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# Facility Expansion is Underway at Everyday Technologies

Expansion is in the works at Everyday <u>Technologies</u> to add 40,000 square feet to its Sidney facility. Once complete the company will have doubled its local fabricating and manufacturing footprint. Added building capacity will enable the company to expand its welding, powder coat finishing, and warehousing operations making way for future growth.

Specializing in short to medium production runs, Everyday Technologies sheet metal fabrication processes cover the full range of production parts from prototype to high volume, from simple to complex.

From the beginning process of blanking a part, through forming, welding, and final finishing, all parts are produced across state-of-the-art equipment with control processes designed to make every run successful.



Customer profiles are diverse and include industrial, refrigeration and air conditioning, IT enclosures, building and construction materials, road construction equipment, and more.

According to co-owner Bruce Toal, this new addition will streamline their operation and improve production efficiency thus providing better service for their customers and positioning the company for future growth.

Everyday Technologies is NQA ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 registered and employs nearly 100 at its Sidney and Wapakoneta locations.



TLF 4000 Lasers with Autoload System

#### **Quality Steel Fabrication Returns Home**

Quality Steel Fabrication, nationally recognized twice by *Inc. Magazine* for being one of the fastest growing private companies in America, has announced plans to return to the building where they began business in 2002. Currently located at 2339 Industrial Drive in Sidney, Quality Steel Fabrication has purchased the building located at 2500 Fair Road and has a 6,000 square foot addition and building renovation project in progress. When complete in early 2018, the new facility will be 30,000 square feet.

Quality Steel President Bob Brunswick and Vice President Ted Daniel are looking forward to their company's 'return home' and wished to extend their thanks to BEEM Construction of Botkins, Ohio for their quick response in completing the addition in a constrained timeframe. Quality Steel Fabrication is a full service fabrication shop with a major presence in the RV, hydro-forming, food, automotive,



and capital equipment manufacturing sectors. Quality Steel Fabrication services almost every company in the Sidney area, as well as companies in the tri-state area, with capabilities in laser, form, shear, punch, drill, weld, paint, and part production with custom metal finishing. Employees at Quality Steel Fabrication specialize in fabrication with materials such as stainless steel, cold rolled steel, aluminum, galvanized steel, Plexiglas, as well as many other types of material.

### **Bruno's Restaurant Opens in Murphy on the Square**

Bruno's Restaurant opened in late November in downtown Sidney. Bruno's is a full-service bistro style restaurant serving wood-fired oven pizzas, calzones, paninis, wraps and fresh sandwiches and salads. Bruno's



is open for lunch and dinner and has a full bar featuring rotating taps including some local brews.

Owned by Mike Nuss and Phil Aselage, the goal of Bruno's is to provide good service, great food and an overall friendly experience. Mike and Phil are new to the restaurant business, but currently have 18 employees who are all seasoned restaurant-experienced staff. The staff is excited to have a role in developing the restaurant and seeing their ideas come to fruition. Live music and a "tap take-over" are just two programs being developed. They are happy to be a part of Sidney's downtown re-invigoration and look forward to being a part of the community. Bruno's is a great place to relax and meet up with friends and provides a unique experience not found in a chain restaurant.

When asked why they opened Bruno's, Mike responded, "We saw the opportunity and said we can do this!" While admitting he is learning the speed and efficiency of everything, Mike was pleased to say the local support has met his expectations.

Bruno's opens daily at 11 a.m. and closes at 11 p.m., Monday thru Thursday. Friday and Saturday they remain open until midnight. <u>https://www.facebook.com/brunossidney/</u>

## Lippert Components, Inc. Expands Jackson Center Facility

Lippert Components, Inc. (LCI) recently announced the expansion of their building in Jackson Center. Plans for the facility include adding 15,000 square feet and adding 10 new jobs. LCI began production of Airstream trailer chassis in Jackson Center during 2015. LCI plans to hire additional welders and metal fabrication specialists.



Lippert Components, Inc. is a large and diverse tier-one supplier serving the recreational vehicle; manufactured housing; trailer; marine; and bus



industries. LCI is a subsidiary of Drew Industries and is an industry leader in a broad line of products dedicated to improving the mobile lifestyle, including chassis, fabricated steel chassis parts, slide-out mechanisms, axles, furniture, mattresses, windows, doors, leveling and stabilization equipment, suspension enhancement products, steps, thermoformed bath and kitchen products, awnings and electronics.

