

PERSPECTIVE

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 1 - Sidney Police Department & Shelby County Sheriff's Office Presents: Safety Town**
9:00—11:00 a.m.—Morning Session; 3:00—5:00 p.m.—Afternoon Session—Sidney Police Department, 234 West Court Street—Registration Required (Ages 5-7)
sidneyoh.com
- 1 - Historic Sidney Theatre Summer Camp: Pirates—Grades 1-4**
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.—Historic Sidney Theatre, 120 West Poplar Street—sidneytheatre.org
- 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 June—keithsdelisidney.com
- 2 - Seniomark Seminar: Medicare Planning**
5:30 p.m.—2551 West Michigan Street—Zoom Available RSVP Required—seniomark.com/workshops
- 3 - Coffee with Champions**
24 8:00—8:59 a.m.—Rooted Life Collective, 110 North Ohio Avenue—Every Wednesday—FREE for Chamber Member Employees—sidneyshelbychamber.com/events
- 3 - Shelby County Safety Council**
Topic: Hazardous Noise
Speaker: Karen Basso, Mid-America OSHA Education Center
12:00—1:00 p.m.—Wilson Health, 915 West Michigan Street, Professional Building—LL Conference Rooms
sidneyshelbychamber.com/events
- 6 - Great Sidney Farmer's Market**
27 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon—Shelby County Court Square Every Saturday Thru Mid-October
sidneyalive.org/eventscalendar
- 8 - Historic Sidney Theatre Summer Camp: Rock & Roll Forever—Grades 5-8**
12 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—Historic Sidney Theatre, 120 West Poplar Street—sidneytheatre.org
- 8 - Seniomark Seminar: Social Security / 401K Planning**
5:30 p.m.—2551 West Michigan Street—Zoom Available RSVP Required—seniomark.com/workshops
- 10 - Ohio Living Dorothy Love Presents: Dueling Pianos**
6:00—7:30 p.m.—Ohio Living Dorothy Love, 3003 Cisco Road—RSVP Required
ohioliving.org/communities/ohio-living-dorothy-love
- 12 - Sidney Civic Band: Concerts on the Square**
7:00 p.m.—Shelby County Court Square
- 12 - Botkins Carousel**
14 botkinscarousel.com
- 13 - Cruise Sidney**
5:00—8:00 p.m.—2nd Saturday of the month through October—shelbycountyhistory.org/exhibits.htm
- 14 - Morgan's Place Cemetery Fundraiser—Dayton Dragons vs. Fort Wayne Tincaps**
1:05 p.m.—Day Air Ballpark, 220 North Patterson Boulevard, Dayton—morgansplacecemetery.org

2026 Chamber Golf Classic

1st Place—52.8	2nd Place—55.9	3rd Place—56.7	4th Place—56.8	5th Place—57.2
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Tuesday, May 18

2027 Chamber Golf Classic



Congratulations to our 1st—5th Place teams!
Pictured: Sidney Body CARSTAR, Kettering Health Troy, F&M Bank, Brooks Corporate Wellness

PROXIMITY PRIZE WINNERS

South Course

Long Putt #1—Tom Endicott
Closest to the Pin #3—Tom Gorman
Long Drive Women #4—Valarie O'Connell
Long Drive Men #6—Jim Boyer

North Course

Long Putt #1—Les Feitshans
Long Drive Women #2—Carrigan Gottemoeller
Closest to the Pin #4—Jeff Walters
Long Drive Men #9—Jim Kraft

West Course

Long Putt #2—Bill Bailey
Long Drive Women #2—Ella Meyer
Long Drive Men #6—AJ Ruhenkamp
Closest to the Pin #7—Reagan Wenzinger



FROM DAWN'S DESK

Discover Shelby County – Celebrating Our 20th Edition!

We are excited to announce the arrival of the 20th edition of *Discover Shelby County* — a milestone publication that continues to showcase the very best of our community.

This annual magazine highlights the businesses, organizations, events, and people that make Shelby County such a great place to live, work, play and visit. Many Chamber members participated through advertising opportunities, helping make this publication possible while also promoting their businesses to readers throughout the region.

Inside this year's edition, you'll find articles covering a variety of topics and stories from across Shelby County, along with our classified Chamber membership directory in the back of the magazine.

Over the coming weeks, copies of *Discover Shelby County* will be distributed to locations throughout Sidney and all surrounding villages and communities. We encourage you to pick up a copy, share it with others, and help us continue telling the positive story of Shelby County. If you would like to display magazines at your place of business, just let us know, we would be happy to drop some off!

Thank you to all of our advertisers, contributors, and members for your continued support in making this publication a success year after year.



MEETINGS & EVENTS (CONT'D)

