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Mr. Derouen,

Thought you would
like to read the cause
of our electrical problems.
This is what we fight
everytime we are against
anything the quarries do.
Articles in the local paper
explaining what they do for
Meade Co.

As of today flickering
to strobing (now) Mon-Thur,
Fri-Sat.-Sun. lights good!!
Mon. start up worst day
of ALL (Am).

Thanks for your help

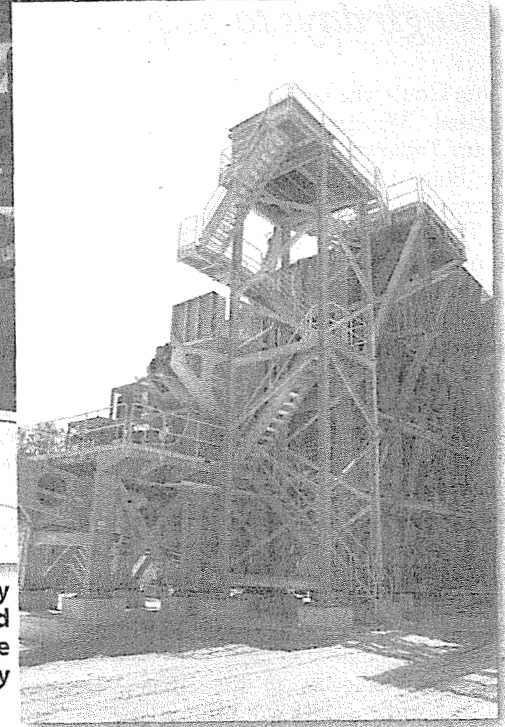
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Hilltop Big Bend Quarry's \$9 million upgrade helps with clean air efforts



Photos by Jason Amburgey
The dedication of the new plant ended with a ribbon cutting by CEO John Steele Jr., Meade County Judge Executive Gerry Lynn and others.



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On Aug. 24, 2012, the Hilltop Big Bend Quarry in Battletown, held a dedication of their newest plant.

On arrival, the 75-100 visitors signed in and took a short bus ride to the location of the new plant.

The dedication started with Chief Executive Officer John Steele Jr. welcoming everyone to the grand opening of the plant and thanking them for coming.

He gave a brief history of Hilltop Basic Resources, Inc., which is headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio. The company was started as a materials supplier in 1941 by his grandparents and it became the largest ready mix producer in the state of Ohio. To date, the company has two ready mix plants; two stone quarries; a large sand and gravel

rate in Meade County has dropped under 10 percent.

While Hilltop is a major employer in Meade County with 28 employees, their investment here in Meade County helps keep jobs in the county. For example, the foundation for the new plant was built with 50 loads of concrete from Irving Materials, Inc. (IMI) and parts that make the quarry run are purchased from Smith Auto Parts in Brandenburg.

Steele explained to the crowd how they got to this day. Hilltop was contacted in 2004 by the owners of the quarry to see if Hilltop was interested in purchasing the quarry. At the time, the quarry was very small when Hilltop purchased the property and has spent several years building the business. Instead of construction stone, Hilltop decided to mine the high-calcium limestone "scrubber stone" that is in deposit at the quarry.

sulfur dioxide from their emissions from burning coal. The Clean Air Act of 1990 mandated lower limits of sulfur dioxide that were emitted from coal-powered plants and Hilltop saw the growing demand for high-calcium limestone.

The total new investment in the plant reached approximately \$9 million. The principle items of equipment installed as part of the plant upgrade were:

- New jaw crusher, with capacity of 800 tons per hour
- New surge pile and reclaim tunnel.
- Two new cone crushers.
- New 8'x20' and 8'x2 triple deck screens.
- 150-foot radial stacker.

The plant and equipment was module designed, delivered and bolted together on site. The project was completed on a very accelerated schedule. The first order was signed on June 22, 2011, and the completed plant was inaugurated on March 7.