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Happy Anniversary to....The Cutting Board Factory

The Cutting Board Factory owned & operated by Joe Fesolovich has been with the CTTC <u>ten</u> years this month. They are now an anchor tenant having completed their requirements for



graduation in March of 2007. The idea for different colored cutting boards has become more and more popular recently as a means to prevent cross contamination during food preparation. The boards are FDA & USDA Compliant and NSF Listed.

Cutting boards are available in a variety of shapes and sizes to meet the needs of any commercial kitchen and are already in use in number of restaurants, deli's and butcher shops throughout the United States.

However, the CBF is so much more than just cutting boards! They provide colorful signs and coverings for recreational areas that is slightly pebbled and resists graffiti. They offer Marina Grip Boards for use in and around pools, boats, etc. as an anti-slip surface in a variety of colors. Derriere Dividers that are colorful solid polymer sheets for installation in high use restroom facilities such as schools, universities, stadiums, arenas, parks and airports are also available.

The newest addition to their product line is ICE! Yes, plastic, artificial, synthetic ice is being produced for the skating surface market. This maintenance free surface requires no energy use and can be operated 365 days a year.

For information please contact The Cutting Board Factory through their website at: www.thecuttingboardfactory.com or by calling 87PLASTIC4U (877-527-8427).

We at the CTTC are very proud of The Cutting Board Factory and all the wonderful products they make right here in Carbondale! We wish them continued success as they continue to grow.

CTTC NEWS & EVENTS

Congratulations to <u>Babunya's Gourmet Spices</u> and <u>3 GUYS & A BEER'D</u> on their feature articles in the Sunday Times on March 11th Economic Outlook insert!! The article provided a wonderful spotlight on our Kitchen Incubator and how these small food businesses can be the key to job creation and economic success.

We were very pleased to have nine participants in our first <u>Starting Your Own Food Business Workshop</u> which was held on one of the few bad weather days we had this winter. Special thanks to Board Member Lisa Hall for her wonderful presentation and promotion of our facilities. The next class is scheduled for April 11th at 6:30 PM at the CTTC. Please call 282-1255 or email nancy@cttc.org to register.

Congratulations to <u>Michael & Jennifer Mancuso</u>, owners of Figliomeni Drug Store for being named the SBA Small Business Persons of the Year for eastern Pennsylvania!! It is great to see local families rewarded and acknowledged for their investment in their community!

A note from John Waering aka The Beer'd:

3 Guys & A Beer'd Brewing Company

Local and Green!



We at 3 Guys & A Beer'd Brewing Company believe in supporting the local economy and going "Green" whenever possible. Here is a description of how we are currently supporting our local farmers. Brewing Beer on a large scale requires us to use a lot of grains to reach our desired product. During the brewing process these grains sit in a tank of a hot water for a while and once we drain the liquid off at the end we are left with a hefty amount of grains we could no longer use. Even though we can't use them they still contain nutritional value, so we take these grains to various farmers that surround the Carbondale Area. These farmers in turn use these nutritional grains to feed their animals, whether it be pigs or cattle. Although it's a small amount compared to what the animals eat during any given week or month, any little bit helps! And the animals really seem to like the grains!

GREAT JOB GUYS!!!

The Mission of the CTTC is to provide technical support, business assistance, financial resources and appropriate facilities to entrepreneurs, small businesses and light industry/light assembly manufacturers working with technology applications or innovative products or processes as well as food industry companies. For information on how we might help you, call Paul at 570-282-1255 or via email at paul@cttc.org

CTTC Tenant REVENUE STREAM GROUP is putting the finishing touches on a Wine Festival that will highlight several local wineries. The event will be held on Saturday, April 28th from 12 noon through 6 PM at The Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel. Wine, music and good food will be featured for this covered event. Information below: http://sippingintospring.com



Happy Spring!!

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