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Workforce Partnership of Shelby County Sidney Middle School Highlight

The Workforce Academy is in its third year at Sidney Middle School. This class teaches the soft skills needed to become a strong employee and provides career exploration with our local business partners. All seventh and eighth graders complete 9 weeks of this curriculum. Renee Davis is the instructor.

Currently, the seventh-grade classes are completing the Conflict Management unit. Students created "conflict trees" to demonstrate their knowledge of the types, causes and results of conflict. This lesson gives students the opportunity to recognize how conflict can dramatically impact them in the classroom, workforce and life. By being able to recognize the causes of conflict, they now have the tools to reflect on the potential outcomes and handle the conflict appropriately.

The eighth-grade classes recently completed the Problem Solving and Decision Making unit which concluded with a hands-on project to demonstrate those skills. Classes were divided into teams and supplied with equal amounts of paper and masking tape. Each team was tasked with the goal of building the tallest, free-standing paper tower while utilizing the supplies. Teams first had to use the decision-making process to plan how they would go about building

the tower. If their first plan didn't work, they shifted to the problem solving process to resolve any issues their towers were having. The activity was fun and applicable to real-life work situations. The eighth graders are scheduled to visit the Sidney High School Workforce Academy and RCI/ Workforce Partner Lab classrooms in January. The mission is for them to see the state-of-art classrooms and to hear first-hand from high school peers about their learning experience, which will give them a better understanding of the opportunities available to them next year.



Eighth-graders take the paper tower challenge.

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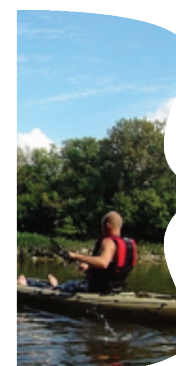
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Two Sidney Industrial Parks Gain Certified Site Status

The Sidney-Shelby Economic Partnership was recently recognized for having the first Certified Sites in The Dayton Power & Light Company service area.



The newly certified sites include the Sidney Ohio Industrial Park and the Amos Industrial Park. Site selection consultant McCallum Sweeney from Greenville, South Carolina reviewed and approved the sites based on criteria set forth in the Site Evaluation and Certification Program sponsored by The Dayton Power & Light Company. The Sidney Ohio Industrial Park is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Millcreek and Kuther Road, contains 237 acres located in the City of Sidney, and is zoned for industrial development. The Amos Industrial Park is located north of Russell Road, west of State Route 29 and east of I-75. The Park contains 177 acres.

The site certification process is a very lengthy and tedious

procedure. Staff and a number of consultants have worked nearly two years to complete the appropriate submittals to gain certified site status. The sites are now "shovel ready" for industrial development.

The certified site status insures a new company that the sites are free of any detriments that may slow or stop development. Those detriments may include historical or archaeological findings, soils unsuitable for construction, endangered species, wetlands, or environmental concerns. Studies to clear the properties of these concerns cost nearly \$50,000 for each site.

The sites will now be marketed internationally as "certified sites". In addition to posting the site information on the Sidney-Shelby Economic Partnership website, The Dayton Power & Light Company has developed a new website devoted to the marketing process - <https://www.ohiocertifiedsites.com/>

Electro Controls Adds Square Footage

Electro Controls in Sidney is a privately held, locally owned business founded in 1976 that provides industrial and OEM control panel and wire harness solutions. Services of the company include control panel and wire harness assembly, controls engineering and design, SCADA design, and field integration services.

Electro Controls serves a wide range of industries and markets including commercial and industrial food, power press and metal forming, wire and cable extrusion equipment, battery chargers, generators, electrical switching and distribution equipment, compressors, agricultural, robotics, plastic extrusion equipment, pumps, HVAC, many varieties of special machinery controls, along with water and wastewater systems.

A building expansion was recently completed that added 15,625 square feet needed to support significant growth the company has experienced since the 2008

recession. The expanded facility now totals 75,000 square feet with 93 employees serving clients throughout the US, Canada, and Mexico. This added capacity allows for more efficient operations and future growth. The anticipated growth at the company is expected to result in additional jobs as well.

According to owner Tim Geise, "It all starts with good people and Electro Controls has many of them. Good people are always at the base of a thriving business and everything else follows."

Electro Controls is ISO 9001:2008 certified and a UL508A panel shop. Additional information can be found at www.electro-controls.com.



Expansion Underway at Francis Manufacturing

Manufacturers of aluminum castings since 1946, Francis Manufacturing Company is among Shelby County's oldest operating companies. As they have for the past 70 years, they provide castings to a wide variety of industries. Francis Manufacturing serves a broad customer base that includes commercial, medical, and original equipment manufacturers. They are capable of producing castings that weigh fractions of an ounce to several hundred pounds for a national client base. Francis Manufacturing takes pride in fulfilling their customer's requirements with a high degree of precision, service, and satisfaction.

