

Johns Manville

Johns Manville (JM) announced plans to build a second production line at the company's Scottsboro manufacturing facility. The new line, which will add approximately 40 new jobs, will increase production capacity for JM TPO (thermoplastic polyolefin) for the commercial roofing industry.

JM located to Scottsboro in October 2008 and began a capacity expansion project in March 2015 at the Scottsboro plant to meet demand for their product. Construction was completed in May, and now work will begin to construct the second production line.

"The plant expansion was a huge success and made our Scottsboro facility what is, in our view, the most productive and efficient TPO facility in the United States," said Jennifer Ford-Smith, JM's Director of Marketing and Single Ply.

Senior Vice President and General Manager Robert Wamboldt said, "We're proud to be a part of the commercial roofing industry, and we believe our 157-year history demonstrates that we are here to stay."

"We are delighted to assist JM with their growth. JM is a great corporate citizen and we are excited to see them choose to continue growing their business here," said Dus Rogers, President and CEO of JCEDA.

Southern Concrete



Southern Concrete Products, Inc. held a grand opening in November for their newly-constructed plant near Stevenson. They will have seven trucks and as they ramp up, they will employ approximately 15 people. John Paul Lambert is the owner and president.

Taylor Manufacturing

Taylor Manufacturing recently purchased the former H.D. Lee/Cintas building in Stevenson for the new location of their machine shop. They expect to be fully operational by April or May of 2016. Company president Mike Taylor said he expects his business to hire between 10 and 20 new workers over the next few months.

Taylor said that securing the new location was due in part to his company's growth. In 2013, the business grew by 12.25 percent. In 2014 it grew 28 percent, and is expected to see another 62-percent growth by the end of this year. This growth has translated into an increase from 33 employees in 2013, (continued on back)



Ribbon cutting for Taylor Manufacturing in Stevenson

Nytec Plastics

Nytec Plastics, a division of the Henagar-based Polymer Industries, is bringing a production plant to Pisgah.

According to Polymer Industries' Ashoo Saigal, "The plant will employ about 50 people and will make semi-finished plastic products for industries." Work on the new location has already begun and Saigal said he looks for it to be fully operational by July of 2016. Nytec is a manufacturer of engineered plastics and high performance materials in a variety of industries including food processing, materials handling, architectural, marine, construction and semiconductor electronics. The company ships products throughout the U.S. and all over the world.

Dus Rogers, President and CEO, said, "I'm thrilled that Nytec chose Pisgah for their new location. It will certainly be a boost to the community and to Jackson County's local economy."

Industry Appreciation

Jackson County EDA and The Greater Jackson County Chamber of Commerce hosted the 22nd annual Jackson County Industry Appreciation Day on October 1. We had our largest participation to date with 24 teams competing in the golf tournament. In the industry division, WestRock took first place gross and second place gross. First place net went to Polyamide High Performance, and second place net went to Southeastern Metals. Thank you to all our industries!

CEO Expo



The 5th annual CEO Expo, a hands-on career fair, was held Oct. 27 and was a huge success. Over 80 exhibitors and almost 700 ninth graders throughout Jackson County participated.

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to 40 in 2014, and 52 this year. Taylor said he looks forward to a promising future for his company, and projects growth of about 20 percent in 2016. "We look forward to a long, prosperous future here in Stevenson and can't thank everyone enough for all the help they've provided," Taylor said.

Rickey Steele, Mayor of Stevenson, said, "This type of thing happens because of a lot of people's involvement. The city council and myself appreciate what all these people have done."

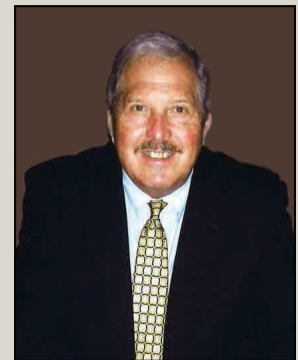
JCEDA President and CEO Dus Rogers said, "We welcome Taylor Manufacturing to Jackson County and we're pleased to have the opportunity to continue supporting them through our existing industry program."

Spotlight on Allies

Jim Hughes, General Manager of Bridgeport Utilities since 1977, is to be commended for his outstanding work on the Google project. He always responded promptly to their questions, and he helped in any way he could in the effort to locate Google's data center here.

Jim is a graduate of Bridgeport High School and the University of Alabama, where he played football. After college, he worked as a teacher at North Sand Mountain School before starting work at Bridgeport Utilities in 1972. He has served on numerous boards throughout the region. He was named "Volunteer of the Year" in 1997 by the Economic Development Association of Alabama. He has two children, Nick and Rachel.

Jackson County EDA truly appreciates Jim's contribution to the Google project. It paid off in a big way!



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Merry Christmas

and happiness
 throughout the coming year!