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Workforce Partnership Update



The Workforce Partnership of Shelby County continues to grow! Effective September 6, Deb McDermott was selected to fill the Director position. Deb will manage the business aspects of the organization, with focus on the County Schools and Mobile Career Lab. Sharon Maurice has transitioned to an instructor role at Sidney

High School, where she will also coordinate the Workforce Partnership curricula and pathways within the school system to ensure an effective workforce program.

The Workforce Partnership's mission is to connect county students to local careers, offer pathway opportunities and to provide soft skills education that will prepare them to be employable in today's job market.

The Career Exploration Academy, funded in part by The Shelby County United Way, was held on September 22nd-23rd. During this event, the Workforce Partnership hosted approximately 1,000 Shelby County students (from seven different school districts) at the fairgrounds. More than 20 business partners participated and shared over 40 different local careers, ranging from entry level manufacturing to health field careers. The students experienced hands-on

learning in construction and robotics; a radiologist discussed Cat scans; manufacturers promoted skilled trades and engineering careers; machinists and mechanics explained what they do and why they love it.

Shelby County is fortunate to boast two of the three largest manufacturing employers in the Dayton area. This statistic is an indication of the vast manufacturing and skilled trade careers that are available in our county. To learn more visit www.workforcepartner.com or contact Deb at deb@workforcepartner.com.



Ferguson Construction's booth featured hands-on experience with brick-laying.

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SiteOhio Representatives Tour Amos Industrial Park



The SiteOhio Program was established for the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) to increase the State's portfolio of available industrial, manufacturing and commercial locations. In 2015, ODSA contracted with JobsOhio, a private non-profit corporation designed to drive job creation and new capital investment in Ohio, to administer the program. InSite Consulting from Geer, South Carolina, a site certification specialist, was then charged by JobsOhio to oversee the program.

The SiteOhio Certification Program:

- Certifies commercial, industrial, and manufacturing sites based on site characteristics and community assets.
- Increases Ohio's inventory of certified development ready sites across the state.
- Ensures future investors that the property meets the state's site selection standards.
- Assists in the marketing of certified sites.
- Leverages previous investments in infrastructure.

The Sidney-Shelby Economic Partnership (SSEP) submitted several sites in Shelby County to be considered for certification under the SiteOhio Program. Nearly 500 sites statewide were initially presented to be considered for certification. The sites were reviewed by the consultant and narrowed to 28 sites that were deemed the best candidates for certification. Fortunately, the Amos Industrial Park was considered one of the top sites to pursue. The Amos Industrial Park is located at the intersection of I75 and State Route 29 across from Lehman High School.

The SSEP hosted SiteOhio for a tour of the community and the site. Over 30 community leaders and utility representatives attended the daylong event to witness the assessment of the site by the professionals. During the

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Airstream Expands Again in Jackson Center

Airstream, Inc. recently broke ground on another major building expansion at their Jackson Center complex. The project involves the construction of a new 50,000 square foot expansion to their paint facility. The building will be built by Ferguson Construction. The additional space is needed to meet the ever growing demand for their recreational vehicles. Airstream will invest nearly \$3.86 million in the new building.

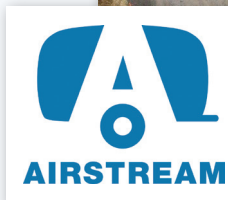
This project follows additional major investments made at Airstream which includes a complete renovation of the manufacturing facility and new office space; the addition of over 90,000 square feet to the existing manufacturing building, the purchase and renovation of the former EMI manufacturing facility, the purchase and renovation of the former Holloway Manufacturing facility and the purchase and demolition of the former Hobo's restaurant. In addition, enhancements to the street entrance from State Route 274 to north complex will include a new traffic light and the addition of a lane to accommodate increased traffic flow.

In 2010, Airstream employed 192 workers. Today

Airstream employs over 800 workers. This new project includes adding 35 new jobs over the next three years.

JobsOhio and the Village of Jackson Center have worked closely with Airstream to assist with this project. Assistance from the State included a Job Creation Tax Credit. The Village will provide a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with the company. The Village will also provide a new water and sewer connection to the facility at no cost.

Today, the Jackson Center facility is the only plant producing the Airstream RV's. Visit Airstream.com for more information.



Advanced Composites Adding Manufacturing Space

Established in 2003 and owned by Mitsui Chemicals Group headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, Advanced Composites, Inc. is a supplier of compounded Polypropylene resins to the automotive market. 100% of Advanced Composites customers are automotive and they supply nearly all major automotive original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) in North America. Resins produced by Advanced Composites are used by OEMs and their suppliers to produce instrument panels, door panels, consoles, bumpers and other miscellaneous plastic parts found in automotive vehicles.

Over the course of the past 4-5 years, the company has experienced tremendous growth. Since January 2012, associate/employee headcounts have doubled to now over 300 people. Along with notable increases to staff size, production output has more than doubled as well. As a result, current manufacturing space limitations have necessitated the

need for Advanced Composites to add 60,000 square feet to their manufacturing facility on Fourth Avenue in Sidney. New and additional production equipment will be placed into service in the spring of 2017.

Advanced Composites takes great pride in their team of associates and the high quality work they produce. Numerous and notable awards from their customers include the coveted GM Supplier of the

Year award in 2012, 2013 and 2015! Advanced Composites also believes it important for their company to integrate closely with the communities in which they operate. According to Vice President John Gamble, "From team sponsorships to fundraising assistance for local organizations, Advanced Composites encourages participation in community activities. We want to continue to build a sense of pride in ourselves, our company and our communities."



Let's Get Saucy!

A new deli store recently opened in Jackson Center. Saucy Sow's is a delicatessen that offers a generous selection of fresh meat, produce, cheeses, homemade breads and pies. Daily lunch specials are available for carry out.

Saucy Sows is a family owned business. Scott Scherer and family originally started their business in 2011 with a sweet pepper mustard that came in both original and spicy flavors. Since then he has added an original horseradish sauce, a smoky horseradish sauce, a sweet Kentucky bourbon BBQ sauce, moonshine mustard and a sweet Kentucky bourbon glaze and marinade. They sell to approximately 300 locations with most being in Ohio, but have some stores in Northern Kentucky, Southern Michigan, Eastern Indiana and the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania area.

Saucy Sow's is located in the former Perfectville Pizza at 213 East Pike Street. You can also order their products online. Their website is <http://saucysows.com> or call them at (937)-638-7950.



Silver Linings Booktique Opens in Downtown Sidney



While strolling the Shelby County court square, passersby are sure to notice downtown Sidney's newest specialty shop, Silver Linings Booktique.

Describing itself as a delightful blend of vintage and whimsy, Silver Linings offers gently used books, candles and unique one-of-a-kind items while specializing in new and gently used children's books and decor. Swan Creek Candles, Squishable stuffed

animals and Bunnies By The Bay gifts are featured along with one-of-a-kind something specials for those special to you.

Located in the E.E. KAH building at 128 East Poplar Street, Silver Linings Booktique combines modern downtown Sidney shopping with the nostalgic spirit of its historic architecture. The first floor of this quaint gift shop is open for business while additional renovations are underway to open the lower level in November.

According to owner Colleen Sadler, Silver Linings Booktique operates under the slogan, "A gift to build a dream on". She invites everyone to stop in and browse for their dream gift one day soon.

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day, local representatives shared information about the site with the consultants including infrastructure, location advantages, site characteristics and surrounding uses.

While the Amos Industrial Park is not yet certified, we have been placed in "pipeline" status, which means our site is still under consideration.

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