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Letter from the President

Happy 2012 from the Chamber!

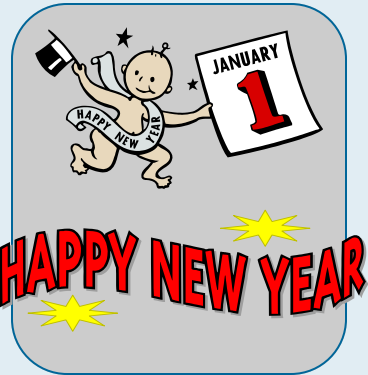
Precision Roll Grinders, situated in the Industrial Park in Lewisport, was chosen by the Board as the January Business of the Month. Congratulations! Human Resources Manager, Lisa Powers has provided some company biography in the article below.

I'd like to praise our local farmers for the thankless, and tiresome jobs they do. I'm glad to see things have improved across the board for them and I am also grateful that commodity prices are in their favor. Hawesville Chief of Police, Roger Jarboe has retired. December 31st was his last day as Chief. I'd like to send a warm welcome from the Chamber to the new Chief, Wagner "Buzz" Basket.

Sandy Novick, Kenergy CEO has officially made the decision to retire as well. Thank you Kenergy for supporting our chamber. Lastly, HCHS has many reasons to be proud, but senior Luke McCann has elevated them even more by being the first senior EVER to be accepted to Dartmouth College, an ivy league school located in Hanover, New Hampshire. Doing all this on a full scholarship...we're proud of you Luke!

Our January breakfast meeting will host our local elected officials as they bring some general information to the table about our local economy. Please put this on your "yes" list to attend!

Mark



Business of the Month

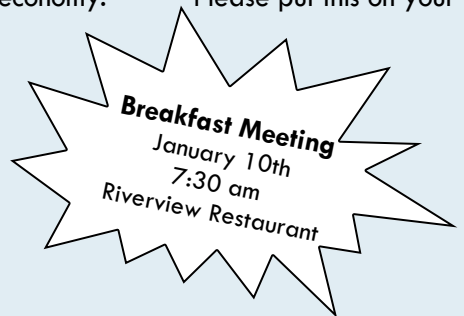
The Lewisport Precision Roll Grinders (PRG) facility opened in June, 1998 and is one of four state-of-the-art facilities in the Precision Roll Grinders family. With its headquarters and facility in Allentown, PA Precision also operates facilities in Carrollton, GA and Texarkana, AR. Precision Roll Grinders was founded in the summer of 1970 by George Maniatty with the philosophy of using the very best equipment to ensure high quality and one-step service. Precision Roll Grinders services industrial roll users with the highest degree of workmanship, on-time delivery and personalized custom service. PRG has been North American industry's quality choice for world-class, high accuracy grinding of cylindrical rolls and shafts of virtually all weights, sizes and compositions for more than 40 years.

Precision's facilities are focused exclusively on regrinding and repairing industrial rolls and their related components. They feature the very finest machining technology available anywhere in the world. Precision instituted and maintains an in-house training-apprentice

program to ensure that grinding operation technicians provide consistent quality while shipping ground rolls throughout the US, Canada, Mexico, South America, Asia & Europe.

The Lewisport facility was built to bolster service to the Midwest and provides full-service grinding and repair for all types of rolling machine components up to 200,000 pounds. The 26,000 square foot facility in Lewisport provides related services that include dynamic balancing and leak testing, polishing to surface finishes as fine as ¼ to ½ micro inch Ra, tungsten carbide coating and complete roll rebuilding for suction rolls and all types of crown compensating rolls.

With Precision's capabilities, an 80-ton roll composed of metal, granite or rubber can be ground to tolerances as fine as 40 millionths of inch, which is 75 times finer than the width of the average human hair. "Floating" concrete foundations form the base for every grinder. Vibration isolators, independent grinder and plant foundations ensure each



PRG grinder is positioned on its own vibration-absorbing foundation. Temperatures are carefully controlled at all times to eliminate roll contraction or expansion during the re-grinding process.

Precision Roll Grinders service industries such as producers of wind energy and the manufacturers of paper, aluminum, rigid and plastic film, textiles, metal, rubber, nonwovens, flooring, food processing, chocolate and ink. Precision Roll Grinders also services rolling components such as calendar rolls, dryers, drums, shafts, rotors, reel spools, felt rolls as well as all cylindrical parts and can achieve shapes to tolerances of +_ 20 millionth of an inch into straight cylinders, crowns, tapers and special profiles. Precision is also involved with related services such as mirror polishing, blast matting, chrome and brush plating, hot grinding as well as metal and ceramic spraying.