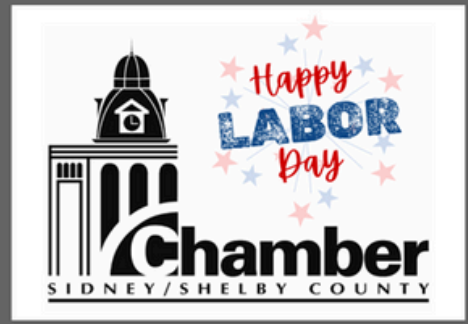


PERSPECTIVE

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 1 Labor Day 🇺🇸
- 1 Morgan's Place Cemetery Presents: Annual Family Picnic
12:00 noon—1724 State Route 589, Sidney
morgansplacecemetery.org/events
- 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 September—keithsdelsidney.com
- 3 Shelby County Safety Council
Topic: Taking the Safety Out of Safety Culture
Speaker: Jim Mangas, Revolutionary Safety Services
12:00—1:00 p.m.—Wilson Health, 915 West Michigan Street, Professional Building—LL Conference Rooms
sidneyshelbychamber.com/events
- 5 Senior Center of Sidney-Shelby County Presents: Trivia Night
7:00 p.m.—Sidney Senior Center, 304 South West Avenue
srcentersidney-shelby.com
- 6 - Great Sidney Farmer's Market
27 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon—Shelby County Court Square
Every Saturday Thru October 11
sidneylive.org/eventscalendar
- 6 Sidney Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast
8:00—10:30 a.m.—North East Corner of Court Square
- 9 Chamber Board of Directors
12:00 noon—The Hive, 101 South Ohio Avenue
- 9 Seniomark Seminar: Medicare Planning
5:30 p.m.—2551 West Michigan Street (Zoom Available)
RSVP Required—seniomark.com/workshops
- 11 Shelby County United Way Campaign Kick-Off
11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.—The Palazzo, 309 South Main Street, Botkins—shelbycountyunitedway.org
- 11 YPconnect Steering Committee
1:00 p.m.—Chamber Office, 101 South Ohio Avenue
facebook.com/ypconnectshelbycounty
- 11 Seniomark Seminar: Social Security / 401K Planning
5:30 p.m.—2551 West Michigan Street (Zoom Available)
RSVP Required—seniomark.com/workshops
- 12 - Lake Loramie Fall Harvest Festival
14 lakeloramiefallfest.com
- 12 Crossway Farms—Fall on the Farm Kick-Off
crosswayfarms.com/fall-on-the-farm
- 12 Senior Center of Sidney-Shelby County Presents: Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
5:00—7:00 p.m.—Sidney Senior Center, 304 South West Avenue—\$10/dinner while supplies last
srcentersidney-shelby.com
- 13 Johnston Farm and Indian Agency Presents: Johnston House Fall Architectural & Decorative Arts Tour
11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.—Tours Provided on the Hour
Johnston Farm, 9845 North Hardin Road, Piqua
johnstonfarmohio.com



Pictured L-R

Row 1: Brad Schulze, Lynn Marroletti-Alexander, Nicole Mullins, Arielle White, Juli Smith, Cori Sanders, Dan Gutman, Shellie Farrier, Ross Covault, Emily Gleason.

Row 2: Tracy Kies, Bruce Borchers, April Orsborne, Wes Hunsucker, Daniel Liette, Lindsay Bruggeman, Kaleb Coil, Grant Gleason, Jeffrey Bertke.

CHAMBER LEADERSHIP GRADUATES 25!!!

On Thursday, August 6, 25 individuals became a part of an elite group of leaders by graduating from the Sidney-Shelby County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program. A graduation celebration was held in their honor at Murphy's Craft Bar + Kitchen. Social time began the evening followed by dinner and the presentation of their certificates of completion. City of Sidney Fire Chief Chad Hollinger was the keynote speaker.

These men and women from various community organizations, professionals in business and industry are now included in a group of nearly 900 graduates in the 36 years of the program's existence.

The purpose of the Chamber Leadership Program is to increase the quality and quantity of individuals capable of accepting leadership roles within varied community organizations.

