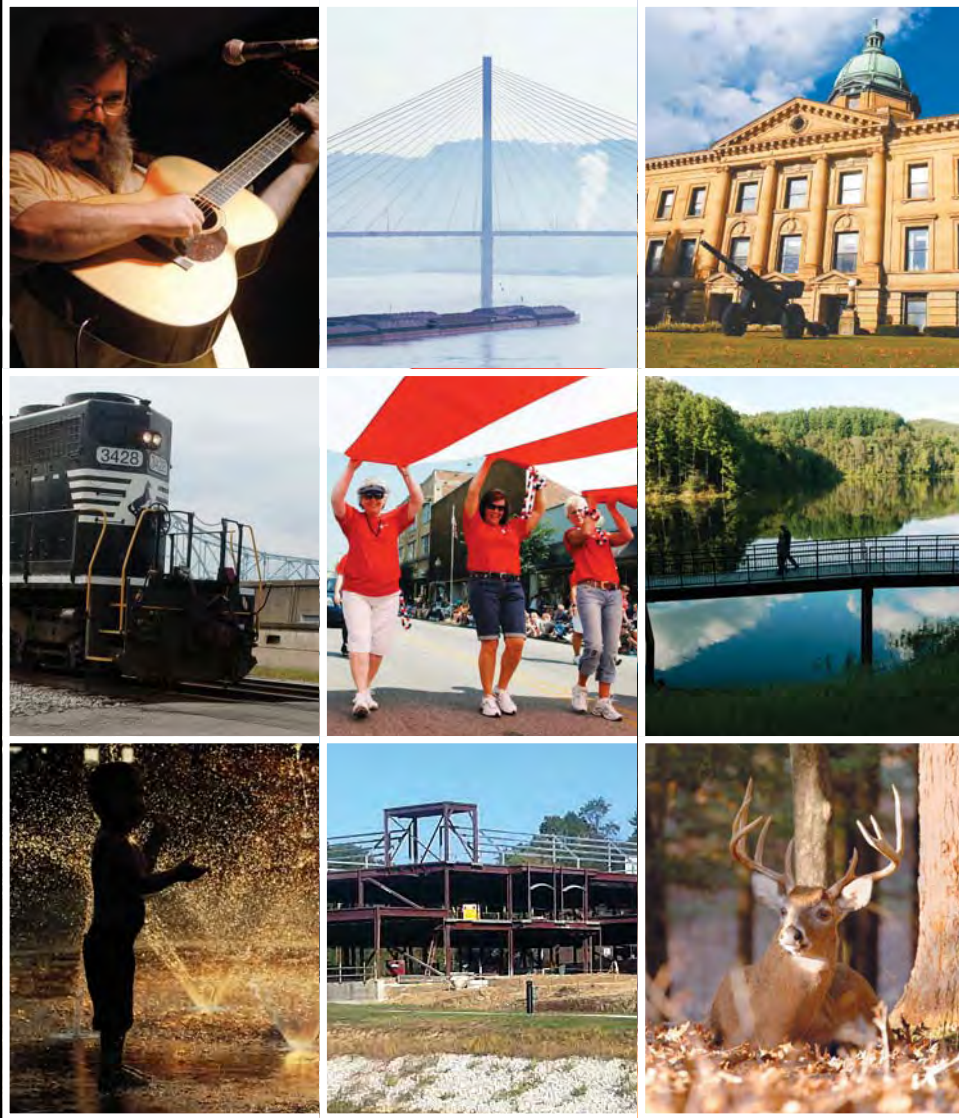


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The Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce is actively involved in doing

its share to push the economic puzzle pieces into place. It has been a good year with accomplishments on a number of fronts.

One of the primary functions of the chamber is to organize and implement events that bring the business community together and we have done just that through our 4th Friday Luncheons, a series of Business After Hours affairs, and a collection of one-hour breakfast seminars that we call Biz4Breakfast.

All of these events allow our community business partners to communicate and network. This is how ideas are born, cultivated and accomplished. The information that is parlayed through these get-togethers continues to educate

and sustain the membership.

The chamber continues to expand to an all-time high of 340 businesses and agencies. To quote one of our newer members, "I am amazed at the vitality and energy displayed at the chamber functions."

