

PERSPECTIVE

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 1 - **Coffee with Champions**
29 8:00—8:59 a.m.—The Hive Executive Center, 101 South Ohio Avenue, LL. Every Wednesday—FREE for Chamber Member Employees—sidneyshelbychamber.com/events
- 1 **Shelby County Safety Council**
Topic: Worker's Comp 101: Grants, Cost Savings, & More
Speaker: Ohio BWC
12:00—1:00 p.m.—Wilson Health, 915 West Michigan Street, Professional Building—LL Conference Rooms
sidneyshelbychamber.com/events
- 3 **Good Friday**
CHAMBER, SVB & WORKFORCE CLOSED
- 5 **Easter †**
- 7 - **Keith's Deli: Open Mic Comedy Night**
28 5:00—8:00 p.m.—Keith's Deli, 115 South Ohio Avenue
Every Tuesday in April—keithsdelsidney.com
- 7 **Dayton Dragons Opening Day**
7:05 p.m.—Day Air Ballpark, 220 North Patterson Boulevard, Dayton—mlb.com/dayton
- 9 - **Sidney High School Presents:**
- 12 **Les Misérables**
7:00 p.m.—Thursday; 8:00 p.m.—Friday; 7:00 p.m.—Saturday; 2:00 p.m.—Sunday—Sidney High School, 1215 Campbell Road—facebook.com/Scsdramadept
- 10 **Historic Sidney Theatre In Partnership With Wilson Health Presents: Dueling Pianos**
7:00 p.m.—Historic Sidney Theatre, 120 West Poplar St.
Ticket Required—sidneytheatre.org
- 11 **Cruise Sidney**
5:00—8:00 p.m.—2nd Saturday of the month April through October—shelbycountyhistory.org/exhibits.htm
- 12 **Austeria Wine Boutique Presents: Wine & Dine Series: Wine in Bloom**
5:00 p.m.—Austeria Wine Boutique, 109 South Ohio Ave.
Ticket Required—austeriawine.com
- 13 **Shelby County Probate Court Presents: Good Deeds Program**
6:00 p.m.—Amos Memorial Public Library, Community Room, 230 East North Street—Registration Required
shelbycoprobate.org/good-deeds-program-registration
- 14 + **Sidney Alive Presents:**
- 16 **Downtown Spring Planting Workshop**
5:00 p.m.—Crossway Farms Greenhouse, 117 Front Street
Ticket Required—sidneyalive.org/eventscalendar
- 16 **Chamber Leadership**
Topic: Health Services
8:30 a.m.—Wilson Health, 915 West Michigan Street
Professional Building—LL Conference Rooms A & B
- 17 - **Christian Academy Schools Presents:**
- 19 **Comic Book Artist**
7:00 p.m.—Friday; 7:00 p.m.—Saturday; 2:00 p.m.—Sunday
Historic Sidney Theatre, 120 West Poplar Street
Ticket Required—sidneytheatre.org

ADDITIONAL MEETINGS & EVENTS ON PAGE 2

DEVON BEER HONORED AS 2025 ZENITH AWARD RECIPIENT



Left—Devon Beer and his wife, Sandy, pictured with the 2025 Zenith Obelisk.
Right—Devon & his beautiful family photographed smiling with the 2025 Zenith Obelisk.

The Sidney-Shelby County Chamber of Commerce celebrated its Annual Celebration on Thursday, March 5, at the Historic Sidney Theatre.



After cocktail hour, the program began with welcoming remarks from the 2025 Board Chair, Susan Shaffer. She then introduced 2nd Vice Chair, Kiera Sullivan who led the evenings invocation. Shaffer returned to the stage to thank the members, board colleagues, and staff for their continued support over the past year. She went on to recognize past board members present in the audience.

Before recognizing past Zenith Award recipients in attendance, Shaffer paid tribute to two distinguished recipients who sadly passed away since our last Annual Celebration, Rich Wallace (2000 Honoree) and Mick Given (2014 Honoree). Their remarkable contributions helped shape the Shelby County business community and left a lasting impact that will continue to inspire for generations to come.

Chamber President Dawn Eilert then took the stage to reintroduce the Chamber staff and highlight the exciting momentum driving Shelby County forward. Following her remarks, Lehman High School, under the direction of Bill Zimmerman, performed several hits from their spring production, *Guys and Dolls*.

