

# PERSPECTIVE

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## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 1 **New Year's Day** 🦉
- 6 - **Keith's Deli: Open Mic Comedy Night**
- 27 5:00—8:00 p.m.—Keith's Deli, 115 South Ohio Avenue  
Every Tuesday in December—[keithsdelisidney.com](http://keithsdelisidney.com)
- 7 - **Coffee with Champions**
- 28 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](http://sidneyshelbychamber.com/events)
- 7 **Shelby County Safety Council**  
Topic: Wellness in Manufacturing: How to Care for the Industrial Athlete  
Speaker: Doug Brooks, Brooks Corporate Wellness  
12:00—1:00 p.m.—Wilson Health, 915 West Michigan Street, Professional Building—LL Conference Rooms  
[sidneyshelbychamber.com/events](http://sidneyshelbychamber.com/events)
- 8 **YPconnect Steering Committee**  
12:00 noon—Chamber Office, 101 South Ohio Avenue  
[facebook.com/ypconnectshelbycounty](http://facebook.com/ypconnectshelbycounty)
- 9 **Shelby County Libraries Presents: New Director Open House**  
6:00—8:00 p.m.—Amos Memorial Public Library—Art Gallery, 230 East North Street  
[shelbycountylibraries.org](http://shelbycountylibraries.org)
- 13 **Chamber Board of Directors**  
12:00 noon—The Hive, 101 South Ohio Avenue  
[sidneyshelbychamber.com/events](http://sidneyshelbychamber.com/events)
- 15 **Revolutionary Safety Services Presents: Leading with Safety**  
8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon—Lima—Registration Required  
[revolutionarysafetyservices.com](http://revolutionarysafetyservices.com)
- 15 **Chamber Leadership**  
Topic: Media  
9:00 a.m.—Amos Memorial Library, 230 East North Street
- 15 **Shelby County Kick-Off to America 250**  
4:00—5:00 p.m.—Wallace Family Learning & Innovation Center, 115 East North Street  
(more information on page 2)—[visitsidneyshelby.com](http://visitsidneyshelby.com)
- 15 **First of the Year Hike at Lake Loramie State Park**  
Time TBD—Lake Loramie State Park Welcome Center, 4401 State Route 362, Minster
- 16 **Revolutionary Safety Services Presents: Rigging & Lifting Safety**  
8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon—Lima—Registration Required  
[revolutionarysafetyservices.com](http://revolutionarysafetyservices.com)
- 17 **Arbogast Performing Arts Center Presents: The Gambler Returns—The Ultimate Kenny Rogers Tribute**  
7:00 p.m.—Arbogast Performing Arts Center, 500 South Dorset Road, Troy—[arbogastpac.com](http://arbogastpac.com)
- 19 **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- 22 **Revolutionary Safety Services Presents: Excavation Competent Person**  
7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.—Lima—Registration Required  
[revolutionarysafetyservices.com](http://revolutionarysafetyservices.com)

## WE ♥ RIBBON CUTTINGS



### Upper Valley Career Center

8811 Career Drive, Piqua

We were honored to celebrate the Upper Valley Career Center's 50th Anniversary and the unveiling of their new expansion with a special Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Thursday, December 4. This milestone event was more than a celebration—it honored five decades of dedication to career readiness, hands-on learning, and student success, while also celebrating the many opportunities that lie ahead for students throughout our region. Congratulations to the outstanding staff, educators, and partners who have made this legacy possible. We are proud to support Upper Valley Career Center and look forward to seeing its impact continue for generations to come.



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



Week 9 — Perseverance ↗

↖ Week 10 —  
Play Nice,  
But Win

#### January Topics:

7—Set Yourself Up to Win This Year  
14—Communication Basics  
21—True Self  
28—Dream Teams

#### 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

[CoffeeWithChampions.com](http://CoffeeWithChampions.com)

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**STAY TUNED**  
**CHAMBER ANNUAL DINNER**  
**THE HISTORIC SIDNEY THEATRE**



## FROM DAWN'S DESK

It's hard to believe that a year has already passed. My first year as Chamber President has been both rewarding and inspiring, and I want to take a moment to sincerely thank the people who have made it such an incredible experience.