To accommodate expanding demand, Francis Manufacturing broke ground in December on a 20,000



square foot expansion to their facility in Russia, Ohio. According to Dave Francis, "In the last eighteen months we have upgraded our manufacturing process, and in doing so, we have a need for more floor space." Francis reports that the requirement for

added capacity may be accompanied by the need to fill a few new positions on their manufacturing team. The addition is expected to be ready for occupancy in April or May.

Those interested in learning more or viewing their aluminum sand casting process video, can visit the Francis Manufacturing Company web site at www.francismanufacturing.com.

SAPA Expands Sidney Facility - Again!

Sapa is again expanding its Sidney site to accommodate new growth in the company and expand production capacity. The current expansion includes the addition of 18,000 square feet. This expansion comes on the heels of a recent 35,000 square foot expansion at the site.

Sapa is a global supplier of aluminum with operations that run the entire length of the value chain – from bauxite extraction to production of rolled and extruded aluminum products and building systems. Based in Oslo, Norway, the company employs 30,000 people in more than 40 countries. With over a century of experience in renewable energy production, a commitment to leading edge technology and strong partnerships throughout the world, Sapa is committed to strengthening the viability of

its Customers and the communities it serves.

The Sidney plant is a dedicated fabrication facility. The local Plant purchases all of the base aluminum extrusion from sister-plants throughout the U.S. From there, the raw extrusion is fabricated/machined into various pieces, parts, and assemblies. Some of Sapa's larger customers include – Kenworth, Peterbilt, Navistar, Eaton, John Deere, Caterpillar, Lear, and Magna Drive.

The Sapa-Sidney plant currently has 195,000 sq. ft. under roof. The new building addition will be completed in January. The additional space will allow for better material flow through the Plant. Today, Sapa-Sidney employs 264 full-time Associates. A decision was recently made to discontinue the use of temporary labor and as a result, Sapa will be adding new associates into its full-time workforce.

National Designation Garnered for Water Trail System

The Great Miami Watershed Water Trail has been named a National Water Trail System by the Secretary of the Interior—a designation that could lead to more riverfront investment. The City of Sidney anticipates this designation will help it to capitalize on river-based recreation grant funding opportunities as well as strengthen the downtown revitalization efforts currently underway.

The National Water Trails System is a distinctive national network of exemplary water trails that has been established to protect and restore America's rivers and waterways and increase access to outdoor recreation. The local water trail includes the Great Miami, Stillwater and Mad Rivers, is the only national water trail in Ohio, and only one of 22 nationwide.

The national trail designation assures paddlers that the water trail incorporates best management practices in a variety of areas including trail design, maintenance,



recreation, conservation and public information.

"Our world-class network of national trails provides easily accessible places to enjoy exercise and connect with nature in both urban and rural areas while also boosting tourism and supporting economic opportunities in local communities across the country," says U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell.

Water trails are recreational routes on waterways, such as rivers, with a network of public access points. The Great Miami River Watershed Water Trail boasts 291 miles of waterway accessible to recreational boaters, anglers and wildlife watchers.

According to Sidney Parks & Recreation Director Duane Gaier, "Our goal is to get people, near and far, back onto the Great Miami River to see how clean, inviting and adventurous it can be. Whether you are an angler, birder, or water enthusiast, there is plenty of local access to the River to canoe, kayak or stand-up paddle board."

Upcycling with Gallery 2:Ten

Recently the business and art gallery known as Gallery 2:Ten relocated into the old Woody's Market at 684 Fair Road in Sidney. Gallery owner and artist, Mila Hamilton, shares her enthusiasm for upcycling and repurposing furniture and home decor and stated she is thrilled to be upcycling Woody's Market as well. The old market building is ten times the size of Mila's previous location. After remodeling, the building provides a sales floor four times larger than before and leaves the additional space for Mila's workshop where she continually works on custom projects and items for the gallery. Mila's goal is to blend old and new resulting in something "out of the ordinary".

Mila is joined by 53 other local artists who display their items on consignment. The gallery is filled with unique items including jewelry, greeting cards, photography, pottery, furniture and extreme sculpture among other things. For persons with other tastes, Gallery 2:Ten has expanded their offerings to include wine and craft beer for carry-out. Mila is always happy to provide advice and suggestions to ensure customer satisfaction.

Mila Hamilton enjoys sharing her love of art and upcycling and can host classes or parties in her former

location for children, office groups or a girl's night out.

Along with the larger space, Gallery 2:Ten expanded their hours; they are open 11-7 Tuesday thru Saturday (closed on Sunday and Monday). Gallery 2:Ten is on Facebook at gallery2TEN or they can be reached at gallery2ten@hotmail.com



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