

# Tom Kase: Kane Citizen of the Year

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KANE - Kane resident, Tom Kase accepted the Citizen of the Year award Saturday night at the Kane Area Chamber of Commerce 2022 Gala Celebration.

Kase was recognized at the event, which was held at the Kane Memorial Chapel, for his ongoing time, talents and energy he gives to the community.

While not working as a resource manager for Collins Hardwood-Kane, Kase can be found bicycling, hiking or cross country skiing with his wife, Sandy along the trails in Kane. Kase was instrumental in creating and eventually leading the Trail Association of the McKean/Elk Divide (TAMED), which is the volunteer club responsible for developing the Rails to Trails program in Kane.

He is also president of the Kane Borough Council, and is a member of the Society of America an Foresters, Kane Area Industrial Development Corporation (KAIDC), the

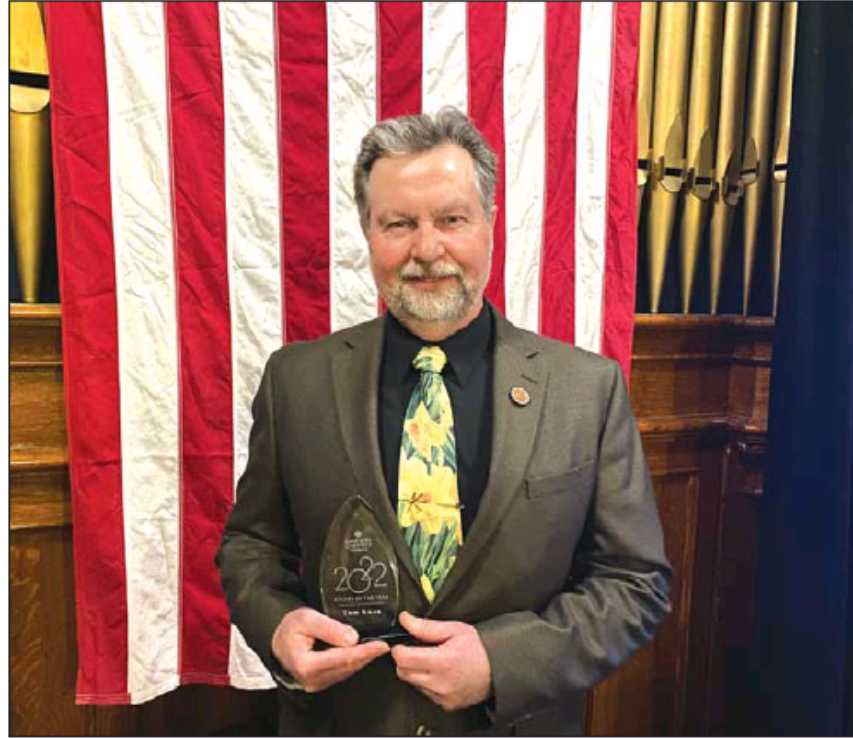


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Kane resident, Tom Kase was honored with the Citizen of the Year award for 2022 at Saturday night's Kane Area Chamber of Commerce Gala Celebration at Kane Memorial Chapel.

Allegheny National Visitors Bureau board, Kane Elks, and the Kane Fish and Game Club.

Citizen of the Year is an annual tradition. Each year, the Kane Area Chamber ask for nominations from the community for Citizen of the Year. During the Gala, a citation from State Representative Martin Causer was presented to Kase along with a tribute video and award presentation.

After the Gala, Kase said he was humbled by the honor of being chosen as Citizen of the Year.

"Never in a million years did I think I'd be selected for this. It's not why I do the things I do," Kase said. "It is a great honor to be selected. There have been a lot of people selected before me and have inspired me to want to serve the community and make it the best Kane it can be."