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Lee Duncan, Owner of Wharf Hill Brewing Company Named 2016 Entrepreneur of the Year

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, Virginia (May 20, 2016) – Lee Duncan, owner of Wharf Hill Brewing Company (WHBC), a restaurant, brewery and bar located in Historic Downtown Smithfield, is the recipient of the **2016 Entrepreneur of the Year Award** given out by the Isle of Wight County Department of Economic Development during Virginia’s Business Appreciation Month.

After nearly four years of renovations to a dilapidated building, the brew pub opened April 1, 2015. Wharf Hill Brewing Co. is a full-service brewpub offering satisfying food, craft beer, wine, and mixed beverages to people looking for a comfortable small-town brewpub. The bar, dining room, and event space occupy the first floor of the 1906 Elk’s Lodge building.

Wharf Hill Brewing Co. is not only unique in appearance, it has revived a part of town that had been dormant for many years. The history inside the building was preserved and many original elements were incorporated into the restoration. Duncan embraced, instead of erased, the history of the building, which is one of the main reasons it has so much charm.

“I’m honored to receive this award on behalf of an old restaurant master, a fat happy brewer, and a bean-pole owner,” Duncan said. “Long live Smithfield, our staff, and fermented beverages everywhere!”

Lee Duncan is active in the community, and WHBC holds fundraising events for Isle of Wight Schools and other local charitable organizations in Smithfield and Isle of Wight County.

Isle of Wight County Economic Development has been honoring a County business as Entrepreneur of the Year since 2005. Previous winners include The Hughes Agency, Travis’s Auto Repair, Bon Vivant Market, Ringo’s Donuts, The Oaks Veterinary Clinic, Darden’s Country Store and Sesroh Tack Shoppe.

Wharf Hill Brewing Company is located at 25 Main Street, Smithfield, VA. Call 757.357.7100 or visit them on the web at wharfhillbrewing.com or find them on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/wharfhillbrewing). Hours: Monday – Thursday: 11:30 a.m. – 11 p.m., Friday-Saturday: 11:30 a.m. – Midnight, Sunday: 11:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.

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