2026 Board Chair Jason Haak was welcomed to the stage to give his remarks, introduced continuing board members, and expressed gratitude to Susan Shaffer for her leadership as Chair in 2025. Susan then recognized outgoing board members Phil Borger from FGKS Law and Chris Rahrig from Airstream for their terms on the Chamber's Board of Directors. Thank you, Phil and Chris, for your years of leadership!

Emily Gleason, 2025 YPconnect Steering Committee Chair, and Dave Ross, 2025 Sidney Visitor's Bureau Advisory Council Chair, were also recognized for their contributions.

Shaffer then introduced Chamber Director of Member Services, Kennedy Goubeaux, to present the 2025 Beautification Award Recipients, which included:

Interior Renovations: Choice One Engineering, Combined Community Food Pantry/AGAPE, Enjoy Health DPC, Habitat for Humanity of Miami and Shelby Counties, Restore Physical Therapy + Wellness LLC, Russia Inn, Sidney-Shelby County YMCA, Sol Azteca, and Wilson Health.



New Addition: Upper Valley Career Center, Sidney -Shelby County YMCA—Child Development Center.

New Construction: Osgood Bank—Russia, The Mills.

Afterward, Goubeaux introduced Bruce Boyd, CEO of Combined Community Food Pantry/AGAPE, who began his remarks by noting a specific quality of this year's award honoree, his Servant Leadership style. Boyd stated, "Traditional leadership places a leader at the top of an organization, servant leaders invert this structure and put the needs of others and community first—Ladies and gentlemen, I can personally testify that tonight's recipient reflects that 35-year legacy of servant leadership in our community." Bruce then acknowledged the significant accomplishments of the 2025 Chamber Zenith Award recipient, Devon Beer.

Beer, clearly moved, walked to the stage—though to his surprise, was asked to remain seated while his lifelong friend, Phil Gilardi of On-Point Concepts, shared the impact Beer had on his personal and professional life. Complete with stories and laughs, Devon received the 2025 Zenith Obelisk surrounded by his family, business community, mentors, and friends. Congratulations to Devon on this esteemed honor!



FROM DAWN'S DESK

As we head into Spring—finally—I'd like to invite you to join us for our annual Chamber Golf Classic on Tuesday, May 19th at Shelby Oaks Golf Club.

This event is a favorite for us and among members—and for good reason. It's more than just a day on the course; it's an opportunity to connect, build relationships, and enjoy some friendly competition in a relaxed environment. Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just along for the fun, this event offers something for everyone.

Sponsors play a huge role in making this event memorable, and we encourage you to consider getting your organization involved—whether through a team registration, sponsorship, or prize donation. It's a great way to gain visibility and engage with fellow Chamber members. Look for more information coming to your mailbox soon!

Looking Ahead: Transition to a Digital Newsletter—As we continue to look for ways to better serve our members and enhance the value of your Chamber experience, I'm excited to share that beginning in July 2026, we will transition to a fully digital newsletter format.

This change opens the door to new possibilities for both communication and promotion. By going digital, we'll be able to:

- Share more timely and relevant content without the limitations of print space
- Highlight more member news, events, and success stories
- Offer expanded advertising opportunities to help promote your business
- Provide interactive features, including direct links to your website, events, and social media

Ultimately, this transition allows us to better connect you and your associates with the information, resources, and people that matter most to your business. As always, thank you for your continued support and engagement. I hope to see you at The Oaks on May 19th and we look forward to bringing you even more value through our enhanced digital communications in the months ahead.



MEETINGS & EVENTS (CONT'D)

