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Dave Thurman is the 2025 Raytown Citizen of the Year
Mayor McDonough surprised Thurman during June 3 Board of Aldermen meeting

(RAYTOWN, Mo.) – On Saturday, Sept. 20, Dave Thurman along with other individuals, businesses, and organizations from Eastern Jackson County and surrounding communities will be recognized at the 30th Annual Truman Heartland Community Foundation’s Toast to our Towns Gala at the Westin at Crown Center.

Thurman has deep roots in Raytown. A resident for 64 years, Thurman graduated from Raytown South High School in 1976. He and his wife Daneen of 46 years raised their family in Raytown.

Thurman continues to lend his time to Raytown by volunteering with the Raytown Parks Board, which he’s served on for 12 years and is a past president. Thurman also lends his time to the Raytown Live summer concert series committee, the Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, and the Looking Towards 2026, the Chamber’s World Cup preparation committee.

“This award recognizes Dave Thurman’s extraordinary dedication, leadership and contributions to the City of Raytown. His enthusiasm and genuine pride for his community is demonstrated through his legacy of volunteerism and mentoring. Dave has a true heart for Raytown and has significantly contributed to the growth and vitality of our city.”



McDonough read the proclamation announcing Thurman as the 2025 Truman Heartland Raytown Citizen of the Year during the June 3 Raytown Board of Aldermen meeting.

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