

## **It Takes All Kinds . . .**

Marty Chapman, President

A recent issue of *The Putnam Standard* revealed much more than the current community news. I read this weekly publication with great interest and pride because within the first five pages, I identified articles on the following four Putnam County Chamber business members and one Putnam County Chamber organization member.

**Budget Blinds** is a franchise business and offered the owner, Richard Shell, the opportunity to pursue the dream of owning his own business. After 20 years in the corporate world of information technology & finance, Richard chose Putnam County for his Budget Blinds franchise – he felt the strength of the housing industry here was sufficiently viable to support his business interest.

**Strayer University**, by contrast, is a 117-year-old corporate institution of higher learning and currently operates 67 campuses in 15 states and Washington, D.C. Strayer University sought out Putnam County for its location for visibility and accessibility to serve students from across Kanawha and Putnam counties, as well as commuters along the I-64 corridor between Charleston and Huntington.

An Eleanor-based glassmaker for the past 17 years, John DesMeules, owner of **Glass Dimensions**, was recently chosen to design the Nationwide Tour Players Cup Trophy. The art of glassmaking is a West Virginia tradition, and with this latest project, John is seizing the opportunity to promote a relatively new glassblowing technique to ensure his Putnam County business remains strong.

**Advanced Technical Solutions (ATS)** was founded just ten years ago by brothers Gary and Brian Sims. Putnam County has allowed them the growth opportunities to extend their business from the original two customers to over 500 customers in 7 states. ATS has become the first West Virginia based Cisco Partner to be recognized as an Authorized Technology Provider in the Unified Contact Center Enterprise marketplace.

Finally, **Putnam Rotary** reported information on their recent meeting activities. This service club, under the direction of Rotary International, was formed in 1995 and has grown to approximately 100 members. The Putnam County Rotary Motto, “Uniting Community through Service”, has been demonstrated through their support and commitment to the community.

What is noteworthy, beyond their accomplishments, is that these businesses and service organization are vastly different in scope, size and nature but each is a vital and integral part of Putnam County’s economic success and growth – it takes all kinds.

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## *Welcome New Members!*

**Kanawha Valley Senior Services, Inc.**

**Stephani Vealey**

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*Thank you to our Renewing Members for your continued support of the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce! Your investment proves your willingness to support and build a better business climate to live, work and play in Putnam County!*

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## **Congratulations to Terry Mathias, Ohio National Financial Services Chamber Business of the Month for August!**

The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce is proud to salute Terry Mathias, a registered representative of Ohio National Financial Services, 231 Capitol St., Suite 306, Charleston, WV 25301, as our Chamber Business of the Month for August 2009. Tracing its corporate origins to 1909, Ohio National today markets a variety of insurance and financial products through more than 50,000 representatives in 47 states (all except Alaska, Hawaii, and New York), the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and through subsidiary operations in Santiago, Chile. As of December 31, 2008, its affiliated companies have \$21.6 billion total assets under management. Voted Cincinnati's "Best Place to Work" (large category) by the *Business Courier* (November 2003) and "25 Best Medium-Sized Companies to Work for in America" by the Great Place to Work Institute (June 2004), Ohio National has more than 850 corporate headquarters associates. Visit [www.ohionational.com](http://www.ohionational.com) for more information.

Terry has been an insurance agent for nine years, and has been affiliated with Ohio National for 18 months. His goal is to make a difference in his clients' lives by helping them solve their financial problems so that they can provide for the ones they love. He is an integrated services provider, helping his clients in the areas of overall financial development, disability protection, life insurance coverage, and estate organization. Each new client completes a self-discovery questionnaire that enables Terry to help determine the unique needs of each client and provide a specific solution based upon those needs.

Terry is also very active in the community. He serves as a board member and chairman of the membership committee for the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Charleston Vandalia Rotary Club, and he is the President of the Charleston Chapter of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors.

For a free consultation, please contact Terry Mathias at (304) 720-0450 or [tsmathias@earthlink.net](mailto:tsmathias@earthlink.net).

