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**PCDA PERSPECTIVE**

## Toyota Reaches Another Milestone

Toyota Announced yesterday that it has reached the 15 million mark in North American production. This milestone marks 20 years of manufacturing in North America, supported by a \$16 billion investment in North American Operations.

“This is a great accomplishment for Toyota in North America, said Seiichi Sudo, President and CEO of Toyota Motor Manufacturing North America, Inc. “ This milestone has been reached because of the total team effort given. Every member of the manufacturing and design team has contributed to this phenomenal growth and success. I also want to thank our suppliers, sales teams, and our loyal customers who have contributed to making Toyota one of the most popular brands in America and Lexus the most popular luxury brand.”

TMMWV’s Vice President and Secretary David Copenhaver said “The 1,000 team members of Toyota Motor Manu-



facturing West Virginia, Inc. in Buffalo have played a large role in this production milestone by manufacturing high-quality powertrain components. TMMWV currently builds four-cylinder engines for the Corolla and Matrix; V6 engines for the Sienna and Lexus RX 330; and automatic transmissions for the North American-built Camry, Solara, Lexus RX 330 and Sienna. Gear production will begin in Buffalo later this year.

In April, Toyota announced a \$120 million expansion of the plant, for a total investment of \$920 million since 1996.

## Tim & Melissa Meeks Mayo Lester Award Winners



(Left to Right) Marty Chapman, President, Putnam County Chamber of Commerce, Tim Meeks, Melissa Meeks, and Lisa Mitchell, City National Bank

The photo above was taken during the annual meeting of the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce held on January 20th at Scarlett Oaks in Poca. At the meeting, Tim and Melissa Meeks of A & L Building Supplies, Inc. were surprised with the Mayo Lester Award.

Each year the award is presented to deserving community leaders. Tim and Melissa have provided many services to county residents over the years and have contributed to various projects in Putnam County.

## Construction Progress on IGC Headquarters



The photo above (left) was taken on December 21, 2005 and shows the steel beams being erected for the new International Coal Group headquarters in the Teays Valley Business & Industry Park in Teays Valley. The photo at right was taken on January 30 and shows the plastic wrapping around the 30-story building as progress continues. G & G Builders is constructing the new 53,000 sq. ft. headquarters building.

## Dave Kimberling Honored For Service to PCDA

The photo at right shows PCDA President Bob Pennington (right) presenting a plaque in recognition of David Kimberling's years of service to the development authority. David is currently Vice President Business Development for Netranom Communications in Hurricane.

David's service on the board has included serving as President during 1999-2000. He also served on the Executive Committee, the Finance Committee and Business Development Committee.

David has also been involved in the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce, the Tri-County YMCA and other community service organizations.



## PROTEC Elects 2006 Officers

PROTEC, the Putnam Regional Organization for Technical and Economic Development, elected new officers for the 2006 program year at its last meeting.

Elected were: Jim Hamilton was elected as this year's President. Mr. Hamilton is employed with Drug Emporium. Gary D. Young, Jr. was elected Vice President. Mr. Young is President of G & G Builders in Teays Valley.

Lloyd Ayres was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the board. Mr. Ayres is Director of Manufacturing with Diamond Electric Mfg. Corporation in Eleanor.

## PCDA Board Elects Officers

Bob Pennington was re-elected to serve another one-year term as President of the Putnam County Development Authority Board of Directors. Linda William was reelected to serve her second term as Vice President and Richard L. Slater was re-elected to a one year term as Secretary-Treasurer at the January meeting of the Board.

Bob Pennington is employed with ConCorp in Nitro, Linda Williams is a partner with Williams Consulting, PLLC and Richard Slater is a partner with Simpson & Osborne.

PDCA's board is made up of 21 members appointed by the Putnam County Commission.

# Hurricane Gets New Council Member and New City Manager

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## Newhouse New City Manager

In December, the Hurricane City Council hired a new City Manager. Ben Newhouse was selected to replace Karen Lilly. Karen became city manager in 2003 and recently announced her retirement.

Newhouse was previously executive director of the Upper Kanawha Valley Enterprise Community and held that position since 1999. During that time, he lived in Hurricane and drove over one hour to Chelyan.

## Edwards Named to Council

PCDA board member, Scott Edwards was recently named as the newest City Council member in the City of Hurricane. He is President of Netranom Communications. The company provides complete communication technology solutions. [www.netranom.com](http://www.netranom.com).



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## PROTEC's 2006 Fund Drive Underway

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THANK YOU to the following businesses and individuals who have already donated to PROTEC to support marketing efforts of the development authority. Because of the financial support from the following businesses, PROTEC continues to support the efforts of the Development Authority in its 2006 marketing efforts. These efforts will continue our national and international marketing campaign that helps us tell everyone what a great place Putnam County West Virginia is to live, work and raise a family. You are also invited to contribute to these efforts. Contributions may be made to PROTEC, a 501©(3) Tax Exempt organization and donations to PROTEC may be tax deductible under IRS regulations.

It is not too late to make a contribution to help in these efforts. Please donate today. The following companies and individuals have donated to PROTEC as of 2/22/06.

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Advantage Business Connection  
Advanced Technical Solutions, LLC  
Amherst Industries, Inc.  
Appalachian Power Company  
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Netranom Communications  
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Orders Construction Company  
Parkline, Inc.  
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Pohl Corporation  
Putnam County Bank  
Putnam General Hospital  
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Simpson & Osborne, A. C.  
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Thrasher Engineering, Inc.  
Union Oil & Gas, Inc.  
United Bank, Inc.  
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West Virginia-American Water Co.  
West Virginia Cashin Recyclables, Inc.  
ZMM, Inc.

## Chase Park Under Development

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Chase Park is one of the newest office/commercial developments in Teays Valley, located on Chase Drive, just past the Calvary Baptist Church. The development is patterned after Colonial Williamsburg design. Phase I will consist of 15 buildings. Contact Mark Madore at 562-2893 for more info.

## Parting Thoughts - My Two Cents

The 2006 Legislative session is nearing its end and a number of legislative items were introduced that can have tremendous impact on business and on economic development. Changes that need to be made include: (1) changes to the State's tax laws that include lowering of the corporate net income tax, (2) elimination of the Business Franchise tax, (3) the modification of all prevailing wage laws and regulations to make them reflect the reality in the community, (4) opposition of any legislation that would dictate or impede a company's ability to schedule its workers, (5) the enactment of civil justice reforms that will eliminate risks and impediments on West Virginia employers and revitalize the state so it can truly be "open for business," and (6) responsible state initiatives that will help expand access to and use of affordable health insurance coverage options for business, however, no business should be singled out in order to undertake cost shifting.

It is apparent from previous experiences with Workers Compensation and other programs that private business is far more capable of dealing with business issues than is the state or federal government.

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