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PCDA PERSPECTIVE

Fenton Named Volunteer of the Year

Thomas Fenton, Owner/General Manager of New Horizons Computer Learning Center was named Volunteer of the Year during presentation ceremonies at the PCDA annual business meeting.

Mr. Fenton was recognized for his volunteer work with the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce where he serves on the board of directors. He also serves as Chairman of the Chamber's Technology Committee, the group that developed Putnam Electronic Plaza (PEP) and Chairman of the Finance Committee.

In addition to his other volunteer efforts, he has been an advocate for the Regional Airport and has made his

facility available for meetings of the Just in Time Committee.

In the photo below, PCDA President Wayne Bennett (Right) presents the Volunteer of the Year Award to Tom Fenton



TMMWV Receives Community Development Award



Toyota Motor Manufacturing, West Virginia was presented the 2002 Community Development Award at PCDA's second annual business meeting. The company and its team members donate many hours each year in clean-up efforts as part of a commitment to the environment. More on page 2.

(photo at left) TMMWV General Manager-Administration, David Copenhaver accepts the plaque recognizing the Buffalo plant's service in Community Development. Mr. Copenhaver adds to the company's community service by serving on PCDA's Board of Directors

Putnam Business Park Project Receives Certification

The new Putnam Business Park took one step closer to reality on Thursday, October 17, when the West Virginia Economic Development Grant Committee met and certified five projects. One of the projects certified for funding was the Putnam Business Park Phase I project. The application, submitted on June 3, requested \$1,480,000 to complete demolition, site development, utility extensions and construction of the new industrial access road at the property.

Bidding documents are expected to be complete within 30 days and the next step will take the project to construction. The Development Authority would like to thank all members of the WV Economic Development Grant Committee for their dedication and hard work. We would also like to thank our Senators and Delegates for their tremendous support during this effort. Three other extremely important projects remain under consideration.

Putnam Business Park Natural Area

Thanks to Eric Gillespie of Thrasher Engineering, the wetland area of Putnam Business Park is now more inviting to some ducks and bats. Eric is responsible for securing the help of Boy Scout Troop 64 of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Andrew Judy, 14, of Troop 64, took on the task as an Eagle Scout project. The project consisted of constructing and installing wood duck nest boxes and bat boxes in the natural area.



Andrew is working on his Eagle Scout rank and one requirement for that special honor is to plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a 100-hour leadership service project that will benefit the community. The project at Putnam Business Park provided Andrew the opportunity to enhance wildlife habitat in the environment.

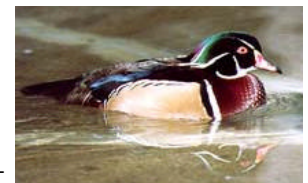
In the photo above, a wood duck nest box is placed high up in the trees. Wood duck hatchlings will be encouraged by the mother duck to jump directly from the nest into the water below for their first swim soon after hatching.



Pictured above is 14 year-old Andrew Judy with some of the wood duck nest boxes constructed for the Putnam Business Park. In the photo, Andrew is holding one of the Bat boxes (a home for bats)

The project utilized the help of other Scouts in the troop to build and install the boxes and to learn more about the wetland and the environment. His Eagle project consisted of finding plans for building wood duck nest boxes and bat boxes, building the boxes, and going to the wetland and installing them in strategic locations.

Andrew learned about leadership and how to plan and manage his service project and in the future, visitors to the public area of the wetland park will learn about wildlife and conservation of wetlands. Thank you to Andrew Judy and Troop 64.



*Adult male Wood Duck
Aix sponsa*

TMMWV Community Development Award *(continued from Page 1)*

The company usually hosts over 100 persons in support of the Putnam County Chamber's Business After Hours project.

Toyota also hosts teacher workshops on manufacturing to help educators learn workplace expectations, in cooperation with a special teacher exchange program sponsored by the Governor's Council on Literacy. The company also hosts competition for all of Putnam County's High Schools to promote math skills.

The company recently donated a minivan to the Buffalo Senior Citizens Center, an Ambulance to serve Putnam County and has donated nearly \$275,000 to Buffalo area projects since 1996.

In addition to these and other community service activities, on July 29, 2002, the company presented the Putnam Career and Technical Center and the Putnam County Development Authority with 2002 Toyota Sienna minivans to support education and economic development in Putnam County.

