

## Downtown success stories noted

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Downtown Beloit has welcomed new businesses, presented new events and hosted many visitors in the past year.

On Thursday night, members of the Downtown Beloit Association recounted the success stories of the past year during its Annual Dinner held at the Ironworks Hotel.

The Downtown Beloit business district welcomed nine new businesses and 197 jobs. The DBA hosted 50 days of events through the past year, including Friday's in the Park, Artwalk the Easter Eggstravaganza, and new this past year, Oktoberfest. And while the downtown Street Dance was rained out this past year, volunteers and vendors showed up and waited until the time came to pack everything up. It was the first time in the 21 year history of the event that the Street Dance was called off.

Peter Fronk, chair of the DBA Board of Directors, said it was a busy year and it was made possible by the support of DBA members and the community.

"Every year we're amazed at what we're able to cram into one year," Fronk said. "Next year we want more volunteers, we want more partnerships."

Downtown Divas and Rockers introduced the award winners of the night, who were recognized for the way they did business or the way they improved their business.

The Best New Business Award went to Tin Dog Records and owners John and Amanda Reseburg. The business at 312 State St., specializes in vinyl records.

The Best Interior Renovation Award went to Grand Avenue Pub. Co-Owner Jeff Dopp and Chef Jarrod Davis accepted the award. The business at 132 W. Grand Ave., offers food, drinks and live entertainment.

The Best Business Expansion Award went to Northwoods Premium and owners Scott and Teala



### Downtown Beloit Association presents awards

John and Amanda Reseburg, owners of Tin Dog Records, accept the Best New Business Award from the Downtown Beloit Association during the DBA Annual Dinner Thursday at the Ironworks Hotel. Jim Packard and DBA Executive Director Shauna El-Amin are in the background.

Lamoreux. The business at 314 State St. specializes in candy, chocolate, gourmet popcorn and other taste treats.

The Best Curb Appeal Award went to First National Bank for the way the business keeps its property neat and clean.

The Best Image Campaign went to Visit Beloit for its Doors of Opportunity promotion. The promotion featured several doors that were decorated and then placed in parks and other outdoor settings in the Stateline Area.

The Legacy Award went to Beloit City Manager Larry Arft, who is retiring this year.

Volunteer of the Year went to Tiffany Warren.

The Chairman's Award went to Malinda Obershaw.