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Industrial Recyclers Complete Expansion

Industrial Recyclers, LLC recently completed a 32,000 square foot expansion and investment of \$3,500,000 in facility and equipment at their 2640 Campbell Rd, Sidney facility.

The City of Sidney provided tax abatement through the enterprise zone program to assist with the project. The project will create 15 new jobs and retain 16 jobs. "The new space will primarily be used for processing polypropylene materials", said Steven Schulze.

Industrial Recyclers services small local businesses as well as Fortune 500 companies and recycles millions of pounds of material annually, helping their customers reduce disposal costs and increase their recycling revenues.

The company takes items such as cardboard (baled and loose), paper, plastic (scrap, purge, film, or baled) and

wood pallets, as well as many hard to move recyclable items. They also buy and sell wood and plastic shipping pallets, and have the ability to regrind and pelletize many other types of materials.

See more at : <http://www.industrial-recyclers.com/>



The Fort Loramie Brewing Company Opens



Ft. Loramie is home to another amazing bank building transformation, The Ft. Loramie Brewing Company. The building was the location of the Loramie Banking Company from 1919 to 1977. The building sat silent for many years, until Rick Barhost purchased and completely renovated it.

Ft. Loramie Brewing Company offers custom coffees, homemade pastries, craft brews and a wide selection of food. "Our mission is to give everyone an alternative to the same old thing," said Terry Booher, General

Manager. "Our menu reflects this as well as the titles, that lend themselves to that bygone era of bank robbers and mobsters," added Booher.

The Brewing Company is located at 17 N. Main Street in downtown Fort Loramie. Hours are Monday-Friday 6 am to 2 pm, Saturday 7 am to 2 pm, and Sunday 8 am to 2 pm. For more information visit: <http://theloramiebrewbank.com> or phone 937-897-BREW.



A & B Machine Innovates to Supply Disposable Thermometers

A & B Machine and Design delivered a high-speed production machine for American Thermal Instruments (ATI) of Dayton to meet increased demand during the pandemic.

When ATI needed to increase production of their disposable forehead thermometer strips, they turned to A & B Machine in Sidney. The company reverse engineered and manufactured a machine which increased ATI's capacity by 43%.

According to Dan McMahon of A & B Machine, they were able to engineer, design, build, test and deliver in a schedule of three weeks.

The forehead temperature strips continuously monitor and provide an accurate reading after 15 seconds. They

display 6 different temperature ranges and are easy to read.

A & B Machine and Design is a high volume, precision machining component and rapid prototype manufacturer in the automotive, aerospace, firearms, robotics, automation, off-road vehicle components, material handling, food industry and printing industries.

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Spot-On Nutrition Opens in Sidney

Terah "Tas" Stewart retired two years ago from Honda, but wasn't ready to quit working. Tas felt the area needed healthy nutrition, and says, "It was God's plan" for him to open Spot-On-Nutrition, as "every step I made God opened the door." This summer he opened the versatile smoothie bar at 110 N. Ohio Avenue, offering a variety of teas and vitamin packed shakes designed to keep you feeling full, as well as optimize your health and performance. Stewart states, "It has proven to be a successful venture, as people are loving the shakes and loaded tea, and losing weight in the process. I want this business to be for the community."

Spot-On Nutrition is open from 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday and on Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. They also began evening hours from 4 p.m.— 6 p.m. Monday thru Thursday. Each Tuesday, they host a "Tea Drop Tuesday" promotion where they deliver to a selected business location.

For more information including menu, photos, comments, etc., visit Spot-On-Nutrition on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/spotonnutrition Sidney/>.



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Edwards Hired as Workforce Partnership Career Coach



Deb McDermott, Director at Workforce Partnership of Shelby County, is pleased to announce Kelly Edwards has been hired to fill the newly created Career Coach position, a partnership between Workforce Partnership and the Shelby County United Way with a mission to provide students individualized support that focuses on workforce readiness while identifying local jobs that align with their personal goals and skills/aptitudes. This program aims to retain local talent and establish them in a direction that can lead to lifelong success.

