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Shaffer Metal Fab, Inc. Breaks Ground for Expansion



Shaffer Metal Fab, Inc., located at 2031 Commerce Drive broke ground in May 2021 on a 30,000 square foot expansion. Once complete, the 75,000 square foot facility will house existing and new equipment to meet current business demands. The estimated completion date is mid-September 2021.

"Space has been a limitation to company growth in the past and we felt that we have a great foundation of customers that want to grow with us. Our new lean business practices have allowed our operations to become more efficient and the expansion will only help us serve our customers better," shared President Ryan Shaffer.

Shaffer anticipates adding five to 10 new positions once the expansion is complete.

Shaffer Metal Fab, Inc., started in 1967, is a family-run contract manufacturer specializing in sheet metal fabrication, precision machining, and powder coating. They currently serve customers in the lighting, material handling, automotive, furniture, store fixtures and food equipment industries.

Sidney Ohio Industrial Park Gains SiteOhio Certification

The Sidney Ohio Industrial Park has received SiteOhio Certification through Jobs Ohio. The Park, located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Millcreek and Kuther Roads contains 250 acres located in the City of Sidney and is zoned for industrial development.

The site certification process is a very lengthy and tedious procedure. Staff and a number of consultants have worked nearly three years to complete the appropriate submittals to gain certified site status. The site is now certified "shovel ready" for industrial development at the highest level. The certified site status insures a new company that the site is free of any detriments that may slow or stop development.

The site will benefit from enhanced marketing and exposure through the JobsOhio network. For more information, visit [ChooseSidneyShelby.com](https://www.chooseshelby.com).



Sponseller Group Constructing New Office Space

Sponseller Group, Inc., headquartered in Holland, Ohio, has announced the construction of a new 6,537 square foot office to be built on land that is currently vacant on 1516 Target Drive in Sidney. Sponseller Group, Inc. currently leases space at 808 West Russell Road.

"We have outgrown our leased space and this new office will double our size," shared President Keith Sponseller. "The new offices are designed to match our needs for teleconferencing, collaboration, meeting spaces, employee friendly work areas and an attractive appearance."

Sponseller noted that the Sidney office has been expanding on a regular basis and is now up to 12 engineers, designers and CAD personnel. The organization plans to expand the Sidney office to up to 25 employees in the coming years. "We have been able to hire graduates from the local colleges and universities," stated Mr. Sponseller. "We thank the community for the business-friendly climate, local businesses and the numerous high quality universities that have contributed to our continual growth."

At Sponseller Group, Inc., structural engineering, design, layout, mechanical HVAC, and architectural have become the largest service offerings within the company. They also partner with design/build contractors and fabricators providing them engineering and design services.

The new office space was designed in association with award-winning Buehrer Group Architecture & Engineering, Inc. of Maumee, Ohio. Construction is slated to begin around June 22, 2021.



American Recovery Act to Help Counties

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the \$362 billion Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, established under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP). This was the third in a series of bills passed by the Federal Government to address the issues caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic.

The bill set aside \$65.1 billion in direct federal aid to America's counties. Shelby County is expected to receive approximately \$9.4 million in two separate allocations. A Treasury portal was set up for counties to register and request their Recovery Funds with Shelby County Auditor, Amy Berning, handling that process. The first allocation of \$4 million has been received, and the Commissioners and other elected officials are reviewing the Treasury Guidance to determine how to use the funds. Commissioner Ehemann commented, "While earlier grant funds had to be used quickly, the American Rescue Plan monies have a longer time-frame in which they can be spent allowing the County to develop a plan that looks at long-term impacts."

Funds must be incurred and obligated by December 31, 2024, with all projects completed by December 31, 2026.

The Commissioners have hired a Grants Administrator to help facilitate the process. Priorities include expansion

of Broadband, a new fairgrounds restroom, storm-water and sewer improvements, small business grants, grants to the hospitality industry, and expansion of child care programs.

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ExperienceSidney.com

Cities big and small across the nation are facing the same challenge; attracting people to live and work in their respective communities. The local business environment in Sidney and Shelby County is no different. Understanding well the challenges faced by Shelby County employers when recruiting, a new community brand has been developed for Sidney that offers a compelling story, one that area HR managers and realtors can share about the quality of life enjoyed in this area.

To support Sidney's new community brand, a [brand video](#) was released earlier this year on social media and YouTube. In late March, the web site [ExperienceSidney.com](#), was published where those interested in learning more about the livability of Sidney can find answers to the lifestyle questions most important to them. This online information hub is

comprehensive and responsive to those with a variety of lifestyle interests. Individuals and couples, young families and empty nesters are sure to find information of value when considering our community as a best option for them. It is this site that those involved with promoting Sidney as a desirable place to live can refer others to position our community as one of choice for a new home.



Air-Tow Trailers Expands in Botkins



The Village of Botkins is excited to announce that Air-Tow Trailers has recently expanded their presence in the Botkins Industrial Park. Air-Tow moved to Botkins in 2019 with the purchase of a 20,000 sq. ft. spec building from the Botkins Investment Group. Since their arrival, Air-Tow has continued to grow, bringing more jobs and business. Shortly after their first building was purchased, the Botkins Investment

Group began work on a second building, this time 30,000 sq. ft. and just to the south of Air-Tow's current building.

Despite slowdowns due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Air-Tow found themselves in need of an expansion. Air-Tow's purchase of the second spec building allows the company to continue their growth, expanding their powder coating operations.

The Village of Botkins is incredibly excited to see Air-Tow continue to succeed. The Botkins Industrial Park has over 50-acres available for development, in a pro-growth community. We look forward to helping Air-Tow and all of our businesses continue on a path of prosperity and growth.

Two New Eateries Open

Two new eateries are making Shelby County home: Amelio's Pizzeria in Downtown Sidney and Southern-ish Kitchen in Jackson Center.

Amelio's Pizzeria, 115 South Ohio Avenue in Sidney, features signature brick-oven pizza. Their menu also includes specialty sandwiches, salads, pastas, and a variety of appetizers. Amelio's is family-owned and strives for a family style atmosphere! Step into a truly unique experience from the minute you walk through the door! Hours are 11-2 and 4-9 on Weds. & Thurs., 11-2 and 4-9:30 Fri. & Sat. and 11-7 on Sunday.



Southern-ish Kitchen, 205 W. Pike Street in Jackson Center is opening soon and will specialize in home cooked meals and smoked pulled pork. Originating from South Carolina, they look forward to bringing southern-style food to Ohio! Hours will be Weds.—Sun. 11-9.

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Welcome to the Workforce!



Congratulations to these 2021 graduates who participated in the Career Coach program during their senior year and received



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