

The Road Runs Both Ways . . .

Marty Chapman, President

On Monday, June 15, a 9-mile stretch of US Route 35 was officially opened to traffic. This new four-lane highway connects an already completed 2-mile section that opened in October 2008 to the existing two-lane Route 35 at the Buffalo Bridge. As I drove this newest section, on smooth cement totally free of potholes and the scenic, uninterrupted view of Putnam County landscape, three thoughts came to mind:

- First, the issue of safety. US 35 has long been identified as one of the most dangerous in the state. Its straight, flat stretches encourage speeding, and with only two lanes, the route is too narrow to handle the heavy tractor-trailer traffic that can endanger smaller vehicles. State transportation officials have reported that 35 percent of the traffic on the old Route 35 is tractor-trailers. The average percentage of tractor-trailer traffic on West Virginia highways is about 5 percent. This new route is a welcome and long overdue response to safety concerns.
- Second, the issue of commerce. Just what this road improvement will mean to economic development and expansion remains to be seen. Old Route 35 is now identified as WV 817; name changes are often confusing. Existing businesses will be impacted by the name change as well as by re-routed traffic. The new section has already gone through the zoning process and designations have been made. Zoning laws attempt to take surrounding properties into consideration, so as not to put a manufacturing plant in the middle of a residential area. Most commercial zones are designated into unpopulated areas. A call to Putnam County Planning and Infrastructure will alert you to the permitted land use before you purchase, sell or plan to develop land along the route.
- Third, and perhaps the most uncertain, is the politics of completing and maintaining the road. The 11-mile section of Route 35 from I-64 to the Buffalo Bridge cost \$251 million. Contractors are now working on an 8-mile section on the Mason County end of the highway. That will leave a 13-mile section in the middle unimproved which will require an estimated \$395 million for funding. The state is now considering its alternatives for obtaining the funds for completion and these options include tolling of the US Route 35 corridor. The Division of Highways has said a toll road decision will not be made without public input.

Regardless of your position on these issues, we all stand to be impacted by this development. I urge you, as a Chamber member, to express your views and stay informed. Our legislators are responsive to public input and your opinion does make a difference. It's a matter of give and take - the road runs both ways.

Welcome New Members!

Family First Realty

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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!

Congratulations to Broadmore Assisted Living Chamber Business of the Month for July!

Broadmore Assisted Living at Teays Valley first opened its doors in December of 1999 and since that time has been an active member of the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce and the community.

Broadmore Assisted Living provides housing and care services for the elderly of Putnam County and the surrounding areas. In the elegant, home-like atmosphere elderly residents live and enjoy socialization with their peers as well as a full range of scheduled activities from which to choose. Care is provided on a 24 hour basis by our highly trained wellness staff. Meals are home-cooked and served restaurant style in our lovely dining room.

In addition to the assisted living community, Broadmore boasts one of West Virginia's few licensed Alzheimer's/memory care units where residents enjoy secure and comfortable surroundings as well as specialized programming.

Dolores Miles, Executive Director has been with Broadmore over nine years. She is a Putnam County native and a Registered Nurse with many years of management experience. Dolores and her staff and residents want to thank the Chamber for selecting us to be the "Business of the Month" for July. For more information you may contact Dolores at 304.757.4778.

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

Member News!

Thank you to **CAMC Teays Valley Hospital; Al Michaels** for hosting a very successful **Business After Hours in May!** CAMC Teays Valley Hospital provided a wonderful atmosphere for networking; refreshments were catered by the hospital! Several chamber members present walked away with very nice door prizes! The winner of the **Chase** Sponsored drawing valued at **\$500** was **Larry & Lisa Johnson, LJ Art** had they been present!

Edward Jones, Lana Gibson, Financial Advisor announces premium services shouldn't have to come at premium prices. With Edward Jones CFO: Complete Financial Organization. CFO consolidates your investments, savings and expenses into one easy-to-manage account. In addition, it organizes your finances and helps reduce fees. For more information you may contact Lana at 304.776.5110 or visit the website at www.edwardjones.com.

Hopewell Place is proud to announce the addition of Dr. Mody, MD to their Teays Valley Office. Dr. Mody has worked extensively in the field of mental health for the past 15 years, specializing in Substance Abuse.

Dr. Mody will be participating in Opiate Replacement Program (suboxone) in our Teays Valley Office. The primary purpose of the program is to help individuals with opioid dependence issues. We provide regular medical care when a patient will be required to see the physician for ongoing suboxone treatment. Most patients will need counseling. These appointments are key part of the treatment, and work together with the SUBOXONE to improve success. For an appointment please call 800.642.3434 ext. 4502. They accept most private insurances and/or private pay.

