

PERSPECTIVE

DECEMBER 2025

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 1 Community Improvement Corporation: Community Open House**
11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. & 4:00—6:00 p.m.—732 Broadway Avenue, Sidney—sidneyshelbychamber.com/events
- 1 - Ohio Living Dorothy Love Presents: Your Gifts Our Cause**
1:00—3:00 p.m.—2500 North Kuther Road
Every Monday before Christmas—(more information on page 3)—facebook.com/ohiolivingdorothylove
- 2 - Keith's Deli: Open Mic Comedy Night**
30 5:00—8:00 p.m.—Keith's Deli, 115 South Ohio Avenue
Every Tuesday in December—keithsdelisidney.com
- 3 - Coffee with Champions**
17 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
- 3 Shelby County Safety Council**
Topic: Lost Time Reduction & Muscular Skeletal Wellness with Physical Therapy
Speaker: Scott Uhlenhake, P.T. Services Rehabilitation
12:00—1:00 p.m.—Wilson Health, 915 West Michigan Street, Professional Building—LL Conference Rooms
sidneyshelbychamber.com/events
- 4 YPconnect Christmas Luncheon**
11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.—Amos Memorial Public Library, 230 East North Street—facebook.com/ypconnectshelbycounty
- 4 Upper Valley Career Center 50th Anniversary Event & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**
5:00—8:00 p.m.—Upper Valley Career Center, 881 I Career Drive, Piqua—sidneyshelbychamber.com/events
- 4 Austeria Wine Boutique Presents: Holiday Houseplant Workshop**
6:00—9:00 p.m.—Austeria Wine Boutique, 109 South Ohio Avenue—Sold Out—austeriawine.com
- 4 Ron & Nita's Presents: Story Time**
6:30—8:30 p.m.—Ron & Nita's, 132-134 South Main Ave.
ronandnitas.com
- 4-7 Sidney Dance Company Presents: The Nutcracker**
7:30 p.m.—Thursday, Friday, Saturday; 2:00 p.m.—Sunday
Sidney High School Auditorium, 1215 Campbell Road
sidneydancecompany.org
- 5 Revolutionary Safety Services Presents: Arc Flash & LOTO**
8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—Lima—Registration Required
revolutionarysafety.com
- 5-6 The Holidays at Edison State: A Madrigal Celebration**
6:30 p.m.—Friday; 12:00 Noon & 6:30 p.m.—Saturday
Edison State Community College, 1973 Edison Drive, Piqua
edisonohio.edu
- 5-6 Johnston Farm and Indian Agency Presents: An 1815 Johnston Christmas**
Ticket Required—Johnston Farm, 9845 North Hardin Road, Piqua—johnstonfarmohio.com

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Russia Inn

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Congratulations to Priscilla Fuentes and the entire team at Russia Inn on an incredible first year of business. On Thursday, November 6, the restaurant held a ceremonial ribbon cutting to celebrate the joyous occasion. We wish you many more years of success here in Shelby County!



Chamber Leadership—Economic Development

On Thursday, November 20th, our Chamber Leadership Class of 2025 had an incredible day diving into Economic Development in Shelby County! Thank you to our local leaders for sharing their insights, and to Honda, Plastipak, and Airstream for the behind-the-scenes tours. Keep driving our community forward!



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



Week 6 — Generations in the Workforce

Week 7 — Planning

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December Topics:

3—Work Environments
10—Perseverance
17—Play Nice, But Win
24 & 31—No Meeting. Happy Holidays!

Cost:

Included in Chamber membership

When & Where:

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

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FROM DAWN'S DESK

As we count down the final days of 2025, I want to take a moment to reflect and extend my heartfelt appreciation to the many individuals who have played an important role in the Chamber's success this year. We could not do what we do without the dedication, leadership, and support of so many committed partners throughout the entire community.

First, I want to recognize our 2025 Board Chair, **Susan Shaffer with Emerson Wagner Realty**. Susan's steady leadership and genuine commitment have made a tremendous impact on our organization this year, and we are grateful for all she has done.

A sincere thank-you as well to our outgoing Board Directors, **Phil Borger with FGKS Law** and **Chris Rahrigh with Airstream**. We deeply appreciate your service, time, and thoughtful guidance during your terms.

I also want to extend special thanks to **Priscilla Wilt** and **Pam Cox**, who generously served as volunteer trustees on the Chamber Foundation, and to **Cindy Helman with WiseBridge Wealth Management** for her continued work on the Zenith Award Selection Committee.

Our appreciation continues with **Susan Shaffer** and **Jason Haak with Upper Valley Career Center**, both of whom represented the Chamber on the Sidney-Shelby Economic Partnership Board of Directors this year.

A big thank-you as well to **Emily Gleason with US Bank** for once again leading YPconnect and keeping our young professionals engaged and thriving, and to **Dave Ross** for his ongoing leadership as Chair of the Sidney Visitors Bureau Advisory Council.

To each of you who has partnered with us, supported us, or shared your time and talents this year—thank you.

On behalf of Kim, Kennedy, Jeff, and myself, **Merry Christmas**. May the close of this year bring joy, peace, and a little extra brightness to your holiday season.



