

International Coal Group Comes to Putnam



In the photo above, (photo courtesy of Alex Wilson, West Virginia Development Office) (l-r, Alex McLaughlin, WV Development Office, Putnam County Commissioner Steve Andes; Commissioner Joe Haynes; ICG President/CEO Ben Hatfield; Governor Joe Manchin; Secretary of Commerce Tom Bulla and Commissioner Jim Caruthers) break ground for the new International Coal Group headquarters at the Teays Valley Business and Industrial Park in Putnam County. The groundbreaking was held on September 27, 2005 for the new facility.

The move could result in as many as 100 permanent jobs by June 2006.

“We appreciate International Coal Group’s decision to locate its headquarters in the Mountain State. Today’s groundbreaking is further evidence that the steps we’re taking to improve our business climate are working and opening West Virginia for Business,” the Governor said.

ICG chose the Teays Valley location for its three-story, 51,000 sq. ft. building because the site is centrally located within its operating area.

“The investment commitments being made by International Coal Group in West Virginia extend well beyond the cost of this building,” said Ben Hatfield, the company’s president and CEO.

“Much of our company’s growth over the next five years will take place right here in West Virginia.”

International Coal had announced in July that it plans to invest \$200 million to open a new underground mine near Grafton. The company is also developing a mining complex in Raleigh County.

With mining complexes in West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia and Illinois, and about 1,900 employees, ICG has an estimated 510 million tons of reserves.



In the photo above, construction has already begun adjacent to the existing Teays Corporate Centre on Corporate Centre Drive, Teays Valley Business and Industrial Park in Scott Depot.



ICG was formed by WL Ross & Co. LLC and other investors in May 2004 to acquire and operate competitive coal mining facilities. The company is the 7th largest coal company ranked by 2004 revenues. Putnam County welcomes this new business to West Virginia and to the Teays Valley area .



The above is a concept photo of the new ICG facility

PCDA 2005 Volunteer of the Year—Gary Garrison

At the annual business meeting of the PCDA, Gary Garrison was named the 2005 Volunteer of the Year. Gary is Terminal Manager for Bulk Transit Corporation at the Eleanor Industrial Park. He is active on several Putnam County Boards and Committees. Since the inception of the Maintenance Association of Eleanor Industrial Park he has served as Secretary/Treasurer.

He also serves on the auditing committee for the Putnam County School Employee's Federal Credit Union. Formerly, he served on the Putnam County Development Authority Board of Directors.

He has been an inspiration and an invaluable asset working as a frequent volunteer for the Putnam County Solid Waste Authority. He has never missed working in any annual Clean up sponsored by the SWA since 2001. The clean up events have grown each year boasting up to 120 tons of debris and between 60-70 tons of recyclables. He has

been a sponsor of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program many times over the years. He and Bulk Transit's Eleanor Branch have supported the *Relay for Life* in Putnam County donating equipment and/or volunteer hours and raising money for the fight against cancer. In 2001 he was team leader over a group walking in Poca effectively raising over \$2,000 for the relay event. Congratulations Gary Garrison, PCDA's 2005 Volunteer of the Year.



PCDA President Bob Pennington presents Volunteer of the Year Award to Gary Garrison

Diamond Electric Named Community Development Award Winner



Diamond Electric Mfg. Corp. President Tatsuo Ikenaga (left) receives the 2005 Community Development Award from PCDA President Bob Pennington.

Diamond Electric Mfg. Corp. received the 2005 Community Development Award at the annual business meeting. The company was co-sponsor of the Tri-County YMCA Golf Tournament in June and has volunteered its time and talents to meet with prospective new industries to answer questions about doing business in Putnam County. The company also was honored as *Quality Magazine's* "Plant of the Year."

Diamond was sponsor of the Community-Wide Picnic

Celebrating Eleanor's 70th anniversary in October. It is also starting a Dictionary project. The project will donate a dictionary to every 3rd grade student in Putnam County.

Diamond also sponsors two \$1,000 Putnam County Scholarships, and in cooperation with the Putnam County Board of Education, the company is creating a Student Exchange program between Putnam County and a community in Japan. A cultural exchange program will allow Japanese and American students to exchange places during the summer.

