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Batesburg-Leesville Staff Members Receive Awards

The Town of Batesburg-Leesville staff held its annual Employee Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 17th. During the event, awards were given for Years of Service (given at 5 year intervals), Employee of the Year, and Department of the Year. While Years of Service awards have been given annually for some time now, the Employee of the Year award and Department of the Year award are new.

Tonya McCormick, whose duties include human resources, accounts receivable, and payroll, was presented a certificate for 15 years of service to the town by Town Manager Ted Luckadoo. “We appreciate Tonya’s long standing commitment to the Town. She is an integral part of our day-to-day operations and we hope to have her 20 more years.”



This year was the beginning of a new award that will be presented annually by the Town Manager. The Department of the Year award will be given each year to the department that has achieved success and productivity above and beyond their regular duties. This year’s Department of the Year award was awarded to the Street Department. The 2014 year was not a pleasant one for the Street Department. In February of this year, the state experienced a winter storm that led to an Emergency Disaster Declaration by Governor Nikki Haley and President Barack Obama. Additionally, on November 1st of this year, the Town and surrounding areas experienced up to 6 inches of snow, going down in the history books as the earliest snowfall in the states history. During these two winter storms, the Street Department was dealt unusual circumstances with the amount of limbs and leaves that fell. During the storms they were out on the streets removing trees and clearing

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roadways. For weeks following both storms, the amount of debris that needed to be removed can only be described as “enormous.”

The Street Department is well deserving of this award. Luckadoo presented the award as describes the department as “tireless workers who have devoted long days and hours to clean up from these circumstances they were dealt. Even more impressive is the fact that no one has complained once.” While they are still playing catch up from the November 1st snowfall, crews are close to being back on normal pickup schedules.



The final award is also going to become an annual award for the Town, Employee of the Year. This year’s winner is David Boulware of the Street Department. Boulware received 6 nominations from town employees. Described by his peers as timely, hardworking, dedicated, a team player, and always presenting a positive attitude, Boulware was well deserving of this award. “David is first class and what I would describe as a model employee. We are proud of him and glad to have him on our team.”



At the employee luncheon, all new employees of the town hired in 2014 were recognized. These employees include: Ted Luckadoo, Jeff Padgett, Aaron Hatfield, Tim Schumpert, Travis Alewine, Joseph Mathis, Ben Nelson, Amanda Smith, Russell Berry, Phillip Brunson, Maury Bing, Brandon Jumper, Jason W. Davis, and Pee Wee Craps.