

EVANS BROS. BREWS UP SUCCESS WITH BEST COFFEE, BOSS HONORS

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Brothers Rick and Randy Evans have a lot to be thankful for in this year's Best of Bonner County contest. Evans Brothers Coffee Roasters took home six total awards: best cup of coffee, best boss (Randy Evans), second-best place to work, second-best new business, second-best customer service, and second-favorite art gallery.



The brothers said they "wanted to win it," and put a little more focus into asking their loyal customers to take the time and vote in this year's contest.

"It's really nice [to win], it's something that we take a lot of pride in," Randy Evans said. "It legitimizes a lot of the hard work that we're doing. We're totally happy and excited about it."



Randy Evans, center, is supported both literally and figuratively by the staff of Evans Brothers. Pictured in the back row, from left, are Katie Omodt, Daniel Gunter, co-owner Rick Evans, and Samantha Carston.

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Evans Brothers has a lot to be excited about this past year. This winter season was the first with the Evans provid-

ing coffee to Schweitzer Mountain Resort, an agreement that both brothers spoke very highly of.

"It balanced out our holiday and summer seasons, because we were typically busier in the summertime," Randy said. "It's helped our legitimacy as a company to have an account that size."

"People who drink our coffee at Schweitzer will come down and buy it," Rick Evans added.

Their downtown roastery and cafe has been a focus during the last year as well. Randy believes that people come to their location at 524 Church Street for both the cafe and to purchase beans.

"In our first year, we weren't focused on being a cafe," he said. "We had people visiting constantly who were kind of confused because we weren't a cafe."

As the Evans Brothers brand has expanded dur-

ing their five-year run, the cafe has provided a way for Rick, Randy and their eight employees to showcase the way their coffees "should" be served.

"We've really kind stepped it up in terms of the cafe experience," Randy said.

Daniel Gunter works as the manager of the coffee bar. Gunter has a background in coffee from years of being a barista in Portland and now trains all Evans Brothers baristas, as well as wholesale partners in proper serving technique.

Randy Evans got his start in coffee in 2001 managing Honolulu Coffee on the island of Maui. His passion for coffee spread to his brother Rick.



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Randy Evans pours a cup of drip coffee in the newly-remodeled Evans Brothers cafe. The cafe is attached to the roastery.

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