

2018 Award Winners

KWWL

Having been located at the corner of Franklin and 4th for many years, KWWL came to a crossroads and had to make the decision between refurbishing its existing historic building or constructing a new building most likely outside of Waterloo. While the easy choice could have been to build a new building designed to their needs, they made the decision to reconstruct their existing building at a cost of \$10 million. As part of the renovation the first floor façade was returned to an appearance closer to what it would have had in its early days.



Sharon Smith

Sharon Smith lives in Waterloo's one residential historic district the Highland Historic District. Sharon has become well known in the neighborhood as the person who will go around the area and pick up any garbage that has been left. Sharon does what she can to make her community a better place.



Reverend Holmes and Dr. Kirkland-Holmes Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church

Reverend Holmes is the pastor of Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in the Walnut Neighborhood. Since purchasing the church Reverend Holmes and his wife Dr. Kirkland-Holmes have put in blood, sweat, tears and especially their own money in keeping up this unique architectural icon going.



Charles Pearson

Charles Pearson is a Waterloo Native that has worked tirelessly for many years to bring a great awareness of African-American history to Iowa and especially to his hometown of Waterloo. He recently worked with Abraham Funchess to have an awards ceremony and bus tour honoring Martin Luther King Jr. on the 50th anniversary of his assassination.



Katie Orlando

While Katie Orlando is a member of the Historic Preservation Commission, her full time job is Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters for Northeast Iowa. Despite having to suffer through a serious illness over the last few months, Katie went above and beyond the call of duty by helping develop and implement the school art project that is designed to enlighten a new generation to the importance of historic preservation.