- 23 Human Resources Council**
 Topic: Tour of The Ohio Building
 Speaker: Mandie Yannitti, Woodard Development
 12:00 noon—The Ohio Building, 113 North Ohio Avenue
sidneyshelbychamber.com/events
- 23 YPconnect After Hours In Partnership With West Ohio Young Professionals**
 4:30 p.m.—Caddy's Golf Lounge & Craft Eatery, 4692 OH-66, New Bremen—facebook.com/ypconnectshelbycounty
- 24 New Choices, Inc. Presents: Give A Little Laugh A Lot—Comedy Night**
 6:00 p.m.—Doors Open; 6:30 p.m.—Dinner—The Palazzo, 309 South Main Street, Botkins—Ticket Required (more information on page 3)—newchoicesinc.org
- 24 Gateway Arts Council Presents: Princess Ball**
 7:00—9:00 p.m.—Lehman Catholic High School, 2400 St. Marys Avenue—Ticket Required—(more information on page 3)
gatewayartscouncil.org
- 25 Kiwanis Annual Pancake Day**
 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.—Sidney First Methodist Church, 230 East Poplar Street
- 25 United Way Presents: POWER of the Purse Champagne Luncheon and Fashion Show**
 11:30 a.m.—Historic Sidney Theatre, 120 West Poplar Street (more information on left)
power4women.org/power-of-the-purse-event
- 25 Blessing of the Wheels**
 12:00—5:00 p.m.—Court Square—Downtown Sidney
 (more information on left)
facebook.com/events/3929477037360529
- 26 Gateway Arts Council Presents: Brothers Doobie**
 7:00 p.m.—Sidney High School, 1215 Campbell Road
 Ticket Required—gatewayartscouncil.org
- 28 Shelby County Historical Society Presents: An Evening of Art, History, and Storytelling with Robert Kroeger**
 6:30 p.m.—Bonnyconnellan Castle, 105 North Walnut Avenue
 Ticket Required—shelbycountyhistory.org

Signature Event Fundraiser

POWER
 Passionate. Optimistic. Women Encouraging Results!

POWER of the Purse
 Champagne Luncheon & Fashion Show

APRIL 25TH 2026
 11:30 AM

• P.O.W.E.R. (Passionate, Optimistic, Women Encouraging Results) Shelby County United Way women's initiative group
 • Proceeds benefit children and families in Shelby County
 • Meal, desserts, & designer raffle purses sponsored by **Alvetro** Orthodontics
 • Clothing and Accessories provided by **CAIO Fashions**, 2280 Michigan St. Sidney and **Twelve Oak Boutique**, 22 E. Anglake St., Wapakoneta
 • Numerous Raffle Prizes, Grand Prize Diamond Pendant from **Harris Jeweler** (Cash Only)
 • Models from POWER, United Way Partner Agencies and Supporters
 • Champagne sponsored by **Austeria Wine Boutique** & served by local "celebrities"
 • Reservations \$50 a guest, limited seating
 • Sponsorship \$100 or more will be listed in program & on display
 • Checks payable to **Shelby County United Way**
 • **POWER of the Purse** in the memo line
 • 232 S. Ohio Ave. Sidney, OH 45365, 931-492-2101

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Historic Sidney Theatre
 120 W. Poplar St.
 Sidney, OH (Handicap Accessible)

Shelby County UNITED WAY

WWW.POWER4WOMEN.ORG

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFO!

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

Blessing of the Sidney Wheels

SCHEDULE FOR CHARITY RIDE AND CAR SHOW:

- REGISTRATION FOR MOTORCYCLE RIDE 12:00PM-1:00PM
- KICKSTANDS UP AND RIDE STARTS 1:30PM
- CAR SHOW ARRIVAL 2:00PM-3:00PM
- BIKES RETURN 3:30
- BLESSING OF THE WHEELS 4:00PM
- BAND WILL START 2:00-5:00
- CAR SHOW AWARDS 5:00PM

REGISTRATION \$20.00
 ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO VETERANS SERVICES FOOD PANTRY

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WEATHER DEPENDENT. CHECK OUR SOCIALS IF WEATHER IS QUESTIONABLE BY SCANNING QR CODE

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT—HAPPY AT HOME CAREGIVING, LLC



Happy at Home Caregiving, LLC is a locally owned and operated in-home care agency focused on helping seniors remain independent while receiving compassionate, high-quality support in the comfort of their own homes. With the belief that there's truly no place like home, their team provides personalized care tailored to each client's unique needs, routines, and preferences.

Their non-medical caregiving services are designed to bring peace of mind to both clients and their families. Support includes assistance with daily living activities such as bathing, dressing, grooming, meal preparation, medication reminders, companionship, light housekeeping, and respite care for family caregivers. Whether care is needed for just a few hours each week or on a more consistent daily basis, their mission is to enhance quality of life while promoting dignity, safety, and comfort.

