

## Our View

### Say 'Thanks' to EDGE award nominees and recipients

San Juan County is lucky to have a progressive and productive economic development service.

San Juan Economic Development Services is led by Margaret McDaniel, who is proven successful in bringing in big and small business to this community. These are businesses that produce jobs with good wages for people living in this community. These businesses also create a base economy that contributes to the tax rolls that puts money into much-needed infrastructure.

Ten of those businesses recently were recognized at the annual Economic Development Growth and Excellence (EDGE) awards at San Juan



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College. They are:

- Carter Services, a pest control operation.

- Dash Hot Shots, a company that provides services and pipes to the oil and gas industry.

- FastTrack Communications, a business connecting the Four Corners to the World Wide Web and offering T-1 phone lines throughout the area increasing connectivity in communications.

- Great Lakes Aviation, an airline that has serviced Farmington for 9 years.

- Hydro Pure Technology, an oil and gas company, won the award for fewer than 50 employees.

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- Praxair, Inc., a company that provides liquid nitrogen to its clients.

- Raytheon Missile Systems, with the mission statement of "Customer success is our mission" Raytheon develops missiles and warheads for the Department of Defense.

- Riley Industrial Services, a hydro-excavation and sand blasting service, won the award for 50 or more employees.

- TRC Construction, an underground construction company that started out as an oil field and roustabout service.

- Western Refining, one of two active refineries in San Juan County, producing 2,000 barrels each day.

Each of these business showed growth over the last three to five years. They employ locals. They manufacture and export items or provide services to their clients. Being nominated for an EDGE award is an honor and all of these companies should be commended for what they do. These companies are keeping San Juan County's alive, and we should thank them and their employees.