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Mobile on the Move

The Workforce Partnership's Mobile Career Lab has been on the move the past several months with visits to Fort Loramie and Anna school districts, as well as participating in the Shelby County YMCA's Healthy Kids Day.

In looking to provide workforce curricula throughout all our county schools, as well as various community events, the idea of a mobile lab was born. Working with Airstream, a Workforce Partnership member, an Airstream trailer was customized as a roving classroom/lab. This mobile lab was made possible through the generosity of Airstream as well as donations from our Partners, which include county businesses and private donors. The trailer houses a large screen monitor and four smaller monitors that allow students to view partner videos and other career-related visuals. The lab also houses a library of reference books for ages K-12 as well as various products and parts produced in Shelby County. A full K-12 curricula is being developed allowing for hands-on, real world experiences for the students. The goal of the lab is to introduce students to the tremendous career opportunities and great companies found right here in Shelby County.

To learn more or to become a Partner of the Workforce Partnership please contact Sharon Maurice, Director, at smaurice@workforcepartner.com or call 937-498-9900.



The Mobile Career Lab made a stop at Anna Schools on May 23rd. Middle School students, who had just completed a Careers class, had the opportunity to learn more about Shelby County employers and their careers.

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What is the Sidney-Shelby Economic Partnership?



Formed in 1983, the Sidney-Shelby Economic Partnership (SSEP) is a not-for-profit organization composed of business, community and government leaders dedicated to maintaining the economic growth and stability of Shelby County, Ohio

The Partnership's mission is to help attract new businesses to Shelby County. At the same time, the Partnership remains dedicated to the retention and expansion of businesses already established in the county.

SSEP works closely with state and local government officials to make known financial and employment incentives available in Ohio. We are here to help build successful businesses. If you are considering a new location for your company, we hope you agree that Shelby County is one of the best possible locations in Ohio. The Sidney-Shelby Economic Partnership businesses benefit

from our industrial amenities, diverse economy and vibrant communities.

Services for new and expanding businesses include:

- Site and building information
- Financing information
- Utility information
- Transportation information
- Market and Labor information
- Tax information and incentives
- Assistance with planning and coordinating projects
- Publicity opportunities
- Workforce Development

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WOW! That's a Lot of Ribbon

And speaking of Ribbon Cutting ceremonies, the year 2016 has started off with a BANG!! Thus far this year the Sidney-Shelby County Chamber has participated in nine new business location opening celebrations and four more are planned in the weeks ahead.

Those cutting the ribbon on new locations through June of this year include H&R Block in Sidney, Berkshire-Hathaway Home Services Professional Realty in Sidney, Anytime Fitness in Sidney, JC's Barber Shop in Sidney, The Thomas Boecker Professional Building on the campus of Wilson Health in Sidney, Spherion in Sidney, Primary EyeCare Associates in Fort Loramie (pictured right), Western Ohio Psychological Services in Sidney, and Prather Automotive Sales and Service in Sidney.

Businesses with ribbon cutting ceremonies planned for July and August include Mutual Federal Savings Bank in Sidney, Bliss and Bloom Floral and Gifts in Anna, and



Sidney Hometown Pharmacy (formerly The Medicine Shoppe) in Sidney.

On behalf of the Sidney-Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, congratulations to all and thanks for doing business in our community!

Mike Dodds, Executive Director at Sidney-Shelby Economic Partnership, described the project as a major investment in the community that will help answer the call for more local industrial space. He said it is difficult to assist companies that are looking for industrial space in Shelby County when there aren't many large spaces available. Dodds added, "The fact is, we have almost zero vacancies of any buildings in the county." He said the project also speaks well of the manufacturing economy and shows confidence in the future growth of Sidney and Shelby County.

Since 1979, BENSAR Developments Co. has been leasing quality industrial buildings for the facility needs of companies both large and small. Their modern facilities offer a wide range of amenities that are unmatched in the region and support warehousing, manufacturing, research & development, distribution centers and office applications. With over 3 million square feet of floor space ranging in size from 10,000SF to 480,000SF under management, BENSAR Developments Co. can provide for a variety of specific facility needs. For more information visit www.bensar.com.



Bensar Development Company Constructing New Building

BENSAR Development Company has started construction of a new 480,000 square foot building to accommodate growth in the Sidney-Shelby County industrial market. The new warehouse is being built on Howard Street behind Menards. Ferguson Construction is constructing the new building. The massive industrial building will encompass 11 acres under one roof. It will be one of the largest buildings in size compared to industrial buildings recently constructed in both Shelby County and the Greater Dayton area.

County Establishes the Shelby County Land Reutilization Corporation



On March 24, 2016, representatives of Shelby County, its townships, villages and the City of Sidney met for the initial discussion of the steps necessary to create a county land bank and have proceeded to move forward in the creation of a county land bank for Shelby County.

Due to the massive foreclosures during the housing crisis and recession,

the State General Assembly amended laws pertaining to land banks to allow counties with populations of at least 60,000 to establish land banks, and in September 2015, the state legislature passed a bill that would allow the establishment of a land bank in any county in Ohio.

The benefits of a county land bank are numerous and include the following:

1) Takes control of vacant and abandoned, tax delinquent properties

- 2) Reduces flipping
- 3) Repurposes properties through demolition or rehabilitation; transfer properties to qualified end users; and put abandoned properties back on the tax rolls.

Throughout Ohio, county land banks are playing a vital role in promoting urban revitalization, renewal, and community pride.

Land banks are being recognized as the preferred entity to handle vacant properties. Land banks can enter into agreements with the Federal National Mortgage Association, HUD, and banks.

The Shelby County Land Reutilization Corporation has been formed as an agent of Shelby County and has completed the organizational steps required, including registering the land bank with the federal government,

adopting an agreement with the County, forming a Board, and approving a Code of Regulations. The Land Reutilization Corporation is currently working to determine additional needed staff so that grant-writing and the acquisition of properties for re-use can begin. With the support of the County's municipalities, a fund has been formed to assist with the beginning administrative costs.

During the organization, it was determined to proceed with five Board members including Linda Meininger, Treasurer; Robert Guillozet, Commissioner elected as Board Chair; Julie Ehemann, Commissioner; Michael Barhorst, City Mayor elected as Board Vice-Chair; and Dave Voisard, retired banking professional with real-estate experience.

Bliss & Bloom to Open in Anna



A new floral and gift shop, Bliss & Bloom Floral and Gifts, has made their home in Anna where they will offer unique floral arrangements for all occasions. The store is located at 308 W. Main Street and the bright exterior immediately draws you in. Mike and Betsy Martin are the owners and Betsy's aspiration is to create "not just a gift, but a memory" for their customers. She plans to do this by incorporating unique containers and such into orders that can be used as décor after the flowers are gone.

Bliss & Bloom intends to be much more than just a

"flower shop". Once inside the doors, you will discover a stylish shop that offers items ranging from wall hangings and home décor, to specialty candles and FitKicks®. One feature that Betsy was especially excited about is their partnership with The Candle Lab®. Bliss & Bloom will offer their customers the unique experience of creating their own customized scented candles, spa salts or home fragrance products. Bliss & Bloom also plans to offer groups a location to gather and enjoy canvas painting, wine tasting, candle-making and floral arranging. The store will open for business on July 12th, with a Grand Opening event scheduled for July 30th from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. The Grand Opening will feature giveaways, kids' crafts, wine tasting, discounts and more. To learn more or to place an order call 937-726-0475 or visit www.blissandbloom.org.

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