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Celebrating Forty Years of Service

MABEN – Established in 1966, Integrated Resources, Inc., formerly known as the Wyoming County Sheltered Workshop, celebrates forty years of service in 2006. June 16, 2006 to be exact. This private, non-profit corporation has contributed significantly to the economic development of the region for the past forty years.

According to Jack Feller of Mullens, the sheltered workshop was first established to provide services to people with disabilities within Wyoming County's high schools. Support was given to the project from numerous groups such as the Wyoming County Board of Education and County Commission in addition to the Mullens Woman's Civic Club and the Mullens Lions Club.

Initially, the workshop occupied the former Maben Grade School and gymnasium and employed only a few people. Some years later, the grade school building was demolished and a new and larger building was constructed, able to accommodate additional equipment and staff.

In 1999, construction of a second building which houses the office staff of Integrated Resources as well as one Early Head Start, three Head Start programs and the Maben Post Office was completed.

Integrated Resources has been adept at changing with the times, instituting such programs as an upholstery shop, a temporary employment agency, homemaker agency for the aged and disabled, commercial janitorial and mowing services as well as a newly established pre-vocational program for people with disabilities. Some of these programs have held their ground and some have not...but you can't accuse Integrated Resources of standing still.

Several celebratory events are planned for 2006, including an open house as well as an employee picnic and others. As a whole, Integrated Resources, Inc. employs more than 200 people in fifteen West Virginia counties.

The public is invited to come by the showroom of the best-known part of Integrated Resources, the "House of Wonder" and see the high quality wood products which are made there. Who knows, you may even want to buy a piece or two for yourself or as a gift, but please come by and say hello.

Additional information about the programs of Integrated Resources, Inc., can be found at www.int-res-inc.com.