

## Tannersville Pharmacy honored

TANNERSVILLE — Edward and Patricia Ullman, owners of Wellness Rx Pharmacy in Tannersville, are recent recipients of the "You Make a Difference" Award presented by Tobacco-Free Action of Columbia & Greene Counties. In the tradition of most independently owned pharmacies, Wellness Rx has never sold tobacco products.

As both pharmacist and CEO of the wellness company Bi-estar Inc., which publishes the guide book "ButtKickers: 4-Step Program to Stop Smoking," Mr. Ullman has long been an advocate, supporter, and provider of both tobacco prevention and cessation services. The On-Site Rx component of his pharmacy business brings services such health screenings and immunizations, nutritional counseling and smoking cessation to workplaces, group homes, stand-alone clinics,

residential facilities and non-profit organizations.

The award was made in conjunction with World No Tobacco Day, which is observed on May 31 each year by the World Health Organization as a way to call attention to the international toll of sickness and death caused by smoking and to advocate for policies that are effective in reducing tobacco use. Tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death globally and is currently responsible for 10 percent of adult deaths worldwide, a total of 6 million annually, including 600,000 non-smokers who had exposure to secondhand smoke. The ultimate goal of World No Tobacco Day is to protect present and future generations from the devastating health, economic and environmental consequences caused by tobacco.



Lisa Heintz, Community Engagement Coordinator from the Tobacco-Free Action of Columbia & Greene Counties, presents Edward Ullman, owner and pharmacist of Wellness Rx Pharmacy, with the "You Make a Difference" Award.

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