The company also volunteers its services to host PCDA Board meetings and Putnam County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours events. Company representatives serve and have served on the boards of numerous organizations, including the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce, PCDA and PCDA's fund-raising arm—PROTEC.



Diamond Electric Mfg. Corp. has a philosophy that sets an example of good corporate citizenship and encourages its employees to be active in volunteer service. PCDA makes this annual award to companies in recognition of their efforts to improve the quality of life for citizens of Putnam County.

Congratulations to Diamond Electric Mfg. Corp. the 2005 Community Development Award winner.

Bennett and McLane Receive First-Ever Spark Plug Awards

At the annual PCDA business meeting, Wayne Bennett and Jack McLane were presented Spark Plug Awards by President Bob Pennington. Wayne and Jack have both served on PCDA's board of directors for decades and consistently provide dedicated service above and beyond the call of duty.

Wayne and Jack were instrumental in the creation of the HUB Industrial Park Maintenance Association and Wayne has been involved with the Eleanor Industrial Park Maintenance Association since its beginning.

In addition, both Wayne and Jack invest many extra hours of personal time in efforts aimed at enhancing the quality of life. Both Mr. Bennett and Mr. McLane have been involved in numerous civic activities. Our congratulations to Spark Plug winners Jack McLane and Wayne Bennett.



New Owners Take Over Reins of Pray Construction



September 30th was the last day of work for David Pray, founder of Pray Construction. On that date, he turned over the company to its new owners.

The new owners (photo left) are, clockwise from bottom, Mark Grigsby, Erich Reggi, Ken Cooper, Keith Smith, Randall Cunningham and Lois Gillenwater.

"We like to think the work speaks for itself," according to Mark Grigsby, Senior Vice President.

Since 1974, Pray Construction has grown to a National Design-Build Contractor currently working in the Eastern United States and holding contractor's licenses in seven states. The company states that their success continues because of their dedicated owner group, project managers and support staff, but most importantly because of their customers.

The company employs about 75 persons and is located on Teays Valley Road in Scott Depot. Visit their web site at www.prayconstruction.com.

Bio-Chem Testing, Inc. Celebrates 10th Anniversary

In the photo at right, Bio-Chem President Mukesh Shah (left) gives a tour of the facility on Weatheridge Drive, Hurricane, to Governor Joe Manchin (Center) and DEP Cabinet Secretary Stephanie R. Timmermeyer (right of Gov. Manchin).

On October 19th, Bio-Chem held an open house at their WV Route 34 offices.

The company offers a full spectrum of service from sample collection to analysis. When the analysis is complete, the company furnishes custom reporting to fulfill the requirements of various agencies. Their laboratory is equipped with Inductively Coupled argon Plasma, Graphite Furnace Atomic Absorption 9GFAAS, Ion Chromatography, various distillation equipment, etc.



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(l-r) Jim Caruthers, Stephen Andes, and Joe Haynes, Putnam County Commission, were presented the Thelma J. Stone Memorial Achievement Award at the annual meeting of the County Commissioner's Association.



Criteria for selection include compliance with law, effective collective leadership, innovative office procedures and administration, responsible fiscal conduct, cooperation among county offices, effective intergovernmental communications, progressive personnel policies, and demonstrative achievement in county Government.

Congratulations to Putnam County Commission—WELL DONE!

Toyota Motor Manufacturing WV Earns Harbour Award Again

Toyota's West Virginia engine plant again won the Harbour Award for most productive engine plant in North America for the calendar year of 2004, a title the plant has held for the past three years. This is only the second time The Harbour Report -- the auto industry authority on manufacturing efficiency first published in 1989 -- has had an engine plant with an Hours Per Engine measure below 2. Both times it was Toyota West Virginia.

"Toyota remains the benchmark in engine productivity and the Buffalo plant was a major reason," said Ron Harbour, president of Harbour Consulting. "Toyota's 4-cylinder line here was again the report's most productive engine operation..."

Harbour's evaluation found that continuous improvement activities contributed significantly to the industry-leading performance at TMMWV. **Congratulations to the TMMWV Team—Harbour Award Winner!**

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