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## **JAYCO ADDS NEW PLANT**

Family-owned Jayco, Inc., an Indiana-based manufacturer of recreational vehicles, showed off their first produced RV's at their new facility in Twin Falls in spring 2005, seven months after announcing plans to expand with a new manufacturing plant in the West.

Recently, Jayco purchased 176 acres nearby their Twin Falls plant, with 70 held for future expansions and about 100 acres is earmarked to be developed into a commercial subdivision for Jayco vendors and suppliers to open here

This June, Jayco began production at the new 86,000 square-foot built there. Half of the building will be used to laminate walls and floors that will be installed in some of Jayco's most expensive trailers. The remainder of the building is for support services for other Jayco operations.\*

Jayco selected southern Idaho as the best place for expansion thanks to its ideal location to be closer to the markets they serve, its business-friendly environment, a good labor climate and excellent interstate access.

"We have been so impressed with the people here, community and state leaders as well as the work force," said Dave Yoder, general manager in Twin Falls. "As a family-owned and family-oriented company, Twin Falls was the best location for us to operate and a great place for our employees to raise their families."

"This area is just a great place for business and employees to live and enjoy life," Yoder said. "Southern Idaho offers the level of business opportunity, people, employees and quality of life factors that are simply unmatched anywhere else. We couldn't be happier."

## **TWO NEW BUSINESSES OPEN IN JEROME\*** (July 07)

Fastenal Industrial and Construction Supplies and Pella Windows & Doors opened new facilities in Jerome, adding to the growing business base in the Crossroads Ranch complex. The companies will offer more choices to the area's builders and developers.

Fastenal, the fastest growing full-line industrial distributor and largest fastener distributor in the nation, will offer a full line of construction materials at this new location. Pella sells windows and doors in wood, fiberglass or vinyl for new construction or replacement. Both will start moving in to the new facility 20,000 square foot facility this July.

The building is constructed by state-of-the-art tilt-up construction whereby walls are poured directly at the job site in large panels of concrete slabs then raised into position to form the exterior walls. This high quality of construction is very durable especially for manufacturers because the concrete suffers little damage if hit by a forklift or truck.

Marlin Eldred, Jerome City economic development director, said Crossroads Ranch has the potential to grow into one of the major employment centers in the Magic Valley. With FedEx Ground already operating at Crossroads Ranch, plans are already underway to build five more buildings here for a manufacturing group that would provide 60 to 100 manufacturing jobs.

\* Northside News

## **CITY OF BURLEY LANDS DOT FOODS**

The City of Burley announced in July 2007 that Dot Foods, Inc, the largest food redistributor in the United States, will open a 140,000 square foot redistribution facility in Burley by July 2008. The company is anticipating bringing 150-200 new jobs to the area. Dot is expected to open in July 2008.

"Dot Foods is a premier company. This is a great win not only for the city of Burley, but Idaho as well," Mayor Jon Anderson said.

For the last year, the City of Burley has competed with other communities in Utah and Oregon to land this prestigious company. The proactive partnerships from the city, county, region and state provided a seamless dialogue throughout the recruitment process.

"We are thrilled to be expanding Dot Foods to Idaho," Jim Tracy, Dot Foods senior vice president/general counsel said. "The close proximity to many of our distributors and quality of available workforce make Burley an ideal location for our expansion."

The state has committed \$600,000 from the Workforce Development Training Fund to help Dot Foods provide training for their employees and \$250,000 from the state's Business and Jobs Development Fund to assist the city of Burley with public costs associated with the expansion project.

“Dot Foods will find that Idaho offers an excellent quality of life and a strong committed workforce,” Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter said. “Dot Foods is known for providing quality employment opportunities and has demonstrated commitment to the communities where their facilities are located. We welcome them to Idaho.”

Dot Foods, Inc. is a Mt. Sterling, Illinois based company established in 1960. They distribute products from 700 manufacturers in less-than-truckload quantities to distributors not large enough to regularly order truckload quantities directly from manufacturers.

The new Burley facility will be Dot Foods 9th U.S. distribution center and will serve Idaho, Utah, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Wyoming, and western Nevada utilizing its fleet of multi-temperature trucks. The Burley site represents an estimated \$16-18 million investment by Dot Foods in Idaho. The Company estimates a \$16-18 million investment at the Burley site.