Since its incorporation in 1956, LCI has grown to become a multi-state, multi-facility organization, with 52 facilities and over 8,000 employees throughout the USA and Canada.

The Village of Jackson Center approved a Community Reinvestment Agreement (CRA) with Lippert Components Inc. allowing for a 100 percent tax exemption for new construction for the next 15 years. For more information, visit their website at http://lci1.com/.

#### **Jackson Center Solar Field**

Construction is now completed on the Village Solar Field. The 2.34 MW (one Megawatt = 1,000,000 watts) Solar Field was started in October by Next Era Energy. The project is



part of the AMP Solar Phase II Project. AMP (American Municipal Partners) has teamed with Next Era Energy to build up to 80 MW of solar electric generation facilities.

The electricity produced supplies AMP communities that have signed purchase agreements in the Project. The Village Solar Field is located at the end of Jerry Drive, directly behind Airstream. The nine-acre site will be made up of 6,894 solar panels harvesting the power of the sun.



The Village will be receiving about 20% of the power produced from the field. The extra power produced will be put back on the grid for other AMP communities in the Project. The Solar Field will produce enough energy to power approximately 280 homes. It has been producing power for three weeks.

### **Magic Tunnel Express Car Wash to Open Soon**

A new Magic Tunnel carwash is coming to Sidney this year. The carwash will be located at 2680 Michigan Street, adjacent to and east of Lowe's.



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The facility will offer express car wash with free vacuums. The service will provide a car wash and dry in as little as 3 minutes. Security will be provided with gated entrances and exits. Attendants will be on duty during all regular business hours to provide high quality service to their customers.

The owners have been in the car-washing business since 1945. They opened the nation's

first standalone express wash in 2001 as Goo Goo Car Wash. Now they are bringing back the Magic Tunnel brand from the 1950's.

They are very excited to be coming to Sidney, which will be one of the first locations in Ohio. The enterprise



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will employ 8-10 people. The owners take pride in providing jobs for local citizens as well as participating in local civic organizations and supporting local schools and projects.

#### **Victory Machine & Fab Expands Again**

<u>Victory Machine & Fab</u> is a family/US veteran-owned and operated company offering custom metal fabrication, millwright services, precision machining and maintenance support for a variety of industrial needs.

Started in a two-car garage by Roger Wilcox, the company originated in 2001 as a machining business only. Roger's



son, Aaron, joined the company in 2006 and would eventually become its new owner. Steady growth necessitated a move from the garage to a 4,800 square foot building in Botkins. Over

time, as business growth continued, an additional facility in Botkins was established. In 2017, Victory Machine & Fab opted to consolidate its operations under one roof and to do so acquired a 40,000 square foot facility in Sidney.

From their Sidney facility on Vandemark Road, Victory Machine & Fab services customers in the automotive, steel, food and beverage, packaging, glass, automation, refrigeration, plastics, and robotics industries.

The company currently employs more than 40 individuals and says Aaron, "We are so happy to be a part of the industry in Sidney and look forward to providing more jobs in the community."



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#### **Career-a-Month**



Beginning in September 2017, Workforce Partnership (WP) introduced our Career-a-Month schedule aimed at improving our classroom speaker activity. This approach allows Partners to plan ahead for their assigned month. The schedule is as follows:

September	Introduction to Workforce Partnership and the Career Exploration Academy
October	Manufacturing
November	Skilled Trades
January	Healthcare & Education
February	Food & Agriculture
March	Logistics & Parts Suppliers

In October over 400 students were exposed to Manufacturing and the careers available. In November our Skilled Trades Partners shared their careers with almost 550 students. The Sidney High School teachers organized a Ninja Skilled Trades Challenge for their students that was a HUGE success! This hands-on activity will travel to additional schools in the future. WP has also invested in producing a video series that introduces each month's career focus. We eagerly anticipate continued success and strive to evaluate and continually improve this activity.

To view the Career-a-Month videos, along with videos of other WP classroom activities, visit <u>www.workforcpartner.com</u>. If you would like to learn more about WP, please contact Deb McDermott at 937-498-9900 or email deb@workforcepartner.com.

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