Boy Scouts honor Judge Horan, BC3

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CRANBERRY TWP — Butler County Judge Marilyn Horan and Butler County Community College were honored Thursday by the Boy Scouts of America Moraine Trails Council.

They were presented awards at the scouts' Distinguished Citizens Award Dinner at the Pittsburgh Marriott North.

Judge Horan received the Distinguished Citizen award while BC3 was named as the Distinguished Corporate Citizen for 2012.

Judge Horan

Horan was selected for her community work that included the 2010 “Kids Day America” Children's Empowerment Award and 2007, 2005 and 1999 Parents of the Year Award for Butler County. In addition, the Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania awarded Horan the Susan B. Anthony Award.

Other notable recognitions for her include the 2004 Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges President's Award, 1998 Soroptimist International of the Americas Woman of Distinction Award and the 1996 Domestic Violence Services of Butler Outstanding Woman Service Award.

The judge said her award really represents the many people who help her to accomplish things.

She said she focuses on family, faith, community and her profession when she strives to help others. She urged those at the dinner to act on their ideas to improve their communities.

Horan has been a board member of agencies including the American Cancer Society, the YMCA, Butler County Headstart, the Center for Community Resources and the Community Health
Clinic of Butler County. She was also past president and secretary of Soroptimist International of Butler County.

BC3

The community college in March hosted the scout council's first technology academy so scouts could earn science and technology merit badges.

In a previous announcement, Ray Tennent, scout executive/CEO of the Moraine Trails Council, said, “BC3 was the perfect venue to launch our new technology merit badge academy with state-of-the art facilities and dynamic staff.”

“In addition, BC3 President Nick Neupauer has been a personal inspiration to our scouts as our guest speaker at the annual Council Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner.”

In accepting the award for BC3, Neupauer said it represents the best of the college. It recognizes all the effort and vision of those who have worked and supported BC3 over the decades.

He said the county commissioners, community supporters, a talented administrative staff and a “tremendous” board of trustees have made the college what it is today.

BC3 offers many community services including an adult literacy program and career services to help students. It also has the Succop Theater, which hosts cultural events, musical productions and theater shows.

Along with educating more than 4,000 degree-seeking students, the college partners with the March of Dimes and the Heart Association for their annual walks at the campus, supports the Rotary Adult Literacy Luncheon, and the Butler County Tourism and Convention Bureau's Jeep Heritage Festival.

The event raised more than the goal of $80,000 for scouting, according to Ken DeFurio, president and CEO of the Butler Health System, who was master of ceremonies.

Moraine Trails Council serves 5,000 scouts in Butler, Armstrong and Lawrence counties and part of Westmoreland County.