

# Star Valley business owners to receive top award, at event May 17

◆ Owners of Teton Truss receive recognition from Small Business Administration.

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The owners of an Etna-area company will be recognized as some of Wyoming's best small business owners, at an event today, May 17, in Alpine.

Bill Neeb and David Currie are set to receive recognition from the Wyoming office of the U.S. Small Business Administration. The Star Valley Chamber of Commerce will host the award luncheon at the Flying Saddle Resort, at noon.

Steven Despain, District Director of the Wyoming SBA office, will be presenting the award. Neeb and Currie were nominated by Jared Gleue, of Wells Fargo Bank.

According to the Small Business Administration, the annual award is given to individuals who own and operate small businesses that demonstrates a substantiated history



**Bill Neeb and David Currie, owners of Teton Truss/Star Valley Lumber, have been named the Wyoming small business owners of the year, by the U.S. Small Business Administration. They will receive recognition at a luncheon in Alpine on May 17.**

as an established business. Other evaluation criteria includes, growth in number of employees, increase in sales, innovative product or service, response to adversity and the contributions by the nominee to aid community oriented projects.

Neeb and Currie attended Michigan State University in the mid-1980s and met as fraternity brothers at Theta Chi. They became close friends and enjoyed bouncing ideas off

one another.

One of these ideas was the need for roofing trusses in the Star Valley area, so they began thinking of ways to start a small operation; thus, Teton Truss and Star Valley Lumber.

The businesses support the local area as well as other areas of Western Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, and Utah.

They employ 30 employees and use the latest technology for their truss construction and the lumber business.