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2007 New Job Creation and Investment Tops 2005 and 2006

For the third year in a row, Taylor County existing businesses have created at least 400 new jobs and invested over \$10,000,000 in new capital in their facilities. From a December 2007 survey, responding firms reported a combined

total of 512 new jobs and \$13,765,000 in new capital investment. Those businesses were Amazon.com, Campbellsville Industries, Cox Interior, Farmer's Gate, Murakami Manufacturing U.S.A. Inc., Russell Metal Spinning and Up-

stream. According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, about 70 to 80 percent of new jobs are created by expanding businesses.

Murakami Corporation Executives Visit Campbellsville



Mark Johnson, Chairman, Economic Development Authority; Ron McMahan, Executive Director, Team Taylor County; Shinn Murakami, Chairman & CEO, Murakami Manufacturing U.S.A., Inc.; Eddie Rogers, Taylor County Judge Executive; Brenda Allen, City of Campbellsville Mayor; Paula Lillard, Vice President, Murakami Manufacturing U.S.A., Inc.; Taro Murakami, Senior Vice President, Murakami Corporation

On November 21, 2007 Japanese MMUS, Murakami Manufacturing U.S.A. Inc., hosted Murakami Corporation Senior Vice President Taro Murakami and General Manager Masami Sugiura for their annual visit of the United States facility in Campbellsville, Kentucky.

Campbellsville-Taylor County Economic Development Authority Board Chairman Mark Johnson and Team Taylor County Executive Director Ron McMahan, met with Murakami executives to thank them for their increased invest-

ment in Campbellsville/Taylor County.

"MMUS, Murakami Mfg U.S.A. Inc. continues to play an important role in the economic growth of our community by employing 300 people. In capital expenditures alone, MMUS has invested over \$34,000,000 to date," said McMahan.

"We understand and appreciate the enormous value that MMUS brings. Through their ongoing commitment to growing their business in Campbellsville, they have helped the entire county move

forward and deserve our thanks," said Mayor Brenda Allen.

In addition, Judge Executive Eddie Rogers noted that MMUS' increased investment in Campbellsville/Taylor County means significant tax base increases year after year.

MMUS, an OEM supplier of exterior and interior automotive mirrors to Toyota, Lexus, Honda, Nissan and Hyundai, began production in Campbellsville in 2001.

U.S. House Approves Funds for Heartland Commerce and Technology Park

The United States House of Representatives approved a measure to designate \$100,000 for the Heartland Commerce and Technology Park in Campbellsville, U.S. Representative Ron Lewis announced. Funds were included as part of the Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (H.R. 3074).

"These funds will help the Industrial Development Authority support infrastructure improvements to attract new

industries relocating to Taylor County," said Lewis. "Taylor County's continued economic rebound is a remarkable example of public-private partnerships at their best, elevating regional employment and quality of life."

Designated funds will be used to develop two engineered, pad ready sites in the current business park.

"We are very appreciative of Congressman Lewis's support of the Heartland Commerce and Technology Park,"

said Team Taylor County Executive Director Ron McMahan "This project, along with the Heartland Parkway, are the most crucial initiatives for the future economic growth of the Heartland region."

The Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriation Act has been approved by the House, the U.S. Senate and signed into law by the president.

Campbellsville Apparel Awarded Multimillion Dollar Defense Contract

The Defense Logistics Agency, a combat support agency that provides supplies and services to America's military forces, announced finalization of a multimillion dollar contract with Campbellsville Apparel to produce undershirts for the United States Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

"I congratulate Campbellsville Apparel for their success in receiving this contract," said U.S. Rep. Ron Lewis. "The company deserves praise for its continued efforts to keep good jobs in

the local community, supplying the Department of Defense and other clients with quality, American-made clothing.

The new contract underscores the economic renaissance continuing to occur in Taylor County as a result of partnerships between local business, government and education officials to provide manufacturing workers with training opportunities to better compete in a changing global economy.

"Campbellsville Apparel remains an

integral part of the region's comeback," said Lewis. "Opportunities such as this to produce world-class products showcase the resilience and unique skill of the local workforce, making Campbellsville an attractive place to live and do business."

This is great news for Campbellsville Apparel, their employees and Taylor County. Team Taylor County appreciates our federal delegation helping secure this contract.