MEETINGS & EVENTS (CONT'D)

- 5 **Senior Center Singers Christmas Concert**
7:00 p.m.—Sidney Senior Center, 304 South West Avenue
srcentersidney-shelby.com
- 6 **Shelby County Historical Society Presents: Christmas of Yesteryear**
11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—Ross Historical Center, 201 North Main Avenue
shelbycountyhistory.org
- 6 **Arbogast Performing Arts Center Presents: The Texas Tenors**
7:00 p.m.—Arbogast Performing Arts Center, 500 South Dorset Road, Troy
arbogastpac.com
- 7 **Christmas in the Village: Tree Lighting Celebration**
5:00 p.m.—Canal Park, 50 Canal Street, Fort Loramie
facebook.com/fortloramiechamber
- 8 **Seniormark Seminar: Medicare Planning**
5:30 p.m.—2551 West Michigan Street (Zoom Available)
RSVP Required—seniormark.com/workshops
- 9 **Shelby County Historical Society Presents: The Christmas Truce at the Western Front WWI – 1914**
6:30 p.m.—Ross Historical Center, 201 North Main Avenue
shelbycountyhistory.org
- 10 **Seniormark Seminar: Social Security & 401 (k) Planning Workshop**
5:30 p.m.—2551 West Michigan Street (Zoom Available)
RSVP Required—seniormark.com/workshops
- 11 **From “What If...” To “Why Not?!”—Starting a Business in Sidney (FREE Downtown Workshop)**
5:30—6:30 p.m.—The Hive Executive Center, 101 South Ohio Avenue, LL
(more information on page 3)—sidneyalive.org/eventscalendar
- 11 **Ohio Living Dorothy Love Presents: Candlelight Christmas Concert**
6:00 p.m.—Ohio Living Dorothy Love, 3003 West Cisco Road
facebook.com/ohiolivingdorothylove
- 11 **Austeria Wine Boutique Presents: Holiday Charcuterie Workshop**
7:00 p.m.—Austeria Wine Boutique, 109 South Ohio Avenue
Sold Out—austeriawine.com
- 12 **Revolutionary Safety Services Presents: Rigging Safety**
8:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon—Sidney—Registration Required
revolutionarysafety.com
- 12 **Senior Center of Sidney-Shelby County Presents: Christmas Dance**
7:00 p.m.—Sidney Senior Center, 304 South West Avenue
srcentersidney-shelby.com
- 12 - **Historic Sidney Theatre Presents: A Christmas Carol**
- 14 7:00 p.m.—Friday; 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.—Saturday; 2:00 p.m.—Sunday
Historic Sidney Theatre, 120 West Poplar Street—sidneytheatre.org/events
- 13 **SCARF: Cans for Canines**
9:00—11:00 a.m.—Bob Sargeant & Family Shelby County Animal Shelter & Adoption Center, 610 Gearhart Road—helpshelbycountyanimals.com
- 13 - **Johnston Farm and Indian Agency Presents:**
- 14 **Johnston House Christmas Tours**
Tours on the hour from 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—Johnston Farm, 9845 North Hardin Road, Piqua—johnstonfarmohio.com
- 13 **FREE Community Christmas Dinner**
11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.—Shelby County Fairgrounds EMA Building
(more information on page 3)
- 13 **Shelby County Historical Society Presents: Wreaths Across America**
12:00 Noon—Graceland Cemetery, 975 South Main Avenue
shelbycountyhistory.org
- 14 **Sidney Civic Band Christmas Concert**
3:00 p.m.—Connection Point Church, 1510 Campbell Road
- 14 **Arbogast Performing Arts Center Presents: Christmas in the Air**
4:00 p.m.—Arbogast Performing Arts Center, 500 South Dorset Road, Troy
arbogastpac.com
- 14 **Santa on the Square**
6:00—7:30 p.m.—Shelby County Courthouse, 100 East Court Street
sidneyalive.org/eventscalendar
- 14 **Gateway Arts Council Presents: Big Bad Voodoo Daddy**
7:00 p.m.—Sidney High School Auditorium, 1215 Campbell Road
gatewayartscouncil.org
- 18 **Chamber Leadership**
Topic: Law Enforcement, Fire, Rescue, & Criminal Justice
8:00 a.m.—Shelby County Common Pleas Court, 100 East Court Street
- 18 **Human Resources Council**
Topic: Bank @ Work: A Total Banking Relationship
Speaker: F & M Bank
12:00 Noon—Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 450 Folkerth Avenue
sidneyshelbychamber.com/events
- 19 **Austeria Wine Boutique Presents: Steve Lewis**
7:00 p.m.—Austeria Wine Boutique, 109 South Ohio Avenue
austeriawine.com
- 21 **First Day of Winter ❄️**
- 21 **Austeria Wine Boutique Presents: Wine & Dine—Deck the Vines**
5:00—7:00 p.m.—Austeria Wine Boutique, 109 South Ohio Avenue
Ticket Required—austeriawine.com
- 24 - **CHAMBER, SSEP, WORKFORCE & SIDNEY ALIVE**
- 25 **OFFICES CLOSED**
- 25 **Christmas 🎄**
- 31 **CHAMBER, SSEP, WORKFORCE & SIDNEY ALIVE**
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RSVP TODAY
info@sidneyalive.org
 or call 937.658.6945
 Hosted by the Downtown Development Group

Thursday, December 11th
 5:30-6:30 pm
The Hive Executive Center
 101 S. Ohio Ave. (Lower Level)

Come explore the possibilities, ask questions, and meet folks who can help turn your "What If" into "Why Not?"

Free COMMUNITY Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 13, 2025

11:30am - 1:00pm

Shelby County Fairgrounds • EMA Building

Enter on Highland Ave.

Please call the Shelby County United Way office at (937) 492-2101 extension 1004 for delivered meals (only available to people confined to their home). Deadline to reserve a meal is December 11 at 12:00 noon.

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