

A Newland company received the Avery County Chamber of Commerce "Business Of The Year" award last night.

Wyatt and Michelle Aldridge accepted the award on behalf of Wyatt Aldridge Construction. They also operate Aldridge Auto and Diesel Repair in Newland. The awards came at the Avery Chamber's annual dinner at Jackalope's View Restaurant on Beech Mountain. The "Man Of The Year" award went to Lee Boseman of Lees-McRae College. Rachel Deal was named "Woman Of The Year." Eddie and Linda Rice were recognized as "Volunteers Of The Year", and Gean Scott received special recognition for her ten years of service with the Avery County Chamber of Commerce.