Terry Mathias is licensed to sell life insurance and annuity products in West Virginia. Products are issued by The Ohio National Life Insurance Company and Ohio National Life Assurance Corporation. Securities are offered through The O.N. Equity Sales Company, member FINRA/SIPC, One Financial Way, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45242, (513) 794-6794.

*Businesses selected for "Business of the Month" are drawn from the names of Chamber members attending Business After Hours.*

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## ***Member News!***

Thank you to **Sleepy Hollow Golf Club, David White, CCM** for hosting a very successful **Business After Hours in June!** The event was held poolside to showcase Sleepy's newly renovated pool complex. Guests were treated to a delicious fajita bar and sangria punch while enjoying beach music by DJ Thunder in the afternoon sunshine. Complimentary rounds of golf at Sleepy were given to two lucky attendees! The winner of the **Chase Sponsored** drawing valued at **\$600** was **John Desmeules, Glass Dimensions** had he been present!

**Edward Jones, Lana Gibson** has the employee education solution you need. They provide financial education to employees of small, medium sized and large companies. Their program is a great way to: Complete your benefits offerings, help increase participation in your company-sponsored retirement plan, enhance employee satisfaction and loyalty, enable your employees to better understand and manage their retirement plans. Contact Lana Gibson, Financial Advisor, 304.776.5110.

**Jenkins Fenstermaker, PLLC**, recently pledged \$25,000 to the proposed Children's Hospital project at Cabell Huntington Hospital. This generous pledge has been recognized by dedicating a GE Healthcare OmniBed® in the hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) for seriously ill newborns. The new NICU opened in February 2008 and is the first phase of the proposed Children's Hospital.

The National Association of Professional and Executive Women names **Karen L. Facemyer, President of Polymer Alliance Zone, Inc.**, "**Woman of the Year**" in Economic Development. Only one woman from each industry is named "Woman of the Year" and each honoree is selected from thousands of women in their field. They are chosen based on outstanding accomplishments, leadership and service and will nationally represent their industry in the "Women of Excellence" Registry.

Three **Steptoe & Johnson** paralegals were recognized by the Legal Assistants/Paralegals of Southern West Virginia (LAPSWV) at the organization's fifth annual meeting and seminar held in June. Cynthia Lowther, ACP\* was re-elected to a second term as President of LAPSWV, while Lorena Shingleton, ACP\*\* was elected to a second term as First Vice-President of the organization. Renee Clay, CLA\* was also elected to the Executive Committee, assuming the role of Treasurer.

**C. David Morrison**, a member of the law firm of **Steptoe & Johnson**, has been elected President of the Energy and Mineral Law Foundation (EMLF), a nationwide, non-profit educational organization.

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## **Chamber 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament Sleepy Hollow Golf Club**

### **City National Bank Insurance Division Wins Chamber Golf Tournament!**

The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce held its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on

Monday, July 13 at Sleepy Hollow Golf Club. The winning team was **City National Bank Insurance Division** with a score of 14 under par. Congratulations to team members Joe Bowery, Joey Bowery, Mike Greenleaf and Jerry Neal! Each first place team player received individual trophies, a \$150 gift certificate from Sleepy Hollow Pro Shop, and their names engraved on the permanent trophy in the Chamber office.

The tournament was very successful with 34 teams participating, and was made possible by our great sponsors and many volunteers. Thank you for your tremendous support!

(Insert photo) Caption: City National Bank Insurance Division team members Mike Greenleaf, Jerry Neal, Joey Bowery, and Joe Bowery.

*Thank you to our Major Sponsors:*



*The Chamber also thanks:*

**Eagle Research & Toyota Motor Manufacturing WV** as Dinner Sponsors  
**Triad Engineering** as Breakfast Sponsor and  
**Capital Beverage, Diamond Electric, Parkline, Inc. & Pray Construction**  
as Associate Sponsors!

