

Congratulations 2010 Award Winners

Boxer's Cafe - Greenovation (Small Business)
Juniata College - Greenovation (Large Industry)
John R. Wald Company - Innovation
Mutual Benefit Group - Longevity/Outreach
Brumbaugh Lumber LLC - Reinvention

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Five County Businesses Win Awards

By Josh Funk
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Five businesses within the borders of Huntingdon County were honored with awards during Huntingdon County Business and Industry's annual meeting held at the Huntingdon County Club Thursday evening.

A total of 16 businesses had been nominated among four award categories – Greenovation (one large industry and one small business), Innovation, Reinvention and Outreach/Longevity.

The awards ceremony format was a departure from the norm of past annual affairs, which normally featured a guest speaker.

Juniata College was recognized as the Greenovation Large Industry Award Winner. The college recycled more than 93,000 pounds (46.5) tons of materials in 2007 and was awarded second place at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Landmark Conference for total green power purchased.

John Hille, Juniata College's executive vice president, accepted the award, and noted Juniata's efforts to be environmentally conscious begin with the students. "Over 60 percent of students at Juniata have taken a pledge of sustainability for the duration of their lives," Hille said.

Boxer's Café was recognized as the Greenovation Small Business Award recipient. Owned by Paula and Tony Sequin, Boxer's Café is soon celebrating its 20th anniversary. The business' menus are printed using soy-based ink and staff T-shirts are made of 100 percent organic cotton with earth-friendly, water based ink. Tony Sequin said it was an honor to be a part of the Huntingdon County business community for nearly two decades. "It's extra special to be recognized for green efforts, but that's not why we do it," Tony Sequin said. "Everybody has to make better (environmental) decisions and not just wait for government mandates."

The John R. Wald Co. received the Innovation Award for its innovative solution to developing license plates. The company uses Digitag license plate software, a digital printing system and digital plate reader as part of its innovative approach to license plate production. Mike Rodli accepted the award on behalf of the company. "On behalf of all the employees of the John R. Wald Co., we are honored to receive this award," Rodli said. "For over 85 years, we have enjoyed a wonderful business partnership with Huntingdon County."

Mutual Benefit Group received the Longevity/Outreach Award. Mutual Benefit has been in business for more than 100 years. It began in 1908 as a two-man insurance sales operation. Today, Mutual Benefit Group employs more than 200 people and boasts 95,000 policy holders. John Coursen accepted Mutual Benefit's award, saying, "We appreciate this award. Our future success is tied to the success of this area."

Brumbaugh Lumber Co. was named the Reinvention award winner due to its ability to adapt in a tough economic climate to produce a specialized wood chip. Through the reinvention, Brumbaugh Lumber was able to retain its entire workforce, plus add six new employees. Corey Brumbaugh thanked his mother and father for pushing a strong work ethic, and also thanked the employees of the company. "Our employees are the real assets of our company," Brumbaugh said.

Rep. Mike Fleck and Sen. John Eichelberger were in attendance at the event to offer some remarks, and Fleck served as the emcee for the awards ceremony, introducing the presenters of the awards. Eichelberger noted Huntingdon County can weather the storm of a tough economic climate by working together diligently. "We have the belief that we can work through tough times by ourselves," Eichelberger said. "We're not as 'propped up' as some other areas of the state."

Fleck noted the pleasure he has had working with the county businesses on a daily basis. He also took the time to thank HCBI's board of directors for their efforts. "I certainly appreciate the efforts of the volunteers it takes to run an organization of this size," Fleck said.