- 14 **BBBS of Shelby & Darke County Presents: Annual Duck Derby**
4:00 p.m.—Mini Carnival; 7:30 p.m.—Duck Derby—Tawawa Park, 12 Tawawa Drive—bigbrobigsis-shelbydarke.org
- 14 **Austeria Wine Boutique Presents: Wine & Dine Series—Backyard BBQ**
5:00 p.m.—Austeria Wine Boutique, 109 South Ohio Ave. Ticket Required—austeriawine.com
- 15 - **Historic Sidney Theatre Summer Camp:**
- 19 **Broadway Boombox—Grades 9-12**
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.—Historic Sidney Theatre, 120 West Poplar Street—sidneytheatre.org
- 16 **Coffee & Breakfast with the Shelby County Commissioners**
8:00 a.m.—Morrie's Landing, 11003 State Route 362, Minster co.shelby.oh.us/m/newsflash/home/detail/63
- 18 **Chamber Leadership—FINAL SESSION**
Topic: Agriculture
8:00 a.m.—Shelby County Agricultural Center, 822 Fair Road
- 18 **Shelby County Historical Society Presents: 26th Annual Graceland Cemetery Tour**
7:00 p.m.—Graceland Cemetery, 975 South Main Avenue shelbycountyhistory.org/events
- 19 **Sidney Civic Band: Concerts on the Square**
7:00 p.m.—Shelby County Court Square
- 19 - **Anna Homecoming**
- 20 annacivicasociation.org
- 20 **Lake Loramie State Park Presents: Kids Fishing Derby**
8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon—Lake Loramie Welcome Center, 11221 OH-362, Minster—ohiodnr.gov/home/news-and-events/all-events/parks-wc-events/NW-Ohio/lakeloramie-fishing-derby
- 20 **Shelby County Veterans Service Commission Presents: Veterans Showcase Event**
12:00 noon—6:00 p.m.—Vandemark Farm, 2401 South Vandemark Road—shelbycountyveterans.org
- 20 **Holy Angels Parish Picnic**
2:00—11:00 p.m.—Shelby County Fairgrounds, 655 South Highland Avenue—holyanfelsparishpicnic.org
- 21 **Father's Day** 🍷
- 21 **First Day of Summer** 1
- 25 **Human Resources Council**
Topic: Difficult Conversations
Speaker: Dorinda Byers, Ohio Auditor of State
12:00 noon—Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 450 Folkertth Ave. sidneyshelbychamber.com/events
- 26 **Shelby County Historical Society Presents: America 250 Shelby County Community Picnic**
5:30—7:30 p.m.—Downtown Sidney Court Square sidneyalive.org/eventscalendar/shelby-county-community-picnic
- 26 **Sidney Civic Band: Concerts on the Square**
7:00 p.m.—Shelby County Court Square
- 27 **Sidney Alive Presents: Downtown Putt-A-Round**
2:00—5:00 p.m.—Downtown Sidney sidneyalive.org/eventscalendar
- 28 **Shelby County Historical Society Presents: 9th Annual Tawawa Park Cruise-In Car Show & Craft Fair**
10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—Tawawa Park, 12 Tawawa Drive shelbycountyhistory.org/events

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Roots Child Development Center 209 West Pike Street, Jackson Center

On May 27, community members gathered to celebrate the official ribbon cutting for Roots Child Development Center, a new childcare facility located in Jackson Center. Operated by the Sidney-Shelby County YMCA, the center represents an important expansion of quality childcare opportunities in the region and reflects a strong commitment to supporting local children, working families, and the workforce throughout Jackson Center and Shelby County. Congratulations to the Sidney-Shelby County YMCA and the entire Roots Child Development Center team on this exciting addition to the community!

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STRENGTHENING YOUR NETWORK NOW SO IT SUPPORTS YOUR CAREER LATER

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Strengthening your professional network is more exciting and rewarding than ever in the evolving job market. While hiring trends shift, new opportunities emerge. Fostering strong relationships enables you to stay connected to dynamic, future-focused sectors and the fastest-moving opportunities. A solid network not only keeps you competitive but also allows you to explore what's possible.



The Power of Professional Connections

The job market is changing, presenting both new opportunities and challenges. Companies are focusing on efficiency, making them more selective of candidates who can adapt and provide immediate value. This change is driven by AI integration and a greater emphasis on productivity, with organizations valuing human-centered skills that incorporate communication and emotional intelligence alongside technical knowledge.

Networking is essential and helps you stay informed about role changes and emerging skill demands, with many positions filled through internal referrals before jobs are posted. Your network offers insights and opportunities, keeping you relevant in a dynamic job landscape.

Nurturing Your Professional Circle

Your current network is often your most valuable resource. Many of the best opportunities come from people who already know your strengths. There are several ways to nurture your relationships within your circle:

- Send a quick update to former coworkers or managers.
- Engage with their posts on LinkedIn to maintain visibility.
- Offer help when you can—networking works best when it's reciprocal.
- Schedule short catch-up calls to learn what they're working on.

Instead of connecting with contacts at random, focus on people and communities aligned with your goals.

- Join industry-specific groups or associations online and offline.
- Attend virtual or in-person events where hiring managers are active.
- Follow leaders in your field and engage thoughtfully with their content.
- Connect with professionals in growing sectors like AI-related roles, which continue to show strong demand.

Harnessing Your Network to Unlock New Opportunities

Even as the job market shifts, there are plenty of reasons to feel hopeful, especially if you're building a strong network. While employers are being thoughtful and selective with their hiring, that creates an advantage for job seekers who stay connected and engaged. A strong network helps you rise above the noise, get noticed faster, and tap into opportunities that aren't always visible on job boards. In a market where relationships matter more than ever, your network becomes a powerful source of momentum, encouragement, and possibility. Networking creates:

- Early access to opportunities. Many roles are filled internally or through referrals before they are advertised online.
- Insight into industry shifts. Your contacts can help you understand which skills are rising in demand and which industries are cooling.
- Support during transitions. Whether you're switching industries or reentering the workforce, or rebounding from a layoff, having advocates makes a measurable difference.
- A competitive edge. When employers are cautious, referrals carry more weight than cold applications.

Fostering High-Quality Connections

Networking is a vital investment in your career resilience. As the labor market shifts due to AI and changing skill demands, skills like communication and emotional intelligence are increasingly valuable. Staying connected helps you navigate these changes and understand emerging requirements.

Dedicate time each week to nurturing relationships through messages, sharing articles, or attending events. These small actions build trust and support your career. Your network is one of the few aspects you can control in an unpredictable market. Strengthening it now prepares you for future changes. Networking builds community, and in a rapidly evolving job landscape, that community is your greatest asset.



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