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OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES WARNS UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMANTS ABOUT SCAM TEXTS, EMAILS, AND WEBSITES DESIGNED TO STEAL PERSONAL INFORMATION

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Interim Director Matt Damschroder is alerting the public of fake websites that closely mirror the agency's official website that are attempts to steal personal and banking information. The addresses of the fake websites in question are: unemployment-ohio-gov.com and ohio-gov.cn.

"We know that individuals are receiving text messages and emails that link to these phony websites. It's important to pay attention to know whether they are legitimate," said Interim Director Damschroder. "Please look closely before clicking sites that look like the real deal but aren't."

Account security is a top priority for the State of Ohio. Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost informed ODJFS about the fake site, unemployment-ohio-gov.com. Their review found that a Russian server houses the website, using a Chinese domain name. Customers alerted ODJFS to the illegitimate site ohio-gov.cn.

To avoid potential fraud Ohioans should:

- Ignore all unsolicited text messages and never click on hyperlinks in emails or text messages that look suspicious.
- Log in each week to your account and review personal information such as physical address, email address, and banking information.
- Remember that ODJFS will not contact you to ask for your username or password.

If individuals notice a change in their account information, they should report immediately by calling 833-658-0394. ODJFS will then work with you to verify your identity and provide you with next steps, such as changing your Personal Identification Number (PIN) and reporting the theft to law enforcement.

ODJFS continues to work closely with the Ohio Attorney General's Office, the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Inspector General and the FBI's Cyber Crime Unit to shut down fraudulent activities and identify and apprehend criminals.

<https://unemployment-ohio-gov.com>



Fake Web Site

Correct Web Site

unemployment.cmt.oh.gov/cmtview/



TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021
Shelby Oaks Golf Course
10:30 a.m.—Event Begins

There's still time to join us! It's going to be a great day—don't miss out!

Contact Dawn Eilert if you need a registration form or have a questions about the event—deilert@sidneyshelbychamber.com or 937-492-9122. We hope to see you there!

MAY

Meeting & Event Dates

- Sidney Alive Presents: Kentucky Derby Affair on the Square**
2:00—5:00 p.m.—Shelby County Court Square
www.sidneyalive.org
- Historic Sidney Theatre Presents: Thoroughly Modern Millie (Lehman Musical—Final Night)**
8:00 p.m.—120 West Poplar Street
- Shelby County Safety Council**
Topic: TBD
12:00 noon—2:00 pm
- YPCconnect Lunch Mob at Majito's Mexican Restaurant**
11:45 a.m.—12:45 p.m.—1306 Wapakoneta Avenue
- Wilson Health Wound & Hyperbaric Center Ribbon Cutting & Open House**
5:00—7:00 p.m.—915 West Michigan Street, Main Entrance, Door #1
NOTE: Face Coverings Will Be Required
- Historic Sidney Theatre Presents: Around The World in Eighty Days—A Radio Play**
7:00—8:00 p.m.—Facebook Live
www.facebook.com/sidneytheatre
- Sharon's School of Dance Spring Recital & Showcase: Something Just Like This**
7:30 p.m.—Historic Sidney Theatre, 120 West Poplar Street
- Shelby County Animal Rescue Foundation's Walk to End Parvo**
11:00 a.m.—12:00 noon—Shelby County Court Square; Registration at 10:00 a.m.
- Community Resource Fair**
11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.—Culver's Parking Lot, 2579 West Michigan Street
Sponsored by: Women's Center—Sidney
- Senior Center of Sidney-Shelby County Open House and Vendor Fair**
1:00—3:00 p.m.—Senior Center, 304 South West Avenue
- Shelby County CASA/GAL Dancing With Our Stars Season #12**
5:30—11:30 p.m.—Palazzo, 309 South Main Street, Botkins

ADDITIONAL MEETINGS & EVENTS ON PAGE 2



FROM JEFF'S DESK

A better way to

KEEP SIDNEY STRONG

Chamber Members:

As you know, the Chamber prides itself as being a friend to education across the entirety of Shelby County. Through the work of our foundation, we have granted thousands of dollars over the years to enrich the education experience for the youth of our county knowing full well that this investment will translate to a better prepared workforce to staff our member organizations.

Although a departure from our custom, the Board of Directors at the Sidney-Shelby County Chamber have this year actively advocated for passage of the Sidney City Schools levy coming before the voters on Tuesday May 4th. In our opinion, Sidney City Schools have made a compelling business case to substantiate their need for funding. As an organization deeply committed to promoting Sidney and Shelby County as a desirable place to live and do business, we believe the time is now to pass this levy. Enthusiastically we join many other organizations in the local business community in support of Sidney City Schools and encourage you to do the same.