General Manager of Administration David Copenhaver was on hand to accept the plaque on behalf of TMMWV's President and CEO, Mr. Yutaka Mizuno.

I must be an optimist! I just purchased 200 37-cent postage stamps—and I think I'm going to be able to use them all before the post office raises the rates AGAIN.

PCDA Board Meets at Putnam Business Park

The regular monthly meeting of PCDA's Board of Directors was held at the Putnam Business Park on August 27th. In the photo (right) PCDA President Wayne Bennett shares a lighter moment during the regular board meeting.



Left to right—Wayne Bennett, Dennis Prisk, Dave Bunger (hidden) Coultrand L. Smith and Ben Vest

In the photo at left, Commissioner James Caruthers updates members on some recent activities. Also pictured are Tom Winter (foreground), Bob Pennington, Putnam County Chamber Director Marty Chapman, PCDA Office Manager Gloretta Bishop and board member Nancy Smith. After the meeting, some members took a tour of the replacement wetlands on the property.

South Putnam PSD Nears Completion on Sewer Project



The photo above shows crews from Rover Construction installing the new sewer line on-site in the Putnam Business Park



Photo courtesy of Jason Henderson

A major undertaking—placement of sewer line on the bottom of the Kanawha River. The new line will serve the Putnam Business Park.

PCDA Annual Report

The current edition of PCDA Annual Report was presented at the annual meeting held September 24 at Sleepy Hollow Country Club. The cover (right) was designed to resemble a magazine. If you did not receive a copy of this publication, please contact Gary or Gloretta Bishop at PCDA's office 757-0318 or by email at pcda@pcda.org.

You can also visit PCDA's web site at www.pcda.org



to request a copy. Newsletters and other information can always be found on our web site.

Just keep in mind that most of my "web site management time" is spent updating the building, site and park data on our web pages. Recent studies indicate that some of the most valuable information available on our web site is related to available properties.

Economic Development Strategic Plan Update

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Within the next couple of months, the authority will be working to update our Strategic Economic Development Plan. Part of this work will include an update of the community assessment. The original community assessment was completed about ten years ago when Putnam County was first added to the Certified Development Community (CDC) program offered by the WV Development Office.

2002 marks a re-certification date for the program and one of the activities needed to complete re-certification is an update of the community assessment.

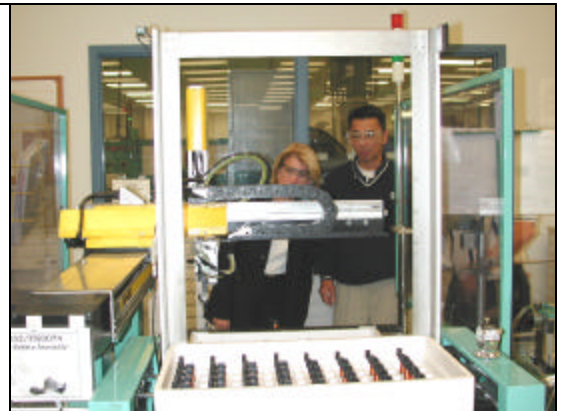
For Putnam County, or any other community, it is impossible to effectively decide where you are going without knowing where you are. Development authority staff, in cooperation with board committees will be working to update the community assessment and we would appreciate the input of any interested individuals willing to commit an hour or two to the effort. If you would like to help, contact Gary Walton, Executive Director, Putnam County Development Authority at 304-757-0318 or by email at pcda@pcda.org.

Diamond Electric Mfg. Corp. Receives Congressional Visit

In the photo at right, Congresswoman Shelly Moore Capito gets a close-up view of automated equipment at Diamond Electric's Eleanor plant. The Congresswoman, along with local representatives, were given the tour of the plant and new 28,800 square foot addition completed earlier this year by Mr. Kuni Ishakawa of Diamond Electric Mfg. Corp.

Diamond Electric manufactures ignition coils at its Eleanor Industrial Park plant. The company has two manufacturing facilities in the United States. The other U.S. facility is located in Dundee, Michigan. Headquartered in Osaka City, Japan, the company was incorporated in 1937.

The original 50,000 square foot manufacturing and office in Eleanor was completed in 1996.



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