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**Hats off to our Golf Committee:**

**Dave Bagnall, Co-Chairman, Diamond Electric Manufacturing Corporation**  
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Vicki Berry, City National Bank  
Dave Bunger, Chase Bank  
Randy Cunningham, Pray Construction  
Phil Manker, Corporate Identity  
Tymia Milbee, City National Bank  
Teresa Sperandio, Eagle Research Corporation

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**Primp Salon Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

On June 1, new business owner Michelle Carver proudly opened the doors of Primp Salon, located at 3786 Teays Valley Road. "We strive to create an environment that allows an

escape from the stresses of everyday life, while providing Teays Valley patrons with the best salon services the industry has to offer,” says Michelle, a 14-year veteran stylist.

The salon has many unique features such as curtained styling stations, a private color bar area, WiFi access and complimentary beverages allowing for a more relaxing and serene experience. Powered by top-notch professionals, Primp Salon is dedicated to providing excellent customer service along with employee satisfaction. “My stylists are a great team; I have the utmost confidence in their talents. And, their positive attitudes are key to a successful salon visit.” Working alongside Michelle are stylists Jenny Hunter, James “Jimbo” White and Andrea Harmon, all with great passion for their chosen career.

With her dynamic team offering expert salon services in a comfortable and calm setting, Michelle is looking forward to seeing Primp Salon grow in Teays Valley. Stop by, call 304.760.8298, or email [primpsalonwv@yahoo.com](mailto:primpsalonwv@yahoo.com) – make your appointment today to be “PRIMPED”!

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## **Putnam Chamber NOW (Network of Women) Welcomes Guest Speaker, Natalie Tennant at August Wellness Series Event**

Putnam Chamber NOW (Network of Women) is hosting a wellness series event on Tuesday, August 25 from 6-8 pm at Teays Physical Therapy Center. The topic is Football 101; the guest speaker will be WV Secretary of State and former WVU Mountaineer Mascot, Natalie Tennant. This program is designed to provide women with resources to better appreciate the game of football. If you're interested in improving your knowledge of football, this program is for you.

There is no charge to attend; however, participation is limited to women working for or with a Putnam County Chamber member in good standing. Reservations are requested by August 21; please contact the Chamber by phone or email [chamber@putnamcounty.org](mailto:chamber@putnamcounty.org)

Putnam Chamber NOW conducts regular meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month and plans activities on an every-other-month basis. The mission of NOW is to be a resource for women in the business community. All women of the Chamber are welcome to participate.

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## **Generation Putnam**

Generation Putnam is dedicated to building a better Putnam County, made up of motivated, energetic young professionals generally in their 20's, 30's, and early 40's who are destined to become the area's future leaders.

Generation Putnam encourages members to get involved and make a difference by becoming active participants in the professional, civic and social aspects of our community. Generation Putnam offers fundraising and volunteer support while also providing members with professional development and social networking opportunities. The group is the one professional, civic and social organization that drives positive and real change in the Putnam County area and gives young professionals a chance to make a significant impact in their community.

If you are interested in joining, if you are ready to work hard, play hard and make a difference in our community then join today. To become involved, please call 304-757-6510 for an application today or by email [chamber@putnamcounty.org](mailto:chamber@putnamcounty.org).

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## **Run for the Health of It WV 5k Run & 2 Mile Walk**

**Reach Personal Fitness** has teamed up with **Power Up** to host **Run for the Health of It WV- 5k Run & 2 Mile Walk** at the Valley Park (Wave Pool Park) on August 29<sup>th</sup> 2009, 6:30 pm. The event will be followed by a pool party at the Wave Pool for all participants as well as their family and friends.

They are expecting 300-500 people to be involved in the event. What better way to get your company's name out than to have banners at the event, distribute literature, and display your company logo to be on the backs of hundreds of t-shirts that will be a walking advertisement by many people for years to come!! Chick-fil-A will be providing food after the race at the pool party and non-participants can take part in the pool party and food for only \$5.00.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Children's Therapy Clinic which is a physical therapy clinic that provides services for children who can't afford to pay for therapy. Another portion of our proceeds will be donated to a diabetes foundation for research and to help those who can't afford the supplies they desperately need.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for the event or participating in our race, please visit our website at [www.reachpersonalfitness.com](http://www.reachpersonalfitness.com) to download an entry form, or print off the attached form, or by calling Rebekah Greene at 304-610-7765 or [reachpersonalfitness@yahoo.com](mailto:reachpersonalfitness@yahoo.com). Let's make our community a better place, together!

