



Portage County Business Council honors local businesses, leaders

Two Portage County businesses and two leaders in the local [business](#) community were honored at the Portage County Business Council's annual dinner Tuesday.

Dan Mahoney, administrator for the village of Plover, received the President's Award. He was selected for his dedication to the Portage County Business Council, the Portage County business community and economic development of the area.

"Dan has been very proactive in working with the other municipalities in the community for the betterment of the group as a whole. His involvement has been very integral to the Business Council's mission," said Jeff Peterson, who was the Portage County Business Council's board president for 2011.

Jeff Ebel received the Ambassador of the Year Award, given for his dedication to community outreach and participation in activities that promote the mission of the Portage County Business Council.

Ebel is a member of the council's Ambassadors Club, which is a group of active council members who take part in events such as ribbon-cutting or

groundbreaking ceremonies, and open houses held by new or existing council members.

"Jeff's enthusiasm and dedication towards volunteering for the Business Council is outstanding," said Karen Schanock, the Business Council's Director of Programs and Events. "He has accumulated the most points during the year by attending business events such as ribbon-cuttings, grand openings, Business After Hours, visits to new and existing [businesses](#), monthly meetings and acted as a spokesperson on many occasions."

Lee Ayers Jewelers, 1044 Main St. in Stevens Point, was honored with the [Small Business](#) of the Year Award. The business was chosen, according to the Business Council, for its growth, strength in employer/employee relations, efforts to adapt to market changes, commitment to community service and industry leadership.

The Business Council also selected Blenker Cos. Inc. of Amherst for the Decree of

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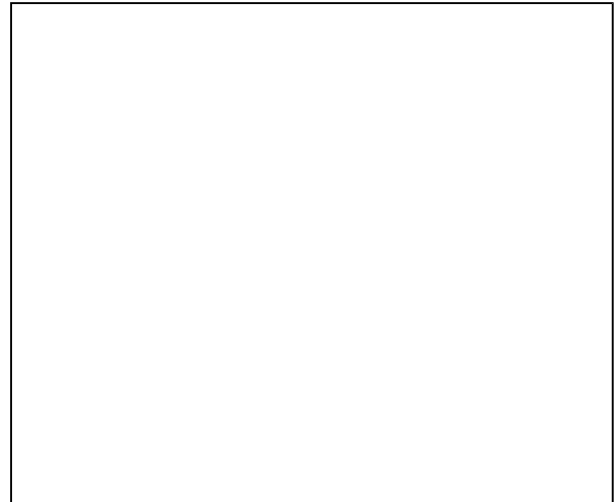


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Excellence Award. The award was given to the business based on their contributions to the area's economic vitality, increase in local employment base and significant contributions in community service.

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