The curriculum consists of meeting one day per month, for a ten-month period. Participants are exposed to the variety of civic and economic resources and issues of our area.

We are happy to announce that the upcoming program year is already at full capacity—a true testament to the continued interest in and value of the Chamber Leadership Program. As we look ahead, we're excited to welcome a new class of professionals who will embark on the same transformative journey of growth, connection, and civic engagement that has defined this program for over three decades.

2025 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK LUNCHEON PRESENTED BY U.S. BANK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SIDNEY-SHELBY COUNTY YMCA AND THE SIDNEY-SHELBY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

11:30 a.m.—1:15 p.m.

Sidney-Shelby County YMCA, 300 East Parkwood Street

RSVP by October 8 at (937) 492-9122 or kswartz@sidneyshelbychamber.com

Keynote Speaker:

Terry Sandven,
Chief Equity Strategist
at U.S. Bank



Terry Sandven is the Chief Equity Strategist at U.S. Bank Wealth Management, a top 20 wealth manager in the United States. In this leadership role, he guides strategic equity management for Ascent Private Capital Management, U.S. Bank's ultra-high-net-worth unit, and oversees the firm's equity investment policy and strategy. As the primary voice on equity investment, he provides expert insights on market developments and investment opportunities.

Gain Exclusive Insights Into the Economy's Future

The world economy is shifting fast—are you ready? Join us for an exclusive opportunity to hear Terry Sandven, Chief Equity Strategist at U.S. Bank Wealth Management, share powerful insights into what lies ahead for businesses, markets, and communities in 2025.

As one of the nation's top voices in economic forecasting, Terry will cut through the noise and deliver clear, actionable strategies to help you and your business stay ahead of the curve.

Why You Can't Miss This Event:

- **Exclusive Access:** Hear firsthand from a nationally recognized strategist shaping investment policy at one of America's top 20 wealth management firms.
- **Practical Guidance:** Walk away with real takeaways you can apply immediately to your business planning and decision-making.
- **Networking:** Connect with Shelby County's top business and community leaders—all over a complimentary lunch.

This isn't just another luncheon. It's a high-powered conversation that will shape the way our community navigates the remainder of 2025 and beyond. Seats are limited—reserve your spot today and be part of this high-impact conversation that shapes the future of business in Shelby County.

FROM DAWN'S DESK

Back-to-school season is here, and with it comes a wonderful opportunity! Each year, the Chamber Foundation invites our member schools and organizations that support the education of Shelby County youth to apply for education grants of up to \$1,000.

The Chamber Foundation plays a vital role in our mission to strengthen Shelby County. Thanks to the generosity of Chamber members, we're able to invest in teacher/instructor-led, enrichment-focused programs that provide unique learning experiences for students—opportunities that may not happen without this support.

Last year, our Foundation Trustees proudly awarded **21 grants totaling more than \$18,000** to schools and organizations including Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shelby and Darke Co.; Shelby Soil & Water Conservation District; Sidney City Schools; Jackson Center Local Schools; Midwest Regional Educational Service Center; Resilient Heights; Russia Local Schools; Botkins Local Schools; Upper Valley Career Center; Raise the Roof for the Arts; Anna Local Schools; Lehman Catholic High School; Shelby County Historical Society. In addition, we continued our support for the Workforce Partnership of Shelby County and the Wallace Family Learning & Innovation Center.

We would love to see your ideas come to life this year! To request a 2025 grant application, please call our office at (937) 492-9122, email me at deilert@sidneyshelbychamber.com or download the application from our website at www.sidneyshelbychamber.com.

The deadline for application submission is **Wednesday, October 15, 2025**. Don't miss your chance to bring new educational opportunities to the youth of Shelby County!