Looking ahead to 2026, Happy at Home Caregiving is excited to continue growing and expanding its services to better serve the community. Stay connected and follow their journey on Facebook to see what's ahead.

To learn more, visit happyathomecaregivingllc.com or call (937) 726-4989. They look forward to being a trusted partner in care for you and your loved ones.

NEW MEMBER BENEFIT

Chamber

BE A FORCE FOR GOOD EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 8:00 a.m. Coffee. Conversation. Connection.

Coffee with Champions

Week 20—Embracing Change

Week 21—Accepting Others

April Topics:
 1—Purpose at Work
 8—Business Rescue Plan
 15—Personal Vision Impact
 22—Building Character
 29—Servant Leadership - Conceptualization

When & Where:
 Every Wednesday
 8:00—8:59 a.m.
 The Hive Executive Center
 101 South Ohio Avenue
 Lower Level

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ESSENTIAL GUARDRAILS FOR SAFE AND EFFECTIVE AI USE



Reprinted with permission from "AI Tools Are Everywhere. Here's How to Use Them Without Making a Mess" written by Tomorrow's Technology Today.

Most small companies run into trouble by using AI recklessly—as if it were a search engine—accidentally exposing sensitive data.

Follow these crucial guidelines:

Rule #1: Never enter sensitive data into public AI platforms.

This includes personal customer information, payroll data, HR records, medical or legal files, passwords, access keys, or internal financials. If the data can identify a person or company, don't risk pasting it.

Rule #2: Manage access carefully.

The rise of "shadow AI"—employees using unauthorized AI applications with company data—creates risks. Maintain a short, approved list of AI tools, enforce data usage policies, and restrict permissions so sensitive departments like HR, finance, and legal don't act independently.

Rule #3: AI drafts, humans finalize.

AI can create initial content, but humans must make the final decisions. Because AI sometimes fabricates information confidently and fluently, no AI-generated content should be sent out without human approval.

Rule #4: Assume everything you input is stored.

Public AI tools often save or use inputs for training. Even if not used immediately, your data likely resides on external servers. Always treat inputs as potentially permanent.

Rule #5: When uncertain, ask.

If anyone doubts whether data can be safely used with AI, the answer is to hold off until they've confirmed. Encourage an environment where employees feel comfortable seeking guidance.

These five straightforward rules are easy to remember yet robust enough to prevent most AI-related mishaps.

To read the full article, visit: tomtechtoday.com/blog.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Spring Planting WORKSHOP
BE A PART OF THE BEAUTIFICATION OF DOWNTOWN SIDNEY!
APRIL 14TH & 16TH
PLANT ONE FOR YOU & ONE FOR THE DOWNTOWN SQUARE!

NEW CHOICES, INC.
presents
GIVE A LITTLE • LAUGH A LOT
COMEDY NIGHT
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026
DINNER, LIVE & SILENT AUCTION & ENTERTAINMENT FEATURING COMEDIAN
SHAWN REYNOLDS
THE PALAZZO
309 S. MAIN STREET • BOTKINS, OH
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM
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Princess Ball
Dancing Through Life
FRIDAY, APRIL 24 2026
7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM
LEHMAN HIGH SCHOOL
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Kentucky Derby watch party to benefit shelter pets!

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US

SIGNING EVENT

WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP of Shelby County
THURSDAY, MAY 7 | 4:30 - 6:30 P.M.
HISTORIC SIDNEY THEATRE

CHAMBER GIFT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Give a gift that's simple, flexible, and meaningful—perfect for birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, employee recognition, or any special occasion.

Chamber gift certificates can be redeemed at more than 90 Chamber member businesses throughout Shelby County, making it easy to support local while giving recipients plenty of choice. Gift Certificates are available in \$5, \$10, and \$20 denominations to fit any need.

We'll have your order ready for pickup at a time that's convenient for you. To place an order, please call us at (937) 492-9122 or email kswartz@sidneyshelbychamber.com.

Are you a business interested in participating? Joining the program is free—simply give our office a call to get started!

For more information or to view a list of member businesses currently accepting Chamber Gift Certificates, visit: sidneyshelbychamber.com/chamber-gift-certificates.

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026
AT 10:00 A.M.
SHELBY OAKS GOLF COURSE
9900 SIDNEY-FREYBURG ROAD
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