

Speech made by Marshall Putman after receiving the Baker-Cook-Jones Business Person of the year award.

*You know normally before I start any speech I like to have a good shot of bourbon...(Pause) But this time of the morning is just too early for that even for me (Laughter from audience).*

*With all jokes aside I would like to thank the Decatur Morgan County Chamber of Commerce for this award. This award means a lot to me and our business and I am very proud of it.*

*I really can't accept this award without sharing it with all of the people that are directly responsible for the company's success.*

*People like Jackie Putman. Jackie is my oldest son. Jackie is Pro-Air's IT man and maintains all of the computers at Pro-Air.. He also maintains computers for his company Pro-Computer Services.*

*Jason Putman, Vice President of Operations & Business Development, and marketing. Jason is a marketer from hell.*

*Joe Drake- From Hubbard & Drake. It took a while to talk him out of retirement. Along with Joe came all of the skills and credentials needed to help this company grow. Joe has since left for retirement again.*

*Billy Phelps- Vice President of Projects and Service. Billy is a leader of leaders. Billy started our Projects department from scratch and in three short years he has brought it to the success it is today.*

*I would also like to recognize our Service Manager Calvin Colbert, Project Manager Jim Garrie, and Metal Fabrication Manager Jimmy Charest and all the personnel that work under them.*

*Yes, I saved the best for last. She is the cornerstone of this company. She works tirelessly everyday from 7 am to 5 pm. If she has to miss a day she does not like it. She wears several hats. She is our comptroller, our financial wizard, our resource person. She is my wife and please stand... Carolyn Putman. (Applause from audience).*

*I have put the right people in the right places and these are the people I share this award with. Thank you. (Applause from audience)*