If you have yet to make up your mind or are inclined to vote no, I encourage you to spend some time on the levy web site. It is very well done and can be found at www.sidneyschoolslevy.org.



DISCOVER MAGAZINES HAVE ARRIVED!!

7,000 copies of the 2021 edition of *Discover Shelby County* magazine have been delivered to our office—who needs copies?

They have been mailed to the membership and we are currently in the process of distributing them all over the county to libraries, hotels, HR departments, the hospital, banks, village offices and hotspots, schools—anywhere and everywhere.

If your organization would like a supply for recruiting or in your lobby, please let us know and we'd be happy to bring them to you.

BWC MAY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Webinars

5/4—Prevent Falls in All Industries (10:30—11:30 a.m.)

5/11—Conducting Inspections in the Workplace (11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.)

5/25—Is Fatigue Affecting Your Safety Program? (1:30—2:30 p.m.)

If you miss a webinar, just search “replay” in the BWC Learning Management System.

Virtual Classes

5/4—Accident Analysis (1:00—4:30 p.m.)

5/5—Lockout/Tagout and Safety-related Work Practices (9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.)

5/11-12—Confined Space Assessment and Work (9:30 a.m.—12:45 p.m.)

5/13—Safety Series Workshop Module 3: Hazard Communication and Personal Protective Equipment Basics (1:00—4:30 p.m.)

5/18—Violence in the Workplace (9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.)

5/19—Work Zone Traffic Control and Safety (1:00—4:30 p.m.)

5/20—Safety Series Workshop Module 2: Ergonomics, Accident Analysis and Hazard Assessment Basics (9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.)

5/26—Machine Guarding Basics (9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.)

Online E-Courses

On-demand courses cover topics including Bloodborne Pathogens, Developing a Safety Culture, OSHA Recordkeeping 101, and others. Online course times range from 30 minutes to approximately two hours and provide the ultimate convenience for learning at your pace and at your desired time. Check out the schedule at: www.bwclearningcenter.com/CServer/Document/BF85C8D3052D4250B4E56E60B44EC1AE/ONLINE%20COURSE%20FLYER.pdf

To register for webinars or virtual classes, go to www.bwclearningcenter.com. You will need an account to use the Learning Center.

- 11 **Chamber Board of Directors**
11:30 a.m.—The Hive, 101 South Ohio Avenue
- 11 **Sidney's Got Talent Auditions, Night 1**
6:00—8:00 p.m.—Historic Sidney Theatre, 120 West Poplar Street
- 13 **YPConnect Webinar**
Topic: Morgan's Place
12:00—1:00 p.m.
www.facebook.com/ypconnectshelbycounty
- 15 **Sidney's Got Talent Auditions, Night 2**
6:00—8:00 p.m.—Historic Sidney Theatre, 120 West Poplar Street
- 20 **Chamber Leadership**
Topic: City & County Government
8:00 a.m.—Locations to be determined
- 21 **The Historic Sidney Theatre Presents: The Best of the Eagles (Tribute Band)**
Two Shows: 6:30—8:00 p.m. & 9:00—10:30 p.m.—
Historic Sidney Theatre, 120 West Poplar Street
www.sidneytheatre.org/new-events/best-of-the-eagles
- 25 **Chamber Golf Classic**
10:30 a.m.—Shelby Oaks Golf Course, 9900 Sidney-Freyburg Road
(more information on page 1)
- 27 **Human Resources Council**
Topic: TBD
- 28 - **32nd Annual Buckeye Farm Antiques Show**
- 30 **Shelby County Fairgrounds, 655 South Highland Avenue**
www.buckeyefarmantiques.com
- 29 **The Great Sidney Farmer's Market—OPENING DAY**
8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
Shelby County Court Square
www.sidneyalive.org/farmers-market
- 31 **Memorial Day—Chamber, SSEP and Workforce Offices Closed**

CONGRATULATIONS PLASTIPAK PACKAGING

Forbes has named Plastipak Packaging, Inc. one of America's Best Midsize Employers, ranking 30th of the top 500 mid-sized companies who were selected.

This list showcases companies that have risen to the occasion, adapting in ways that benefit both their customers and associates. *Forbes* compiled this list by surveying over 50,000 Americans working for businesses with at least 1,000 employees. Participants were asked to rate their willingness to recommend their own employers to friends and family, and to nominate organizations other than their own.

What an amazing accomplishment by all of the dedicated associates at Plastipak!



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NATIONAL SAFETY STAND- DOWN EVENT (VIRTUAL)

**Monday, May 3, 2021
11:00 a.m.—12:00 noon**

Guest Speaker: Kevin Wilcox, P.E., C.S.P.