To our dedicated Chamber staff—thank you for your professionalism, commitment, and behind-the-scenes work that keeps everything running smoothly day in and day out. To our Board of Directors—your guidance, leadership, and willingness to step up for our business community has been invaluable. And to our Chamber members—your trust, engagement, and continued investment in the Chamber is what gives purpose to everything we do. I am truly grateful for the support you have shown me personally and to the Chamber as a whole.

As we look ahead to 2026, I am excited to welcome two new members to our Board of Directors—Colleen Gong with FGKS Law and Lucas Stephens with Airstream. We are thrilled to have them join our leadership team and look forward to the perspective and energy they will bring.

I am also pleased to share the slate of officers for 2026: Chairman, Jason Haak, Upper Valley Career Center; 1st Vice Chair, Emily Gleason, US Bank; 2nd Vice Chair, Kiera Sullivan, Continental Express, Inc.; Secretary/Treasurer, Teresa Puthoff, Industrial Machining Services, Inc.; and Immediate Past Chair, Susan Shaffer, Emerson Wagner Realty.

In addition, we are thankful for our continuing directors who will remain on the Board and continue to provide stability, experience, and leadership: Frank Catanzarite, Murphy's Craftbar & Kitchen; Jon Crusey, City of Sidney; Julie Covault, Wilson Health; Jay Grieshop, Ferguson Construction Co., Bill O'Leary, Plastipak Packaging; Mike Tinch, Honda; Gail Williams, Copeland Corporation; and Karla Young, Shelby County United Way. Each of their ongoing commitment plays a key role in moving the Chamber forward.

As we prepare for 2026, please know that the Chamber is here to support you. Whether you have a question, an idea, or need assistance connecting with resources or fellow members, we encourage you to reach out at any time. We value your involvement and look forward to continuing to serve our business community together for many years to come.



Colleen Gong



Lucas Stephens

## MEETINGS & EVENTS (CONT'D)

- 22 **Think & Grow Rich Vision Board Lunch & Learn**  
12:00—1:30 p.m.—Amos Memorial Public Library, Community Room, 230 East North Street—\$10.00 workshop fee/person  
[sidneyshelbychamber.com/events](http://sidneyshelbychamber.com/events)
- 22 **Human Resources Council**  
Topic: LifeLine Pilots Services  
Speaker: Phil Ellis, Lifeline Pilots  
12:00 noon—Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 450 Folkerth Ave.  
[sidneyshelbychamber.com/events](http://sidneyshelbychamber.com/events)
- 23 **Revolutionary Safety Services Presents: Incident Investigation & Root Cause Analysis**  
7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.—Lima—Registration Required  
[revolutionarysafetyservices.com](http://revolutionarysafetyservices.com)
- 23 **Choice One Engineering Ribbon Cutting** &  
3:00 p.m.—Choice One Engineering, 2633 Campbell Road  
[sidneyshelbychamber.com/events](http://sidneyshelbychamber.com/events)
- 26 - **Revolutionary Safety Services Presents:**
- 29 **OSHA 30 Construction**  
7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.—Lima—Registration Required  
[revolutionarysafetyservices.com](http://revolutionarysafetyservices.com)
- 29 **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shelby & Darke County Presents: Kickoff 2026**  
5:30 p.m.—Newport Sportsman Club, 5801 Rangeline Road, Houston—[bigbrobigsis-shelbydarke.org](http://bigbrobigsis-shelbydarke.org)
- 30 **Revolutionary Safety Services Presents: Scaffold Competent Person**  
7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.—Lima—Registration Required  
[revolutionarysafetyservices.com](http://revolutionarysafetyservices.com)
- 31 **Lehman Catholic High School Presents: 35th Annual Auction—A Renovation for Generations**  
6:00 p.m.—Dinner; 7:00 p.m.—Auction—Lehman High School, 2400 St. Marys Avenue—Ticket Required  
[lehmanannuauction.com](http://lehmanannuauction.com)

## AMERICA 250: COMMEMORATING 250 YEARS



Shelby County

This year, the United States will mark a major milestone—250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Known as America 250, communities across the country are invited to reflect on our nation's history, celebrate its progress, and help shape its future.

