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## Welcome to Shelby Sizzles!

On behalf of the West Ohio Development Council, the City of Sidney, County of Shelby, and the Sidney-Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, we welcome you to this, the first quarterly edition of Shelby Sizzles. The concept for Shelby Sizzles was conceived several months ago and is being launched to highlight the "good news" in Shelby County. The WODC, City, County, and Chamber are in a truly unique position to hear about the variety of significant things going on in our community. Our goal with Shelby Sizzles is to help you learn about, appreciate, and celebrate along with us the business expansions, organizational achievements, and other wonderful stories of accomplishment and growth in Shelby County. We welcome your input. If you have a story to share, send it to us at [jraible@sidneyshelbychamber.com](mailto:jraible@sidneyshelbychamber.com).





## Honda's Anna Plant Addition to Enhance Efficiency

Since celebrating 25 years in Shelby County last year, Honda's engine plant has been busy making additions to its 500-acre campus, which will enhance efficiency to the plant's parts delivery systems.

A 320,000 square-foot parts consolidation center will begin operations in early 2012. This \$31 million center will enhance manufacturing efficiency and flexibility by reducing parts handling and eliminating truck shuttles. This efficiency benefits the environment with fewer truck runs, resulting in less fuel consumption and lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

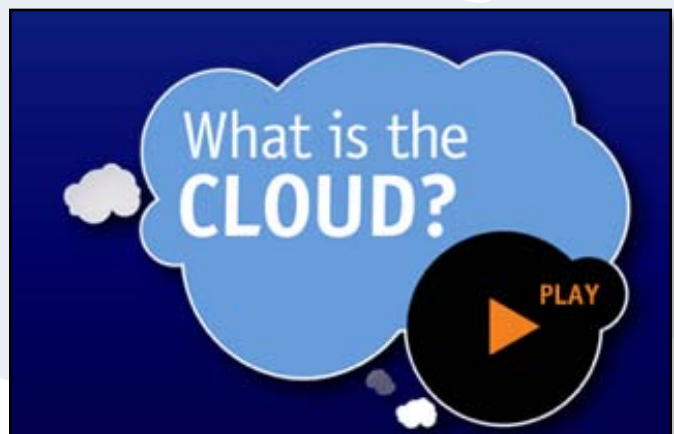
Just off I-75, Honda's Anna Engine Plant employs 2,400 associates and supplies fuel-efficient four-cylinder and V-6 engines for cars and light trucks manufactured at Honda auto plants in Ohio, Indiana and Canada. Other products produced at the plant include driveshafts, crankshafts, brake and suspension components, camshafts, and cylinder sleeves.

The new parts consolidation center is part of a series of recent investments Honda is making at its Ohio facilities, which total more than \$355 million.

## SMS ProTECH takes your Business to the "Cloud"

There's been a lot of talk lately about cloud computing. Did you know there is a company in Sidney who recently invested significantly in the development of a complete data center utilizing best of breed technologies so as to offer private cloud services for its clients?

According to Kathy Vogler with SMS ProTECH, "This service is of great benefit to area businesses. Cloud computing is an agile delivery of technology as a service rather than a product. Cloud computing helps businesses avoid capital expenditures on technology such as hardware and software, and allows them to pay for only what they use. Area businesses that utilize this service are able to increase capacity or add capabilities on the fly without investing in new infrastructure, staff, training, or software licenses."



For over 20 years, SMS ProTECH ([www.smsprotech.com](http://www.smsprotech.com)) has delivered cutting-edge systems integration technology solutions for large and small companies alike. Their entry into cloud computing represents their latest involvement with providing state-of-the-art technology solutions for business.

## Dickman/Electro to Expand; Add Employees

Dickman Supply recently announced plans to expand and add 15 new jobs. Since owner Tim Geise purchased the company in 1986, they've grown significantly by adding new services to support their growing customer base. The core business is as an electrical and industrial distributor, supplying solutions for customers in automation, power distribution, lighting, and machine tooling.