Fall protection equipment is the most visible aspect of a fall protection program, and it can also be the costliest. Unfortunately, these investments can be wasted when workers misuse or ignore the intended use of the equipment. This presentation covers common fall protection equipment misuse topics. After showing what the misuse looks like, Kevin will provide recommendations on how to overcome these challenges on the job site.

Presentation Learning Objectives:

- List common misuses for fall protection equipment
- Explain how fall protection equipment misuse can lead to failure or injury
- Describe options for correcting fall protection equipment misuse issues.

This event is being offered by the Ohio BWC- if you are interested in receiving the actual flyer with log-in information, contact Dawn Eilert at the Chamber office, 937-492-9122 or deilert@sidneyshelbychamber.com.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT—ELECTRO GREEN ENERGY SOLUTIONS

COULD NOW BE THE RIGHT TIME FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION TO CONSIDER SOLAR POWER?



Electro Green Energy Solutions (EGES) was founded in October 2018 with a focus on developing a vertically integrated model. Its parent company Dickman Supply has been an integral part of this development as their primary electrical distributor and assisting with the development of their renewable/solar linecard.

EGES has been very strategic in their growth model concentrating on building direct to manufacturing relationships, strengthening current manufacturer relationships, and focusing sales to a tiered market approach and educating customers on how to take advantage of the governmental incentives, which is driving the increasing use in solar energy.

As costs for solar materials have declined and productivity has improved, the “economics” for on-site power generation quickly become more attractive. In addition, incentives to encourage businesses to install solar systems are significant and the latest Covid Stimulus Bill included the extension of the Investment Tax Credit (ITC) offering a 26% federal investment tax credit (not a deduction) through the end of 2022, to encourage taxpayers to install solar systems.

The combination of the federal investment tax credit, additional financial incentives applicable for businesses and commercial systems, the reduction in costs, and increased productivity have created an opportunity to add on-site solar power solutions cost effectively. The combination of the avoided utility expense and incentives also creates a meaningful investment opportunity for businesses. The return on investment created by the solar system and increased value in the real estate often creates meaningful rates of return for most owners.

To learn more and to see if a solar solution is right for your business, contact Nick Koon or Chris Geise at Electro Green Energy Solutions or log on to their web site at www.electrogreenenergy.com.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT—THE SALVATION ARMY

In May of 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower declared a week dedicated to the tireless work and service of The Salvation Army. Saying: *“Among Americans, The Salvation Army has long been a symbol of wholehearted dedication to the cause of human brotherhood. In time of war, the men and women of this organization have brought to those serving their country far from home, friendliness and warm concern. In the quieter days of peace, their work has been a constant reminder to us all that each of us is neighbor and kin to all Americans. Giving freely of themselves, the men and women of The Salvation Army have won the respect of us all.”*



May 9—15, 2021

In 2020, The Salvation Army of Sidney tirelessly gave of themselves once again. The COVID-19 pandemic changed the way everyone and everything operated, The Salvation Army not excluded. During the height of the pandemic, while their doors were closed, their services continued. They adapted their services to meet the immediate needs COVID created for Shelby County residents. They began offering delivery services for food pantry clients who were unable to get out, sewing cloth face masks for the nursing homes, offering services “drive-thru” style, and much more. The Salvation Army of Sidney is proud to actively live-out the words that President Eisenhower spoke some 67 years ago. Even during a pandemic, they continued to assess the needs of Shelby County and did everything in their power to meet those needs.

Amid the pandemic, The Salvation Army launched two new programs: Pathway of Hope (POH) and Emergency Disaster Services (EDS). POH is an intensive case management program that walks families through setting and achieving goals. The overarching goal for each family is to end the cycle of poverty once and for all. The EDS program not only offers hydration/refreshment services to the first responders of Shelby County, but spiritual and emotional care as well.

Will you help celebrate this year’s National Salvation Army Week by joining your local Salvation Army in their Fight for Good? To find out how, please contact Captain Katie or Captain Samantha at 937-492-8412. The Salvation Army also invites you to share your Salvation Army stories via social media using: #SidneyTSA #NSAW2021 and #FightForGood.



MAY ACTIVITIES READY TO BLOOM!

- 05/07: Board Meeting, 9:00a
- 05/08: Vendor Fair/Open House, 1:00p - 3:00p. •• *Public Welcome* ••
- 05/11: Membership Meeting/Meal, 11:30a; please sign up before May 5
- 05/25: Health Luncheon, 11:30a; please sign up before May 18

**** A Senior Center membership makes a great gift for MOM!
Give her a gift that keeps giving all year.****



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