At its core, America 250 is about telling the full American story—recognizing the people, events, and ideals that have shaped our nation, while also acknowledging the diverse experiences that continue to define it today. The initiative encourages civic pride, education, and community involvement, inspiring Americans to connect with both their local history and the broader national narrative.

You are invited to kick-off this notable milestone year with an exciting America 250 Meet & Greet at the Wallace Innovation and Learning Center on Thursday, January 15 from 4:00—5:00 p.m.

This free, community-focused event offers a sneak peek into the local plans for the America 250 celebration in 2026—marking the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States.

Stop by to learn about upcoming events, community projects, volunteer opportunities, and how you can be part of this historic milestone. From parades and public art to storytelling, local history, and educational programming, there's something for everyone to look forward to.

Meet the organizers, ask questions, share ideas, and find out how you or your organization can get involved. Whether you're a student, community leader, business owner, or history lover—your voice and participation matter.

Light refreshments will be provided. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

Discover the America 250 events—Shelby County style at:  
[visitsidneyshelby.com/america-250-shelby-county-style/](http://visitsidneyshelby.com/america-250-shelby-county-style/)





CHECK OUT WHAT'S NEW IN  
THE WORLD OF YPCONNECT!

# CORNER

A Message from YP...

As we enter a new year, we're reminded that real progress happens in small, intentional steps. This year, we're committed to creating meaningful spaces for you to connect, learn, and grow—one opportunity at a time. Happy New Year!

Moments from our last event...



YP Christmas Luncheon  
Trivia Winners





# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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## TNT FITNESS

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# CHAMBER MEMBER BENEFITS— ARE YOU UTILIZING THEM?

## CHAMBER ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY—

Community Energy Advisors is a Public Utilities Commission certified energy management firm that educates & empowers organizations of all sizes to maximize the economics of their energy assets. CEA offers discounts to Chamber member organizations on their purchase of electricity & natural gas both at their business and the homes of their employees. Also offered is a comprehensive menu of energy-related sustainability solutions helping members operate more efficiently and finding affordable ways to reduce their carbon footprint thus lowering their energy consumption and reducing energy costs.

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For more information, please visit:  
[chamberenergyprogram.com](http://chamberenergyprogram.com)

## COFFEE WITH CHAMPIONS—

Start your Wednesday morning with meaningful connection. Coffee with Champions is a weekly, member-exclusive conversation series that brings business and community leaders together to learn from one another, share experiences, and build stronger relationships. Each session features a focused topic designed to inspire personal growth, spark new ideas, and strengthen our network of Champions across Shelby County. It's a simple, energizing way to grow as a leader—and support others along the way.

For more information, please visit:  
[coffeewithchampions.com](http://coffeewithchampions.com)



[www.sidneyshelbychamber.com/member-benefits.html](http://www.sidneyshelbychamber.com/member-benefits.html)

# CHECK OUT WHAT LIES AHEAD IN 2026!



Event Highlights:

- 8:30am - 9:00am: Meet & Greet, Breakfast, & Member Tour
- 9:00am - 10:00am: Entertainment
- 10:00am - 11:00am: Kickoff: Learn about The Power of Us!
- 11:00am - 12:00pm: Meet our Big & Little Members from South & Board
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm: Meet our Big & Little Members from South & Board
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm: Meet our Big & Little Members from South & Board

Thursday, January 29th  
Newport Sportsman Club  
5801 Rongeline Rd. Houston, OH  
This is a FREE ticketed event!  
RSVP required.

