

**Annual Dinner
&
Awards Presentation**

**Huntingdon County Planning Commission
Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce**

February 26, 2026

Featured Speaker Bradley Esposito

Brad Esposito, a native of Punxsutawney, PA, became General Manager of the East Broad Top Railroad in 2020 after a 22-year career with the Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad in Western PA. He has been a member of the Friends of the East Broad Top for over 20 years and was actively involved with the restoration of the EBT for many years. Brad was recently elected to the Three Springs Borough Council and is an active member of the Three Springs Volunteer Fire Department.



Menu

Roast Beef

Turkey

Mashed Potatoes

Beef Gravy

Gourmet Vegetable Blend

Salad Bar

Dessert Bar

Beverages

*Cash Bar

Agenda

6:00 - RECEPTION

6:30 - DINNER

7:30 - MEETING

Opening Comments/Introduction

Ron Rabena, Planning Commission Chairman

2025 Annual Report Presentation

Laurie Nearhood, Planning Director

7:45 - FEATURED SPEAKER

Bradley Esposito, EBT General Manager

8:00 - AWARDS CEREMONY

Community Improvement Award Introductions

MacKenzie Huntsman, Chamber of Commerce
President/CEO

Community Impact Award Introduction

Ron Rabena, Planning Commission Chairman

Awards Sponsor and Presenter

Cheryl Shope, Kish Bank, VP Residential Lender

The Community Improvement Awards Promote Excellence in Development and Recognize Outstanding Community Projects, Individuals and Organizations:

New Construction: Camp Kanesatake Dining Hall

The nearly 100-year-old, one-story dining hall with limited capacity and seasonal only use was replaced by a three-story, year-round use facility. The first level's multi-use space facilitates meetings and indoor activities while the second floor houses the dining area and fully equipped kitchen and the third floor provides office spaces for year-round staff.

Community Spirit: East Broad Top Railroad - Take A Train to School Day

On September 26, 2025 and October 3, 2025 Southern Huntingdon County School District students started their school day at the Rockhill Station and traveled by train directly to the school building utilizing the restored tracks and Steam Locomotive #16, and connecting students to local history through hands-on experience.

Community Spirit: Huston Brothers Store

After purchasing this historic two-story landmark in October 2022, Brian and April Hoffman began restoring it with a vision of historic preservation and community involvement. Through ongoing repairs, festive window displays and future renovation plans, the aim is to revitalize this 1912 building and encourage broader community improvement.

Special Merit: CHAMP

Central Pa's largest high school student-led philanthropic event unites students from six Huntingdon County schools to stand up for kids and adults fighting cancer and other life debilitating diseases. More than 5,000 student participants have raised \$1 million and supported over 120 families.

Special Merit: Joel and Barbara Brown

Previously awarded the 2009 Residential Award in March 2010 for the Woods-Brown Mansion, Joel and Barbara Brown are being recognized for their dedication to historic preservation efforts, including the Woods-Brown Mansion, the Stone Creek Chapel, and creation of the Historic Building Preservation Foundation.

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