Barry Taylor, an attorney with **Jenkins Fenstermaker, PLLC** has been selected to appear in the Super Lawyers, Corporate Counsel Edition to be published in September. Super Lawyers, Corporate Counsel Edition lists outstanding attorneys from across the country that has been recognized in state and regional editions of Super Lawyers magazine. Taylor was selected for the *Corporate Counsel Edition* for his work in Personal Injury Defense: Medical Malpractice. This magazine will be distributed to more than 20,000 Corporate Counsel and 5,000 CEOs of the top private and publicly held companies in the country. In 2007 and 2008, Taylor was also selected for *Best Lawyers in America* for his work in Medical Malpractice Law.

The law firm of **Step toe & Johnson** announced today that the construction phase of the firm's new building along the I-79 Corridor has begun. A contemporary, 4-story, 78,000 square foot facility located at White Oaks, a high-end business park, is expected to be completed by October 2010. West Virginia's largest law firm will be the lead occupant in the building that will also bear the Step toe & Johnson name.

Step toe & Johnson is pleased to announce that the firm was top-ranked in five practice areas by *Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. In addition, seventeen Step toe & Johnson attorneys have been ranked as "*Leaders in Their Field*."

Correction to phone number for new member listing in the June newsletter **Merry Maids, Jamie Nelson; Correct Phone number is 304.720.6243**, located at 320A 2nd Avenue, South Charleston, WV 25303; Fax: 304.720.6245, merrymaids760@suddenlink.net, www.merrymaids.com.

Chamber 25th Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, July 13, 2009

9:00 am Registration ~ 10:00 am Shot Gun

Sleepy Hollow Golf Club

3780 Sleepy Hollow Drive, Hurricane, WV 25526



What you need "fore" a great day of golf, food, gifts, prizes & games!

At registration . . .

- Grab & Go Breakfast provided by Tudor's Biscuit World & Tim Horton's
- Purchase Mulligans -limit 2 per player
- Raffle Tickets (\$10/each) ~ chance to win any of these amazing prizes:
 - Canaan Valley – 4 unlimited one day golf passes*
 - Country Roads Cabins – One night's stay for 2*
 - Glade Springs – Accommodations, golf instruction & golf for 2*
 - Pete Dye Golf Club – 4 rounds of golf*
 - Stonewall Resort – Accommodations, breakfast & golf for 2*
 - Calvin Broyles Jewelers – Men's (or women's) watch by Citizens*
 - Deluxe Wicker Picnic Basket*
 - Bath & Body Works Luxury Products - \$110 value*
- Pick up your courtesy bag and complimentary player gift
- Buy your 50/50 tickets – chance to win \$\$\$\$\$\$

During play . . .

- Aim for the "cars" – Ace on #6 and #12 – Wins a new car!
- Long Drive (in the fairway) – Men golfers on #2; Women golfers #18 - Pro Shop Gift
- Closest to the Pin - #4 – Win a pair of non-prescription Addidas Sun Glasses compliments of Herman Eye Center & Pro Shop Gift
- Closest to the Pin - #12 – Win a two night stay at Cross Lanes Comfort Inn & Pro Shop Gift
- Closest to the Pin - #17 – Pro Shop Gift
- Closest to the Chalk Line - #8 (must play that shot) – Pro Shop Gift
- Longest Putt - #9 – Pro Shop Gift
- "Tiger" Drive – #18 – Buy a chance for advanced tee off
- Complimentary Water, Soft Drinks & Beer (while supplies last)

In the Club House . . .

- Ribs & Chicken, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Grille Salad & Redskins
- Custom cake from Tricia's Cakes by Design
- "Last Chance" Raffle Ticket sales opportunity – drawing after dinner
- Pick up your complimentary door prize (a vast variety of wonderful items donated by Chamber members!)
- Congratulate the winning teams & envy their skills and spoils:
 - 1st Place Team - \$150 Gift Certificate, each player & Trophy*
 - 2nd Place Team - \$100 Gift Certificate, each player*
 - 3rd Place Team - \$50 Gift Certificate, each player*



Thank you to our Major Sponsors:



The Chamber also thanks **Eagle Research** and **Toyota Motor Manufacturing WV** as Dinner Sponsors; **Triad Engineering** as Breakfast Sponsor; **Diamond Electric, Parkline, Inc.** And **Pray Construction** as Associate Sponsors.

For more information, please contact gwhite@putnamcounty.org or 304.757.6510.

Chamber Applauds Graduates of 2009 Leadership Putnam County Class

Judge O.C. Spaulding was the guest speaker at the graduation reception for the Leadership Putnam County program sponsored by the Chamber. This program, now in its 20th year, extends the opportunity for participants to be educated through nine on-site classes that help them understand the community more thoroughly. Judge Spaulding, along with Marty Chapman, presented plaques to 13 participants recognized for completing the program. The reception was held at Sleepy Hollow Golf Club on Friday, June 12 with approximately 50 guests in attendance. The 2009 participants included Angel Bannister, Tri-County YMCA; Jane Burdette, Strayer University; Jonathan Clark, Sleepy Hollow Golf Club; Mandy Curry, City National Bank; Seth Hansen, Verizon Wireless; Tammy Meiners, AEP John Amos; Brian Moore, Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP; Chuck Nuckles, City National Bank; Dane Ryan, Triad Engineering Inc.; Teresa Sperandio, Eagle Research Corporation; Heather Vanater, Putnam County Development Authority; Angela Watson, Putnam County Title Insurance Agency, LLC and Charlie Zuspan, AEP John Amos.

