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Local Man Honored Posthumously with Tourism Employee of the Year Award

HARRISVILLE, PA (March 13, 2017) – Recently, Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park™ at Kozy Rest was recognized with several awards from the Pennsylvania Campground Owners Association (PCOA), a nonprofit trade association representing the proud RV parks and campgrounds in the great state of Pennsylvania. The local camp-resort is humbled to receive such accolades, but the owners were most excited about late employee Dick Springer being named the Tourism Employee of the Year. This award - given to one person in the state of Pennsylvania - honors a star employee, an employee who goes above and beyond the call of duty, nominated by their respective campground and selected by a panel of judges representing the PCOA.

For 15 years, Dick Springer of Butler, Pennsylvania helped out around the campground in whatever ways he could. Whether it was refurbishing the wagon for wagon rides or ensuring all equipment was running properly, he was a major asset to the team. When he retired two years ago, he was inspired to help around the campground even more.

Unfortunately, Dick was diagnosed with cancer one year ago. But he did not allow a terminal diagnosis to keep him from completing his last project for Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park at Kozy Rest. In 2016, Dick brought a 1976 fire truck back to life with the addition of self-designed steps, which he not only designed but fabricated himself, for people to get on and off more easily. Dick took the truck for a spin before his passing.

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park at Kozy Rest nominated Dick for the Tourism Employee of the Year Award because of his love of camping, dedication to the campground and admirable work ethic. Dick was chosen for the award one month after losing his battle to cancer; his family accepted the award on his behalf. Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park at Kozy Rest will always remember Dick, and he will be greatly missed.



Dick's wife, Nancy, and daughter, Lori, accepted the award on his behalf.

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park at Kozy Rest also received awards from PCOA for Best Apparel Item, Most Creative Activity and Best Example of Guest Service. Additionally, the campground was awarded the Pinnacle Award, Outstanding Customer Service, Outstanding Recreation Award, and the Five Year Award during the 2016 Leisure Systems Yogi Bear Symposium.

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About Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park at Kozy Rest

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park at Kozy Rest, formerly known as Kozy Rest Kampground, is an award-winning, family-centered campground set on 34 beautiful wooded acres in Harrisville, Pennsylvania. The camp-resort offers a variety of accommodations such as tent sites, full-hookup campsites for RVs and full-service luxury rental cabins, as well as a host of activities and amenities. Campers also have the opportunity to meet Yogi Bear™ and Boo Boo™ and create memories that will last a lifetime! Visit www.pittsburghjellystone.com for more information.