

PCDA Names Volunteer of the Year-2004

PCDA Board Member David Bunger was named Volunteer of the Year for 2004. David is Senior Vice President, Bank One, West Virginia, NA. Mr. Bunger has served on many boards and has been involved in numerous projects

served two terms on the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce and serves as Chairman of the Chamber's successful annual Golf Tournament.

Bunger has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Putnam County Development Authority since 2000. He has also served on the Board of Directors of PROTEC (Putnam Regional Organization for Technical and Economic Development) since 1996 and served as its President for 2001.

PROTEC is the fund-raising organization supporting the marketing efforts of the development authority.

Without dedicated volunteers like David, the work of local organizations like PCDA and PROTEC would be much more difficult. PCDA is

proud to recognize the contributions of volunteers like David. Congratulations to David W. Bunger, PCDA's Volunteer of the Year.



PCDA President Dennis P. Prisk (left) presents the Volunteer of the Year 2004 Award to David W. Bunger during PCDA's 4th Annual Business Meeting

in Putnam County Over the years.

He has served on the Board of the Tri-County YMCA for the past four years,

Roy Elswick Receives Community Development Award

Roy Elswick, President & CEO of Tasty Blend Foods, Inc. was presented PCDA's 2004 Community Development Award.

Roy is active in church and civic activities. His loyalty and determination to keep the company in Putnam County earned him the award. Congratulations to Mr. Elswick and Tasty Blend Foods.

The annual award goes to a company and individual who have helped to improve the community and its economy.

Tasty Blend Foods has been in business in Putnam County since the 80's. The concept of the company has always been to provide customers with high quality products and the commitment of employees has accomplished that.

Roy Elswick displays his Community Development Award



SR 34 Loop Project & New Interstate Access Opens

The widening of WV Route 34, commonly known as the Teays Valley Loop Project, a 15-year project, and Phase I of the relocation of U.S. Route 35 Project which includes the opening of the I-64 eastbound on-ramp at the new Crooked Creek interchange were the focus of a celebration held on Monday, October 25, 2004.

Congresswoman Shelly Moore Capito was on hand with many other local, state and federal officials to cut the ribbon officially opening the new access in eastern Teays Valley at the new Crooked Creek interchange.

The celebration was co-sponsored by the Putnam County Transportation Committee, the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce and the West Virginia Division of Highways. The celebration was designed to honor the completion of two major highway construction projects in Putnam County.



Tasty Blend Foods Begins Construction of New Facility



The Teays Valley brand of food products will soon be manufactured at the Putnam Business Park in Fraziers Bottom. In the photo (left) Roy Elswick, President & CEO of Tasty Blend Foods and em-

ployees pose for photographers during the groundbreaking ceremony held at the site of the new 58,000 sq. ft. facility on September 23, 2004. The project is expected to be the first of many phases.

The company manufactures a line of high quality dry baking mixes and gravy sauces including the well-known "Teays Valley" line of products including



biscuit, gravy, cornbread, mashed potatoes, and all purpose baking mixes and a host of private label products for the foodservice, retail and institutional markets.



Gov. Bob Wise speaks during the groundbreaking ceremony



The photo (above) was taken on Veteran's Day (11/11/04) and shows the progress being made on Tasty Blend's new office.

Construction Progress—Putnam Business Park

In October, the development authority awarded another construction contract to Chapman-Martin Excavation to continue the improvements at Putnam Business Park.

The contractors, as a part of this project, are installing the turn lanes on both sides of U.S. Route 35, constructing a new industrial access road in the park to serve the new Tasty Blend facility, extending utilities and completing the fill nearest to U.S. 35. This project will complete construction activities in Phase I of the park. Phase I includes about 60 acres of the 205 acre park.



The sign (photo, left) has been ordered and will be installed at the entrance to the park. The sign will list all businesses in the park.



A truck finishes dumping another load of fill dirt alongside U.S. Route 35, as contractors work to install turn lanes.

PCDA Recognized For Regional Marketing Cooperation



PCDA's Regional Marketing Cooperation Award

PCDA, HADCO and CADCO were recognized for Regional Marketing Cooperation during the annual meeting of Advantage Valley held Thursday, November 4, 2004 at Marshall University. The photo (left) shows the plaque awarded to Putnam County Development Authority for "outstanding regional marketing cooperation" by Advantage Valley.

The development groups serving the greater Kanawha Valley worked with Advantage Valley to develop a regional long-term marketing plan that included the hiring of Meredith Hewson Associates (MHA) from Manchester, United Kingdom.

During the past week, Advantage Valley hosted a visit by eight (8) company representatives from the UK. The companies included technology and manufacturing businesses with an interest in developing U.S. facilities. Many thanks to Gayle Vest and the AV staff for all of the hard work in helping to make arrangements for the visitors. Also, thanks to Shawn Daly, Manager, Benchmarking and Yokoten, at Toyota Motor Manufacturing WV at Buffalo for hosting one of our British visitors on Monday, Nov. 8.

New Building at Teays Valley Business & Industrial Park

In the photo (right) construction is progressing on the new Teays Valley Cinemas. The new 10-cinema is being constructed at the Teays Valley Business and Industrial Park complex, just off WV County Route 33 (Teays Valley Road) at Scott Depot.

The photo was taken September 25th. Today (November 11) contractors are continuing to install roof trusses and supports at the new facility. A March opening is projected and Putnam County residents are looking forward to the completion of the project that will provide yet another much-needed recreational activity in the Teays Valley area. G & G Builders and All Star Cinemas are cooperating on the project.



Happy Holidays

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The staff of PCDA want to take this opportunity to wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas.

As yet another year comes to a close, we hope that you have the opportunity to spend time with your family, overeat, under exercise and generally have a wonderful holiday season.

We would also like to say a big THANK YOU to each and every supporter, volunteer and everyone who cares about the growth and prosperity of Putnam County. We look forward to 2005 and expect yet another successful year.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Thanksgiving Thoughts

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What are you thankful for? That is an excellent question:

This country is truly blessed because of our prosperity and the freedoms that so many of us take for granted. The elections are over and now is the time for all Americans to come together to give thanks for all that we have.

So many residents in so many countries simply don't have the freedom that we take for granted. It is approaching the time of the year for all of us to reflect on all the good things in our lives and to spend time with our families. Have an enjoyable and a family-filled Thanksgiving.

What ARE YOU Thankful for?

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