CODY HAGER WINS DIAMOND SCHOLARSHIP

Cody Hager, a 2009 graduate of Winfield High School who plans to attend West Virginia State University, has been presented the Shigeji Ikenaga Diamond Electric Manufacturing Corporation Scholarship.

This scholarship, named in honor of Diamond Electric's chief executive officer who lives in Japan where the ignition coil company is headquartered, is made available to graduating sons and daughters of Diamond Electric employees.

Cody, who lives at 606 Parkstone Dr., Fraziers Bottom, is the son of Kimberly Hager and Jerry Hager. Mrs. Hager is Quality Assurance Department employee at Diamond.

Active in the Theater and Show Choir at Winfield HS, Cody plans to study secondary education at WVU. He has performed with the Contemporary Youth Arts Company in Charleston and also is active with Gateway Church of Christ youth group. At Winfield HS, he was a member of the National Honor Society.

BUFFALO STUDENTS WIN DIAMOND ELECTRIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Chelsea McCoy of Bancroft and Staci Freeman of Leon, both 2009 graduates of Buffalo High School, are the recipients this year of scholarships presented by Diamond Electric Manufacturing Corporation. All Putnam County high school graduates are eligible for these scholarships.

Chelsea is the daughter of Tim and Debi McCoy and plans to attend Marshall University where she will study pre-medicine. A volunteer firefighter and a registered emergency medical technician, Chelsea has been active in the Girl Scouts and was a recipient of the BHS Academic Excellence Award for three years.

Stacy is the daughter of Edward and Trisha Freeman. She plans to study nursing at West Virginia University. A member of the National Honor Society, Stacy received the top science award at Buffalo High School and she also received three Academic excellence Awards.

Community News

West Virginia Authors Awarded Prestigious IPPY as Outstanding Book of the Year for 2009

Another Sad Mad Glad Book – The Anatomy of Your Attitude by West Virginia authors **Chuck Stump** and **Jim Strawn** has been named 2009 Outstanding Book of the Year – Most Inspirational to Youth by Independent Publisher. For 26 years the mission of Independent Publisher is to recognize and encourage the work of publishers and authors who exhibit the courage and creativity necessary to take chances, break new ground and bring about change to the world we live in. And Stump and Strawn's latest book does just that. The second in their series of Sad Mad Glad Books, **Another Sad Mad Glad Book** is a motivational book for "children of all ages" that inspires them to have a positive attitude toward life. The book uses old American Folk Wisdom or body idioms to convey the message.

This award follows their prize-winning first book, **The Sad Mad Glad Book**, named the Gold Medal in the Moonbeam Awards for Children's Books in November of 2008.

Stump and Strawn attended the Award Ceremony in New York City on May 30, 2009 to receive their honor. There were 4000 world-wide entries vying for the IPPYs. "We could not be prouder," stated Stump. "We had a good feeling about the book - we see it changing kid's attitude everyday," he added.

Their books are available from the web-site, www.FourDolphins.net.

For more information about Independent Publisher, go to www.IndependentPublisher.com.

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.

Putts for Mutts & Caddies for Kitties Golf Scramble

Proceeds go toward New Putnam County Animal Shelter

Sleepy Hollow Golf Club ~ October 12th, 2009
(Rain date October 19th, 2009)

\$125 per person/ \$500 Team
Tee Time 10:30am
Registration begins at 9:30am

Free Late Lunch served after Tournament

Hole Sponsorships available for \$100

For more information contact Brian Donat 304-586-0201 or Karen Haynes 304.757.7584

VA to Host Family Event for Returning Combat Veterans

The Huntington VA Medical Center is planning a Welcome Home Event for Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF) veterans and their families on Saturday, July 25, 2009 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Ona Speedway and Airpark.

Activities planned for the event include children's carnival games and inflatable's, live music, free food, displays of aircraft and military vehicles, as well as information booths about state and federal benefits, employment and educational opportunities.

Community groups and individuals who would like to help with the event are encouraged to contact Michele Michael, OEF/OIF Program Coordinator at 304-429-6755, ext. 3845.

Calendar of Events for July 2009

Wednesday, July 1

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony; 1:00 PM; Primp Salon, 3786 Teays Valley Road, Suite 200, Hurricane

Friday, July 10

Golf Committee, Chamber office, 3:00 pm

Monday, July 13

25th Annual Golf Tournament; 9:00 am Registration, 10:00 am Tee-off;
Sleepy Hollow Golf Club; Pre-Registration is required to participate

Thursday, July 16

Putnam Chamber NOW Meeting; Shoney's in Teays Valley; 8:00 am, RSVP to
chamber@putnamcounty.org

Monday, July 20

Membership Committee Meeting; 4:00, Chamber Office

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