Cox Interior, Inc., Winner of the 2007 Kentucky Manufacturer of the Year, Large Business Category



Photo by Kentucky Association of Manufacturers.

Accepting the award for Cox Interior from left are Kaye Cox Legg, Barry Cox, Lillian Smith and Grant Cox along with members of the Kentucky Association of Manufacturers.

Cox Interior won the 2007 Kentucky Manufacturer of the Year award. The award was presented at the November 2007 KAM's annual awards luncheon and annual meeting in Louisville. Cox Interior won the "large business" category. They were selected on the fol-

lowing criteria: Innovative and entrepreneurial leadership with regard to products, production method, or service; Recognized leadership in making a key contribution to the quality of life in the Commonwealth and the community; Active involvement in organizations

that advance industry and manufacturing

With about 900 Kentucky employees, Cox Interior ranks as Taylor County's second-largest employer. Founded in 1983, the company has evolved into an industry leader with annual sales revenues of \$100+ million.

Brad Cowgill Speaks on ‘Double The Numbers’ Initiative to Group at Campbellsville University

From left are: Ron McMahan, executive director of Team Taylor County; Lee Nimocks, staff of the Council on Postsecondary Education; Eddie Rogers, Taylor County Judge Executive; Brad Cowgill, interim president of the Council on Postsecondary Education; Dr. Gary Cox, president of the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities; Dr. Michael Carter, president of Campbellsville University; and Mark Johnson, president/CEO of Citizens Bank of Campbellsville and chairman of Economic Development Authority

Photo by Linda Waggener,



By Linda Waggener, Assistant Director of University Communications, Campbellsville University

Brad Cowgill, interim president of the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), visited the campus of Campbellsville University on Wednesday, Dec. 19, as part of CPE’s “double the numbers” initiative.

Cowgill spoke to a gathering of CU senior administrative and academic leaders along with a group of community leaders on the mission of the Council on Postsecondary Education and its core mission of working to advance educational attainment in Kentucky.

One of the core goals of HB 1, enacted by the General Assembly in 1997 and generally recognized as a piece of landmark education leading to the formation of CPE, is to double the number of college graduates in Kentucky by the year 2020. The “double the numbers” initiative of CPE is geared toward making that goal a reality by 2020

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Six Sigma Green Belt Certification Training at Campbellsville University Technology Training Center



Photo by Linda Waggener, Campbellsville University
From left JoEllen Lemmon, instructor, Danny Buckman, participant and Carol Sullivan, CUTTC Director

Six Sigma Green Belt Certification training was conducted at Campbellsville University Technology Training Center in the fall of 2007. Six Sigma Certified JoEllen Lemmon instructed this advanced Lean Manufacturing course. All participants passing the an exam at the end of the 40 hour

training received certification.

The funding for this training was provided through a grant to Team Taylor County from the Kentucky Governor’s Office of Local Development (GOLD).

Other training opportunities included in

this grant are Microsoft Office 2007 Excel, Word and PowerPoint and AutoCADD. Another session of Six Sigma Green Belt Certification will be held at Campbellsville University Technology Training Center beginning in February 2008.

Lewis Aide Meets With Community Leaders



By Linda Waggener, Assistant Director of University Communications, Campbellsville University

Congressman Ron Lewis' representatives met with leaders from Team Taylor County, education and business at Campbellsville University in December 2007 to discuss projects and issues of importance to the community. Pictured are, from left: Dr Frank Cheatham, CU vice president for academic affairs; John Chowning, CU vice president for church and external relations and executive assistant to the president; Gary Sharpe, Palmer Engineering representative for the Heartland Parkway project; Phyllis Causey, field representative, and John Connell, legislative staff person, from Lewis' office; Herbert Wheat, interim principal of Taylor County Elementary School; Campbellsville Mayor Brenda Allen; Otto Tennant, CU vice president for finance and administration; Carol Sullivan, director of the CU technology training center; Ron McMahan, executive director of Team Taylor County; and Charles Higdon Jr., principal of Taylor County High School.

Annual Business and Industry Christmas Appreciation Breakfast



Team Taylor County and the Campbellsville-Taylor County Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual Business and Industry Christmas Appreciation Breakfast in December 2007. Over 148 people attended the event.

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Left to right Fran Deener, Carol Sullivan, Robert Clark, Max Wise

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