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## ***Community News***

### **GRAND OPENING OF VALLEY FORK EDUCATION CENTER KANAWHA VALLEY COMMUNITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE Saturday, August 15, 2009**

Kanawha Valley Community and Technical College, (formerly WV State CTC), in partnership with The Central Appalachia Empowerment Zone of West Virginia (CAEZ, Inc.) and RESA III Adult Basic Education, would like to invite everyone to attend the Grand Opening of the Valley Fork Education Center, located in Wallback, WV.

The college will host a job fair and will also offer workshops on basic computer skills and starting your own business. The event is free to the public and will take place from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday August 15, 2009.

The Valley Fork Education Center offers programs for the fastest growing careers in WV Health Care, Energy, and Business Technology. Registration for fall is going on now. Classes for the fall semester begin August 24<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in scheduling for the Fall Semester will be able to speak to advisors and a financial aid representative during the Grand Opening events. If you are an employer and would like to have a table at the job fair, call Kim Sovine at (304) 766-5248, or for more information visit the website [www.wvsctc.edu](http://www.wvsctc.edu).

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## **Putnam County Rotary 14th Annual Golf Tournament**

The Putnam County Rotary will hold its 14th Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, August 10, at Little Creek Country Club in South Charleston. Contests including Best Score, Long Ball, Closest to Pin, Hit the Green, and Putting Contest. Play begins at 10 am with a shot gun start. In addition to cart & green fees, lunch, dinner and beverages, all players will receive a goody bag and shirt. During dinner, awards will be given to teams including team cash awards and team member iPods. The Rotary will also hold an auction with items including golf at Snowshoe, Glade Springs, and Stonewall, white water rafting, dinner for two at Wellingtons, new TV, putter, driver, and other fabulous items.

Corporate sponsorships give your business a chance to advertise, as well as promote goodwill. Your team members will be able to network and make important business contacts for your business. All that AND a great chance to give back to your community. Your participation provides funding to help our local area, as well as support humanitarian efforts in West Virginia and around the world. Not only would your sponsorship advance your company, but you will also advance the mission of Rotary International, "Service Above Self". If you are interested in participating, please contact tournament chair, Eric Pritt (304) 419-0274.

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## **Putnam Family Style Tailgate Saturday, August 22, 2009 ~ 4:00 pm**

Save the date for this great Family Style Tailgate and get prepared for football season at the same time! Bring your grill and favorite foods and beverages and Tailgate Putnam Style at the County Courthouse Parking Lot, Winfield, WV. (Parking spaces- First come first served). Radio remote with Randy Daniel, Sponsored by Putnam County Convention & Visitors Bureau; Sticky Wall, Turbo Rush, Monster Wave, Slip-N-Splash Tummy Slide, and Mickey's Fun Factory 4-in-1 combo, Sponsored by Putnam County Bank (bring swim suits and beach towels); Tailgate Most Team Spirit Award sponsored by Poca Valley Bank; Midway Ford's Pass for Cash; City National Bank's Money Machine; Tug of War sponsored by Putnam County Parks & Recreation; Kids activities sponsored by Tri-County YMCA. NO Alcoholic Beverages. For more information contact Karen Haynes 304.757.7584.

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## **Calendar of Events for August 2009**

### **Wednesday, August 12**

Education Committee; Noon, Chamber Office

### **Monday, August 17**

Membership Committee; 4:00 pm, Chamber Office

### **Thursday, August 20**

Putnam Chamber NOW (Network of Women); 8 am, Chamber Office

### **Tuesday, August 25**

Putnam Chamber NOW Wellness Series; 6pm – 8 pm, Teays Physical Therapy Center, RSVP by August 21 to [chamber@putnamcounty.org](mailto:chamber@putnamcounty.org)

**Thursday, August 27**

Business After Hours; 5 pm – 7 pm, Sponsored by Yeager Insurance/Pixels to Portraits/Primp Salon, 3786 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane. RSVP required by Monday, August 24; Cost \$10 per person

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