Their new Green Energy Solutions division consults with customers on energy efficiency projects. GES works with building owners and their contractors to maximize energy savings and ROI by designing the optimum systems to "green" a business.

A rapidly-growing "sister company", Electro Controls, provides manufacturing customers around the country with assembled automation control panels and wire harnesses customized for their specific needs. Electro Controls, recently approved for tax credit incentives by the state of Ohio, will soon be making a significant investment by adding 18,000 square feet to its existing facility and creating new electrical technician positions.



In addition to its Sidney headquarters, Dickman Supply operates locations in Greenville and Celina.

Based upon Dayton Business Journal research, Dickman ranks as the 68th largest company in the Dayton region, and currently employs over 100 people. They recently received IMARK Group's "Member of the Year" award, earned over 1190 other electrical distributor members across the US.

## Hampton Inn Sidney Shines With Excellence

The Hampton Inn Sidney has received the Hampton Hotels Quarterly Wall of Fame Award twelve times, most recently in the third quarter of 2011. This award is issued to the top 15% of all Hampton Inn hotels in the country. The ranking is comprised of guest service scores and Hampton quality inspection scores. The Hampton Inn Sidney was also the Hampton Circle of Excellence winner in 2005. This award is given to the top 10% of all Hampton's annually. Hampton Inn Sidney is on track to receive this award again in 2011 as they are currently ranked sixty-nine out of twelve hundred Hampton Inns in the system. There are eighty-six Hampton Inns in Ohio with Sidney ranked number two.

Hampton Inn Sidney has had four Spirit of Hampton winners in past years. This award is given to an employee that shows consistent exemplary customer service. Employees are



nominated by their team for this award and then chosen by the Hampton Corporate office.

The Hampton Inn Sidney opened its doors in 1999. The property underwent a room addition and complete renovation in 2008. The hotel has ninety-four guest rooms, a boardroom and meeting room. They offer an indoor heated pool, hot breakfast, fitness room, wireless Internet, and more.

# Little Caesars Opens in Sidney



Little Caesar Enterprises, Inc. recently celebrated the grand opening of its most recent location in Sidney as Little Caesars franchisee Jim Batsakes opened his doors to business at 1122 Michigan Street. Before becoming a Little Caesars franchisee, Jim was an operating partner with a full-service pizza restaurant in Michigan. He has also worked in management for various national restaurant chains.

According to Jim, "Giving back to the communities in which Little Caesars does business has always been part of my company's philosophy. As a new business owner, I plan to support local organizations and community events in Sidney and the surrounding area. Customers have been excited about our store opening. I am eager to get

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involved and support efforts that are important to the community".

Little Caesars is growing across the country and is well known for its great value, quick service, and tremendous appeal to families. Jim looks forward to serving the residents of Sidney with delicious Little Caesars pizza and other great tasting products.

# For Fine Dining We'll See You at "The Bridge"



The Bridge Restaurant was created by owner Kent Wolters and members of staff. "Our goal", explained Kent, "is to create a landmark restaurant that provides a quality dining experience in the heart of Shelby County." Everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the relaxing atmosphere accompanied by a unique menu selection.

The Big Four Bridge is a historic landmark that played a significant role in Sidney's economic stability during a time of need in the early 1900's and years following. An interest in history and historic landmarks and a desire to develop a

close connection with the community led to the unmistakable name of the restaurant "The Bridge".

The facilities have been revamped and upgraded on the main floor. Later this year The Bridge will complete a second floor transformation into a banquet facility capable of catering to parties of up to 100 guests.

In previous endeavors, Kent Wolters and his staff were voted "Best in Food" at the Taste of Troy as well as receiving "People's Choice for Best Steak" in Miami County.

For a fine dining experience in a casual and relaxed manner perfect for all occasions, The Bridge is the answer.