[bigbrobigsis-shelbydarke.org](http://bigbrobigsis-shelbydarke.org) | 937-492-7611 | [info@bbbsshelbydarke.org](mailto:info@bbbsshelbydarke.org)



### 2026 CHAMBER WORKSHOP SERIES

**What Role Does Video Play In Your Business?**

Video is the language of modern marketing — and it is one of the fastest ways to boost visibility, trust, and sales. In this workshop, you'll discover how to use video to authentically tell your story and connect with customers at every stage of their journey. You'll also learn practical techniques, simple tools, and smart strategies that any business can use, regardless of size or budget. If you're ready to turn storytelling into stronger engagement and real results, this session is for you.

**Tyler Louth**  
CEO, Marketing Essentials

marketing essentials

- OBJECTIVES**
- How to Use Video to Tell Your Story
  - Specific Video Strategies to Prove Credibility with Your Audience
  - Best Practices for Shooting Quick Videos for Social Sites
  - How to Utilize Video Across Channels

**THURSDAY 12 FEB 2026**  
8:00 - 9:30 AM

**HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES**  
450 FOLKERTH AVENUE  
SIDNEY

REGISTER:  
CALL (937) 492-9122  
• SCAN THE QR CODE TO EMAIL THE CHAMBER.

This workshop is being offered at no charge as a benefit of membership with the Sidney-Shelby County Chamber of Commerce.

## Sidney Police Department CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Our expert-led sessions provide hands-on learning, practical insights, and valuable networking opportunities to help you excel in our Community.

- COMPREHENSIVE LEARNING
- EXPERT INSTRUCTION
- NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

**Tuesdays February 24-March 31, 2026 ; 6 sessions**  
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**234 W. Court St., Sidney, Ohio**

**Officer Bryce Stewart**  
Community Resource Officer  
[Bstewart@sidneyoh.com](mailto:Bstewart@sidneyoh.com)  
Call Us: 937-498-8722

Application Deadline: February 4, 2026

## CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Sidney Police Department is conducting a Citizens Police Academy to enhance communication between the city's residents and the police who serve them. The program is designed to give the citizens of Sidney an overview of how the department operates and an in-depth view of its policies.

The ultimate goal of the program is to provide an exchange of operational knowledge, services, and protection provided by the Sidney Police Department.

\*This course is not a training program to become a certified Law Enforcement Officer.

- THE COURSE IS FREE
- DEADLINE 2/4/26
- FREE POLO SHIRT

- Requirements**
- Must be a resident of Sidney/Shelby County or associated with a business or organization within Sidney.
  - 18 years or older
  - No current criminal charges pending in court. Past criminal history may or may not disqualify you based on seriousness or time passed.
- Topics**
- Department Operations and Tour of Police Department
  - Drug Investigations and Enforcement
  - Cyber Crime, Identity Theft, Fraud, and Scams
  - Law Enforcement Technology
  - Investigations & Crime Scene Management
  - Domestic Violence
  - Search & Seizure
  - Traffic Stops
  - Contemporary Police Issues
  - Use of Force
  - Police K9's
  - Active Shooter
  - Police Simulators
  - Real Life Police Work
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## 2026 Wilson Health Community



## CPR/AED, First Aid & Bloodborne Pathogen Classes

- 2026 Dates:** (Tentative, due to number of attendees)
- Friday, January 16
  - Friday, February 20
  - Thursday, March 19
  - Friday, April 17
  - Thursday, May 17
  - Thursday, June 18
  - Friday, August 21
  - Friday, September 18
  - Thursday, October 15
  - Thursday, November 19

Limited spaces available - Sign up for your class today! (Limit: 10 per class)

A light snack, coffee, and water will be provided.

**Class Schedule:**  
CPR/AED 7:00am - 10:00am  
First Aid 10:00am - 12:30pm  
Bloodborne Pathogen 12:30pm - 1:00pm

Training is conducted by certified ASHI instructors. All training will be hosted in the Wilson Health Professional Building (Door #4) in the lower level.

To sign up or for additional questions, please call (937) 498-5511 or email [hkean@wilsonhealth.org](mailto:hkean@wilsonhealth.org)





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