MEETINGS & EVENTS (CONT'D)

- 16 Shelby County United Way P.O.W.E.R.: POWERful You Luncheon**
11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.—Wilson Health, 915 West Michigan St., Professional Building—LL Conference Rooms
power4women.org
- 18 - Workforce Partnership of Shelby County:**
- 19 10th Annual Career Exploration Academy**
8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.—Shelby County Fairgrounds, 655 South Highland Avenue—workforcepartner.com/schools
- 18 Chamber Leadership—KICK OFF SESSION**
Topic: Leadership Development
8:30 a.m.—Amos Memorial Public Library, 230 East North St.
- 19 VanDemark Farm & the Lost Land Corn Maze Kick-Off—vandemarkfarm.com**
- 19 Wilson Health Foundation Presents: 31st Annual Golf Classic**
8:30—9:30 a.m.—Registration; 9:00 a.m.—Golf Ball Drop; 9:30 a.m.—Shotgun Start—Arrowhead Golf Course, 221 I Dirksen Road, Minster—Registration Required
wilsonhealth.org/foundation
- 20 Johnston Farm and Indian Agency Presents: Autumn Wreath Workshop**
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.—Johnston Farm, 9845 North Hardin Road, Piqua—johnstonfarmohio.com
- 20 Cruise Downtown Sidney**
5:00—8:00 p.m.—3rd Saturday Each Month Thru October
shelbycountyhistory.org/exhibits.htm
- 20 Historic Sidney Theatre Presents: Bruce Moon**
7:00 p.m.—Historic Sidney Theatre, 120 West Poplar Street
sidneytheatre.org
- 21 Open Door—Historic Sidney Church Tour**
3:00 p.m.—Registration Required
shelbycountyhistory.org
- 22 First Day of Fall**
- 24 Invest in Yourself: YP Financial Literacy Lunch & Learn**
12:00 noon—Amos Memorial Public Library, 230 East North Street—facebook.com/ypconnectshelbycounty
- 25 Enjoy Health DPC Ribbon Cutting**
12:00 noon—Enjoy Health DPC, 1010 Michigan Street, Sidney (more information on left)—sidneyshelbychamber.com/events
- 25 Human Resources Council**
Topic: The Ripple Effect: How Internal Culture Shapes External Customer & Community Perception
Speaker: Jessica Riesenbeck, Regionally Rooted
12:00 noon—Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 450 Folkerth Ave.
sidneyshelbychamber.com/events
- 25 Sidney Alive: Open Air Dinner & Auction**
5:30—9:00 p.m.—Downtown Court Square, 100 East Court St.
sidneyalive.org/eventscalendar
- 26 - Fort Loramie German Heritage Days**
- 27 fortloramiechamber.com**
- 26 Kids Day of Play**
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.—East North Street between North Ohio Avenue and North Main Avenue, Sidney
sidneyalive.org/eventscalendar
- 26 Senior Center of Sidney-Shelby County Presents: Fall Cowboy Dance**
7:00 p.m.—Sidney Senior Center, 304 South West Avenue
srcentersidney-shelby.com
- 27 Alzheimer's Association Presents: Walk to End Alzheimer's**
9:00 a.m.—Registration; 9:40 a.m.—Opening & Promise Garden Ceremony; 10:00 a.m.—Walk Begins—Sidney Court Square, 100 East Court Street—alz.org/walk
- 27 Arbogast Performing Arts Center Presents: Revisiting Creedence**
7:00 p.m.—Arbogast Performing Arts Center, 500 South Dorset Road, Troy—arbogastpac.com
- 27 Historic Sidney Theatre Presents: Tacos & Tunes**
7:30 p.m.—Historic Sidney Theatre, 120 West Poplar Street
sidneytheatre.org

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The Shelby County Fair Livestock Complex Fund is accepting donations towards a new livestock complex at the Shelby County Fairgrounds to replace the current beef and dairy barns. The new facility will house cattle, as well as sheep or goats during fair, and can be used for youth development and community/corporate events outside of the week of fair.

The current dairy and beef barns, built in the 1940s, are in poor condition and are past repair - holes in the roofs, broken wooden beams, outdated electrical services. The inclement weather we had during the fair displayed these poor conditions. On Friday of fair, over 5 inches of water had accumulated, requiring the relocation of beef cattle to the dairy barns.

