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SHELBY COUNTY Sizzles

Sunrise Hospitality Opens New Extended Stay in Sidney

As a family-owned company, Sunrise Hospitality has over 30 years of experience in the hospitality industry with a focus on offering products and services their customers' desire.

One of the newest additions to their property portfolio is [TownePlace Suites by Marriott](#), an 80-suite gem offering all the popular amenities often sought-after by those seeking an overnight or extended stay. Hotel guests enjoy spacious suites with fully equipped kitchens, utensils and other supplies, a delicious and hot complimentary breakfast buffet, 24 hour fitness center, indoor pool, onsite guest laundry facilities, patio area with grills and all grilling accessories.

Located at 420 Folkerth Avenue in Sidney, TownePlace Suites is conveniently located to area restaurants, shopping, and numerous local points of interest.

Link: <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/daytd-towneplace-suites-sidney/>



First National Bank Breaks Ground in Botkins



First National Bank Groundbreaking ceremony at the site of their new banking center in Botkins.

Pictured left to right are Doug Fortkamp - Ferguson Construction Company President, Jerry Lehman - First National Bank President, Angie Fullenkamp - Botkins Customer Service Manager, and Tim Klosterman - First National Bank Board Member.

The new banking center is scheduled to open mid-year 2022.

Bob's Cycle Repair Expands to Sidney

[Bob's Cycle Repair, Inc.](#), currently located at 2199 State Route 47, Houston (Newport), plans to expand their retail business in Sidney. A new 12,000 square foot facility, located on Lester Avenue will become the company's main operating location.

Bob's Cycle Repair, Inc. currently sells new and used Polaris Sportsman, Ranger and RZR vehicles and provides service and repair as well.

Access Engineering Solutions, of Celina, Ohio, is the project architect and Baumer Construction of Minster, Ohio, is the contractor.

According to owners Justin and Bob Bergman, "Bob's Cycle Repair, Inc." started selling Polaris Brand ATVs in 1986 and the business continues to grow. We are excited about the new Sidney facility which will help our company to expand our retail footprint. We are looking to add on-road offering and much more from our new Sidney location."



Bergman added, "As we continue to grow not only our customer base, but the number of employees as well, we are excited to bring Ohio's premier powersports dealership to Sidney."

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Jackson Center Enjoys Multi-Gig Network

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In addition, NKTelco installed an automated sports camera in the high school gymnasium for live streaming Jackson Center sports — making Tiger sporting events available on-demand.

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The Jackson Center community is excited about the possibilities this broadband makes accessible.

Commissioners Enter into Contract with 4C for Children

The Shelby County Commissioners have recently entered into a contract with 4C for Children to expand the supply for Family Child Care in Shelby County. 4C for Children is part of the Ohio Child Care Resource & Referral Association serving nine counties in the middle western portion of Ohio.

Factors that helped to determine this decision included noted workforce gaps in Shelby County with many businesses struggling to find workers, and a lack of daycare opportunities in Shelby County. It was estimated in 2019 that 49% of children in Shelby County were not receiving affordable high-quality daycare. The goal of providing quality daycare in order to increase kindergarten readiness in Shelby County is just as vital as it is estimated that just 35% of kindergartners entering the classroom are ready to learn.

Utilizing funds from the Federal Government's American Rescue Plan Act, Shelby County and 4C will provide re-

sources to stabilize and preserve current childcare programs. This includes coaching, training and education to help programs remain compliant with state licensing requirements, engage in the Step Up to Quality program, and receive guidance to help with management of the business aspects of their program.

Up to eight new programs will receive funding for start-up inspections and background checks, necessary equipment, and essential intensive start-up training.

Existing local programs will be eligible for expansion assistance utilizing some of the same education, asset assistance, and business training elements.

4C and community stakeholders will be reaching out to the community to identify and recruit potential providers within the coming months. If you are able to provide any leads, please contact Commissioner Julie Ehemann at jehemann@shelbyco.net

New Spec Building in Russia

It was recently announced in *The Dayton Business Journal* that Russia Commerce Drive Industrial Park will have its first development. Cemleb Properties Ltd. is developing a 12,000-squarefoot spec building in the village of Russia. The building, which will be expandable, is to be located at Commerce Drive Industrial Park.

"The demand for this type of development is high due to the lack of current available industrial inventory in the village of Russia and surrounding communities," Cemleb Properties Principal Ed Luthman said. "For use of the space, Cemleb Properties will target local startups and local existing companies looking to expand their business."

The project will add a 12,000-square-foot spec building with the option to expand by another 12,000 square feet over time. The facility will help enhance the village of Russia's existing manufacturing and distribution industries.

"With our investments so far, it is imperative that we start utilizing this property," Village of Russia Administrator Mark Shappie said. "This facility will attract a desirable user that will enhance our community." JobsOhio approved an Ohio Site Inventory Program (OSIP) grant. OSIP offers grants and low-interest loans to support speculative site and building development projects with no identified end user.

"Without JobsOhio and their OSIP program, it would not be financially viable to develop this site," Luthman

said. The project also received a \$200,000 Ohio Public Works Commission grant that will go toward infrastructure improvements. The development also will include the expansion of a roadway and utility improvements to serve the spec building, as well as future development on the remaining 47.5 acres at Commerce Drive Industrial Park.

The Russia Industrial Park is located at Russia-Versailles Road and East Main Street. Utilities are available at site. For more information contact Mark Shappie, Village Administrator at 937-526-4436 or administrator@russiaoh.com.



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Career Coach Update

In the program's first year (2020-2021), Career Coach Kelly Edwards had the opportunity to meet with 101 students from across the county. Twenty-four of the students completed the program and secured full-time employment upon graduation. Twelve WP Partner companies recruited students through the program and six students participated in an early release-work program that was instrumental in their career.

Due to the large number of Sidney students that Kelly meets with, Sidney Schools offered to provide an office space for her and create an open-door opportunity for students to engage with her. Funding from a POWER grant assisted in the remodel and branding of the space. THANK YOU to Sidney City Schools for providing an office space that allows this program to grow and positively impact your students.

So far this school year (2021-2022), the Career Coach has met with approximately 85 students from across the county. The second round meetings are beginning, where the students will also register to attend the upcoming Power Lunch event that is scheduled for February 25th at the Palazzo. This event is a networking & recruiting event for high school seniors who plan to enter the workforce directly after graduation.

