

Five Hiawatha businesses recognized by state

(KNZA)--Five Hiawatha businesses were recognized Thursday evening by the Kansas Department of Commerce for their contributions to the local community and state economy.

Receiving an excellence award was Koch and Company (accepted by Dan Koch and Larry Kuckelman).

Receiving merit awards were Wisdom CPA (accepted by owner Jake Wisdom), Kooser's General Store (accepted by owners Herb and Sandy Kooser), Little Hands Daycare (accepted by Board President Kristin Hillyer) and Hiawatha Parks and Recreation (accepted by Director Stacy Jasper).

Salih Doughramaji with the Department of Commerce presented the awards during the annual fall mixer co-sponsored by the Hiawatha Foundation for Economic Development and Physical & Respiratory Therapy.

The awards are presented as part of the Commerce Department's annual Business Appreciation Program, with nominations sought in four categories. Those include manufacturing/distribution, service, retail and hospital/non-profit.

HFED nominated the five businesses this spring for the awards.

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