We currently have **70% of the livestock complex funded** from local businesses, organizations, and our 4-H & FFA community! Our monetary and in-kind donation levels include:

- ◆ \$1,000, \$10,000 and \$50,000 | Internal Signage
- ◆ \$250,000 | External Signage
- ◆ \$500,000 | Naming Rights of Building

Pledges can be made over 1, 2 or 3 years. Our committee is planning to start construction this fall. If funds are not secured, construction will start after the 2026 fair.

Donations can be mailed to the Community Foundation of Shelby County using the pledge cards on our website. Donations can also be made electronically through our website.

Additional information, including a donor booklet, pledge cards, donor recognition levels, photos/videos, and alumni testimonies, can be found on our website: SCFlivestockcomplex.org. Contact campaign chair, Derek McCracken, with questions at (937) 622-1137 or mccracken.derek.j@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for supporting our 4-H and FFA youth for generations to come!

SHELBY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY



Support 4H & FFA youth by donating towards the new livestock complex at the fairgrounds.

www.scflivestockcomplex.org

GROW YOUR OWN: DEVELOPING INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE TECHNICIANS FROM WITHIN

In today's tight labor market, finding a qualified Industrial Maintenance Technician can feel like searching for a needle in a haystack. But what if the talent you're looking for is already on your team—just waiting for the right training?

Edison State Community College's Industrial Electrical Controls Fundamentals course provides a powerful starting point for developing skilled maintenance professionals from within your existing workforce. Designed with hands-on application in mind, this 32-hour course equips new or transitioning technicians with essential knowledge in troubleshooting, maintaining, and installing electromechanical machine controls.

"The demand for skilled maintenance technicians continues to grow," says Keith Barga, Workforce and Academic Instructor at Edison State. "This course helps employers get ahead by turning their dependable workers into highly trained, job-ready technicians."

Foundations that Work

The course combines classroom concepts with real-world application. Through guided lessons and immersive lab exercises, participants gain practical experience working with industrial control systems. From understanding circuit diagrams to safely troubleshooting electrical components, technicians leave the course with newfound confidence and competency in a critical area of modern manufacturing.

With content specifically tailored for hands-on learners, topics covered include:

- Electrical safety and standards
- Basic circuitry and components
- Relay logic and motor controls
- Troubleshooting techniques
- Application of control devices

Whether you're building a team from scratch or upskilling long-time operators, this course offers the tools your workforce needs to thrive in an increasingly automated and complex production environment.

Take It Further: Maintenance Technician Essentials Program

For employers seeking a more comprehensive path to developing talent, Edison State offers the Maintenance Technician Essentials Program—a robust training track that combines online flexibility with in-person lab experience.

This 9-month, TECH CRED-eligible program, is ideal for entry-level employees or workers looking to transition into the maintenance field. With small lab sizes, personalized instruction, and a curriculum built in consultation with industry experts, the program prepares students for the real demands of modern manufacturing environments.

Program Highlights:

- 120 hours of online learning + 50 hours of hands-on labs
- Blended model for convenience without compromising practical experience
- Industry-aligned course content designed for immediate workplace application
- Earn college credit toward future credentials or degrees
- Eligible for Ohio TechCred, helping offset employer training costs



Course Modules Include:

- Shop Practices & Measurement
- Maintenance Fundamentals
- Mechanical Systems
- Hydraulics & Pneumatics
- Basic & Advanced Industrial Controls
- PLC Programming (Basic & Advanced)
- Introduction to Robotics

The flexible course design allows students to begin at any time, with monthly in-person sessions that fit into demanding work schedules. Better yet, course modules can be customized to meet the specific needs of your operation—whether that's a stronger focus on mechanical troubleshooting, fluid power systems, or PLC logic.

For information on any of these topics, or to start a discussion on Workforce Development, contact Brandi Olberding at (937) 381-1533 or bolberding@edisonohio.edu.

Pictured above: Workforce Instructor Keith Barga, advises Jonathon W., of Cooper Farms (Fort Recovery), and Jason C., of Abbott Labs (Tipp City) participating in the Industrial Electrical Controls Course held at the Piqua Campus, April 2023.





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