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Excitement is mounting as plans are made to create a school curriculum program that will focus on career and 21st century skills development for students in Shelby County. The curriculum will be made available to all Shelby County Schools.

In the Career Academy, students will explore various career opportunities and develop an individualized career plan. They will visit local facilities to explore, job shadow, intern and see first-hand the excellent job opportunities available in Shelby County. In the Skills Academy, students will focus on developing the necessary 21st century skills required for current and future careers. When fully developed, the classes will provide:

- A state-of-the-art learning environment equipped with the latest technologies where students will be provided their own piece of technology;
- Rotating technologies and equipment at each school site for a hands-on learning experience;
- Mentoring and job shadowing experience from local business partners;
- Field trips to area businesses to acquaint students with multiple career opportunities;
- A dynamic career experience at no cost to students and parents.



S&H Products Promotes “Employment First”

S&H Products has been an important component of Shelby County’s industrial base for over 36 years, providing local businesses with quality work in assembly, inspection, packaging, shrink wrapping, machine operations and more. The experience and training their skilled workers have makes them perfect candidates to enter the community workforce.

On March 19, 2012, Governor Kasich signed an Executive Order establishing Ohio as an Employment First state, meaning that for Ohio citizens with developmental disabilities of working age, working in the community in an integrated environment will be the expectation.

To help make that happen, Shelby County Board of Developmental Disabilities and S&H Products have expanded the Community Employment Services (CES) division. The goal of CES is to have Shelby County citizens with developmental disabilities work in the community alongside people who do not have disabilities.

To achieve this goal, the CES staff provides career exploration; community work experiences; job coaching and follow-along support. In addition to working with adults with disabilities, the CES staff work with students 14-22 years of age providing classes, summer work experiences, community-based assessments and other training so they are ready to enter the workforce after graduation.

For more information about how your business can become involved and benefit from participating in the Community Employment Services Program, contact: Jessica Baltes, Community Employment Coordinator at 937-710-4003 or jbaltres@sandhproducts.com.



Café Veranda Open For Business

The Café Veranda in Jackson Center recently reopened and is welcoming diners. Cafe Verandah is located at 205 W. Pike Street (St. Rt. 274). Sidney residents Randy and Madge Brown opened Cafe Verandah for business and plan to continue the Cafe’s reputation for simple elegance and fine dining.

Café Veranda is very proud to have the great Chef Craig McNeil running the kitchen. Chef McNeil began his culinary career in mid-1990. He began his focus on fine dining and pursued a job as a sous chef in Auburn, AL. He then continued his career as a Pastry Chef at Warehouse Bistro in Opelika, AL. Chef McNeil has also worked at the Columbus Country Club and The Five Star Plantation. Chef McNeil has also been featured in the prestigious blog, Chefs Gone Wild.

In addition to Executive Chef Craig McNeil and Sous Chef Hannah English, Cafe Verandah hopes to offer a true rarity in west-central Ohio - fresh sushi.

The Browns have made arrangements to have tuna caught in the saltwater of the Atlantic Ocean on Thursday morning and then under a filet knife in northeast Shelby County Friday night. The sushi is available by reservation

only and, as Mrs. Brown pointed out, this is fish that makes it from hook to fingertips in hours, not days.

Cafe Verandah also keeps lunch hours, with daytime Chef Mindie Young preparing a buffet along with a selection of sandwiches and soups.

Cafe Verandah is open for lunch Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dinner is served from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday, and 4 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The restaurant is closed Sunday and Monday.

Call for reservations at 596-0060 or visit www.cafeverandahohio.com.



Code 10-Technologies Relocates To Sidney, Ohio

CODE-10 Technologies has announced their plan to relocate its headquarters from Bellefontaine to Sidney and to open a call center later this year.

CODE 10 is a technology support firm that provides network monitoring and tech support for many large corporations throughout the nation, including Honda.

CODE-10 Technologies leased the 20,000-square-foot facility at 801 South Vandemark Road in Sidney in order to be strategically located near Honda's Ohio operations, said co-owner Joshua Aten.

The company currently has three offices in the Dayton region and one in Tampa, Florida. CODE-10 provides a variety of services including voice and data cabling installations/service, security & closed circuit TV installations/service, data recovery & IT investigations and PC service with break/fix depots.

The company is moving 23 employees into the new headquarters, and is building out a call center, and began hiring a total of 50 new employees at the end of February.

The investment in the city and the new jobs created will be a boost to the economy of Sidney. The call center will also help CODE-10 — which has seen massive growth since 2009 — provide faster service to its nationwide clients who are served by technicians around the country.

For more information on CODE-10 Technologies and employment opportunities, please visit their website at www.code-10.com



Buckeye Diamond Logistics Announces the Opening of New Facility in Sidney, Ohio

Buckeye Diamond Logistics is pleased to announce the opening of its newest facility at 1410 North Vandemark Road in Sidney, Ohio. Buckeye Diamond Logistics, based in South Charleston, Ohio, is a full service pallet and packaging provider that is strategically located to provide service to customers in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

Since 1968, Buckeye Diamond has provided innovative packaging solutions to numerous customers in many different industries. Buckeye Diamond's fleet of 30 tractors and 300 plus trailers allows them to provide timely service and customizable transportation solutions. Their employees use their years of experience, knowledge of the latest industry advancements and creative approaches to problem solving to provide customers with unmatched service and solutions.

Buckeye Diamond is an active member of the National Wood Pallet Association and the Pellet Fuel Institute. In addition to their comprehensive wood pallet and custom wood crate capabilities, they also offer ISPM 15 certified heat-treated pallets – the cost



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effective and safe method for IPPC compliance when shipping internationally. They are an experienced partner who provides protective packaging to the auto, steel, and fabrication industry. Buckeye Diamond provides services from design, engineering and manufacturing to fabrication, warehousing and distribution, a one-stop packaging supplier.

Buckeye Diamond plans to hire between 80 and 100 employees at the Sidney facility. Interested applicants can apply at the facility during daily office hours. For more information about the products and services available please feel free to call 800-782-7517 or visit www.buckeyediamond.com.

Workforce Partnership continued...

The curriculum is being developed by the Workforce Partnership of Shelby County, a non-profit organization comprised of over 40 business partners throughout Shelby County. This organization was formed in response to the specific needs of our local area, and has already received recognition from Governor Kasich's office as well as Dr. Richard Ross, Ohio Department of Education Superintendent.

The Partnership is under the leadership of Executive Director Sharon Maurice, who brings with her years of both educational and industry experience. The goal of this program is to build a strong and sustainable workforce for Shelby County businesses. The Partnership will expose students, and the community, to the many prosperous career opportunities right here in Shelby County.



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