

County residents get state acknowledgment

NEWPORT — Two Sullivan County residents received awards from the New Hampshire Association of Counties this year.

The NHAC County Employee of the Year Award was presented to Bradley "Brad" Bennett, who was hired in Sullivan County as a journeyman electrician Aug. 15, 2006. Bennett was charged with taking care of electrical issues for county facilities in Unity and Newport.

Within a year, Bennett attained his master electrician's license. His colleagues, who nominated him for the award, said that in addition to his knowledge and skill in the electrical field, his unique personality, work ethic and enthusiasm made him worthy of the award.

"Brad is a team player who sets an excellent example for all

who work with him," County Manager Greg Chanis said.

Sen. Bob Odell, R-Lempster, won the 2009 NHAC Legislator of the Year award.

Elected to the New Hampshire Senate in November 2002, Odell is chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. He also sits on the Finance Committee and the Energy, Environment and Economic Development Committee.

Odell was selected for his hard work in the Senate and his efforts on behalf of county inter-

ests, Sullivan County officials said.

The awards were presented at the annual NHAC banquet which was held at the Mt. Washington Resort in Bretton Woods Oct. 26.

— *Kristen Senz*

County Employee of the Year

Bradley Bennett

Journeyman electrician

Legislator of the Year

Sen. Bob Odell

R-Lempster