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Committee Picked For Awards

Staff Reports

Six former winners of Daily News-Record Leadership Awards have been selected to pick the winners during this 50th-anniversary year.

The committee consists of business and community leaders. With this year's anniversary, Daily News-Record Editor and General Manager Peter Yates decided, the committee also should be made up of former winners.

The committee will work with chairman Richard R.J. Morin, a former Daily News-Record editor and general manager.

Awards will be given to one student each from Broadway, Spotswood, Turner Ashby and Harrisonburg high schools.

The seniors who best exemplify a combination of excellence of character, qualities of leadership and devotion to duty will receive the \$5,000

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awards. Although leadership qualities are the main criteria, academic achievement also will be considered.

Former U.S. Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr., publisher of the Daily News-Record from 1941 until 2001, established the awards in 1955. Since then, 218 have been given and more than \$282,000 has been awarded.

The following people were named to this year's committee:

Charles R. Chenault

Chenault, a fifth-generation resident of Harrisonburg, is a member of Har-

risonburg City Council.

A 1971 award winner, he is now a paralegal with Litten & Sipe in Harrisonburg.

He is a graduate of Harrisonburg High School, attended the U.S. Naval Academy and received a bachelor of science degree in political science from James Madison University.

He and his wife, Mary Beth, have one son, Matthew, and they are members of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church.

Marsha L. Garst

Garst, a 1987 winner, is commonwealth's attorney for Harrisonburg and Rockingham County.

Garst graduated from Turner Ashby High School, received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Virginia and her juris doctor from George Mason University School of Law.

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She serves on the Boys and Girls Club of Harrisonburg's Board of Directors, is on the Weed and Seed Steering Committee, is a member of the Harrisonburg/Rockingham Criminal Justice Board and the Community Criminal Justice Board. Garst also is an ASAP board member and is a member of the Pilot Club.

Dr. Lanny Holsinger

Holsinger, a 1960 winner, recently retired after completing his 40th year as an educator.

He worked for Harrisonburg City Public Schools for 23 years as a teacher, elementary counselor and administrator.

In 1987, Holsinger joined the faculty of Bridgewater College, where he served as professor and chairman of the education department.

Holsinger is an adjunct faculty member at Bridgewater College and James Madison University, where he supervises student teachers.

Dr. R. Steven Pence

Pence, a 1982 winner, received both his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Virginia.

Upon graduation, he traveled to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., where the army provided his pediatric residency and allergy fellowship training.

Pence served in the army for four years at Fort Bragg in North Carolina prior to returning him to start a solo allergy practice in the form of Allergy and Asthma Associates of Virginia, PC.

He and his wife, Stephanie,

have four children.

Jennifer E. Shirkey

Shirkey, a 1990 winner, is a shareholder with Keeler Obenshain PC in the group's Harrisonburg office. Her practice is concentrated in employee benefits, business and tax law.

She graduated first in her class from Turner Ashby High School in 1990. Shirkey earned her B.A. degree in English from James Madison University and her law degree from the Washington and Lee University School of Law.

In 2003, she was named one of Virginia's Legal Elite by Virginia Business magazine in the category of Business Law.

Shirkey lives in Harrisonburg with her husband, Aaron, and their sons, George and Alexander.

Judith Shreckhise Strickler

Strickler, a 1956 winner, is a member of the Bridgewater College Board of Trustees, a James Madison University Foundation board member, a director of the Foundation Board of Virginia Tech and a trustee of the University of Virginia Health Foundation.

She also is on the board of directors of the Arts Council of the Valley and is an advisory board member of Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance. She also is on the steering committee of Valley Fourth, an annual Harrisonburg celebration.

Strickler received a bachelor's degree from Madison College and a master's degree from the University of Tennessee. She has been a professor at JMU and a teacher at York High School.

She has four grown children.