"This new position will focus on matching appropriate skill sets and competencies to our local companies' positions. In doing so, high school graduates will enter full-time employment in positions that offer benefits and income growth potential. The Career Coach role and our partnership with Workforce

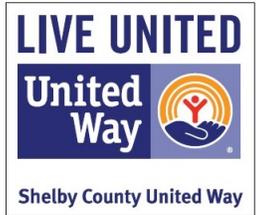
Partnership will have a significant impact on the lives of our local graduates and the community." stated Scott Barr, President, Shelby County United Way.

In her new capacity Kelly will mentor Shelby County high school seniors whose post-graduation plans are to directly enter the workforce and transition them into full-time employment. Kelly will work closely with both public and private high school counselors, as well with local industry Human Resource representatives to assess the current job market and skills needs.

"We are excited to have Kelly join our team in this critical role," said Deb McDermott. "Kelly brings many years of education experience and demonstrates the ability to motivate students to be their best. She is a life-long resident of Shelby County who is committed to its growth and success".

"This is just another piece to our puzzle of helping our Shelby County students find successful career paths. As we have seen our Workforce Partnership efforts grow over the past 6 years, this new position will help us close the loop. This will now allow us to go from career exposure to career education and then to career employment. We are extremely excited to help our Shelby County graduates", said Mick Given, Board Chairman, Workforce Partnership.

"The partnership between Shelby County Industries and our schools is vital to equip young people with the knowledge and tools needed to enter the workforce. I am looking forward to being part of a program that helps to prepare students for their future success and supports our local community." Kelly lives in Anna with her husband and 3 children.



Sidney Establishes Designated Outdoor Refreshment District

The City of Sidney and Sidney Alive have teamed together again to focus on ways to encourage development in downtown Sidney. On August 24, City Council enacted legislation to establish a designated outdoor refreshment district (DORA) in the downtown.

Under Ohio law, DORAs allow bar/restaurant patrons to legally walk around a designated outdoor area with an alcoholic beverage served by a liquor-permit-holding establishment within the boundary, in a DORA designated cup. Patrons must stay within the predetermined boundary, and only during locally-established days/times/events.

The proposed boundary of the local DORA encompasses much of the nine-block area surrounding the Shelby County Courthouse, bordered by West Avenue, North Street, Miami Avenue and South Street. DORA is year round Thursday-Friday 4:00 p.m.-Midnight, Saturday Noon-Midnight, and Sunday Noon-10:00 p.m.

"We are confident the DORA in downtown Sidney will only enhance the entertainment and cultural appeal of the downtown as a destination. In addition, it will also serve to enhance the economic appeal of the downtown and surrounding areas making the entire the area more attractive to businesses in the creative, service and technology sectors," shared City Manager Mark Cundiff.

It is expected the DORA will also augment housing, as well as create new opportunities for community events downtown.

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Small Business Relief Program Update

With input and assistance from SSEP and the Sidney-Shelby County Chamber, the Shelby County Commissioners set up a Small Business Assistance Grant program utilizing \$100,000 of their CARES Act allocation. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, (the CARES Act) was signed into law by the President on March 27, 2020, and the Ohio General Assembly established a process for distributing funds to local governments in House Bill 481. The City of Sidney added \$50,000 of their allocation in order to ensure more Sidney businesses could be included.

Applications were accepted from July 27th to August 10th in Phase One for grants of up to \$5,000. Twenty-two entities applied with only one application not meeting the guidelines.

Eligible businesses have 50 or fewer employees, have less than \$1 million in gross revenue, and suffered a loss of revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A total of \$87,683.99 has been awarded with \$70,864.56 going to businesses residing in Sidney. The businesses are to use the funds for costs related to the interruption of their operations.

The Commissioners determined to continue accepting applications through September 30th in a Phase Two as long as funding remained. Eligible expenses include mortgages, rent, utilities, salaries, and PPE related to compliance with Responsible RestartOhio.

“The ultimate goal is to keep our local businesses viable and help them get through the storm of COVID,” stated Commissioner Julie Ehemann. “Any monies allocated to Shelby County remaining unspent will be required to be returned at the end of the year.”

