on several aspects including, community involvement, leadership, and volunteerism. Nominations can be

submitted to the City at any time. Visit www.jonesville.org or stop in to City Hall to pick up a nomination form.

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