Other popular events include our annual Legislative Day, our annual Spotlight Dinner and our yearly Awards Dinner.

In addition to the regularly scheduled events, we will continue to inform our members with "The Monday Morning Mix," a weekly e-newsletter and our bi-monthly newsletter, "The Chamber Caboodle."

This publication, in partnership with The Tribune, will explore the avenues of commerce that weave their way through the hills and valleys of the Tri-State.

Our sincere gratitude goes out to all of the advertisers who have placed their confidence in the latest edition of "Discover Lawrence County."

In the weeks and months ahead it is our desire that it becomes a good reading companion to the businesses, residents, and visitors of Lawrence County, Ohio.

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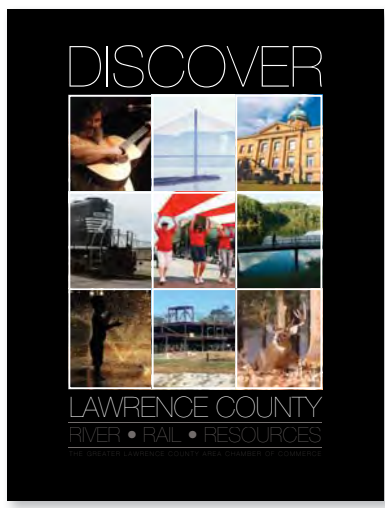
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On the cover

Located in the southernmost part of the state, Lawrence County is the hidden gem of Ohio. Uniquely positioned at the heart of a Tri-State region with Kentucky and West Virginia, Lawrence County is a vibrant location for business growth, economic development and a great quality of life. The cover images offer a window into life here in southern Ohio.

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By the Numbers

Located in the southern most part of Ohio and forming a rapidly growing Tri-State region with Kentucky and West Virginia, Lawrence County offers an ideal place to live, work and play.

One of its biggest assets is the convenient access to the Ohio River, major railroad lines, growing airports and key interstates, making the region a developing hub of commerce and industry.

The area offers a rich variety of economic development, recreation, culture, shopping, dining and quality of life features. Lawrence County truly offers the best of both worlds: small-town feel with big-city opportunities.

The county's population, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, is 62,450 with a little over half of those women. The county encompasses 455 square miles.

Traditionally, the greater part of the county's population has been in the western end of the county, in the communities of Ironton and Coal Grove, but within the past 10 years, the eastern portion of the county has undergone tremendous growth both commercially and in its residential population, primarily in Chesapeake, Proctorville and Rome Township.

The city of Ironton, the county seat, has the largest population of any of its municipalities. According to the 2010 census, Ironton's population is 11,320. The second largest community is the village of South Point, with a population of 3,966, followed by the villages of Coal Grove, 2,027; Chesapeake, 842; Proctorville, 620; Athalia, 328; and Hanging Rock, 279.

Most of the development runs along the Ohio River with much of the rest of the county being rural.

The county is divided into 14 townships: Aid, Decatur, Elizabeth, Fayette, Hamilton, Lawrence, Mason, Perry, Rome, Symmes, Union, Upper, Washington and Windsor.



OTHER COUNTY FACTS

Persons under 5 years old.....	2009.....	6.2%
Persons 65 years old and over	2009.....	15.3%
Female persons.....	2009.....	51.8%
White persons.....	2005.....	95.9%
African American persons.....	2005.....	2%
High school graduates, persons age 25+	2005.....	81.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher, pct of persons age 25+	2005.....	13.2%
Veterans.....	2005.....	5,684
Homeownership rate	2005.....	73.5%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units.....	2005-2009	\$90,200
Persons per household.....	2005-2009	2.48
Median household income	2009.....	\$36,701
Per capita money income.....	2009.....	\$18,932
Persons below poverty	2009.....	19.6%
Persons per square mile.....	2010.....	137

History & Heritage

Lawrence County has a rich past

It is 455-square miles of rolling hills and thick forests surrounded by wide, open plains and fertile farmlands.

Early settlers, to what would become Lawrence County, found not only expanses of breathtaking beauty but also vast natural resources from which they could make a living, build small towns and cities and forge a bright future. From then to now, Lawrence County has had, and continues to have, so much to be proud of.

Lawrence County officially came to be December 20, 1816, and was named in honor of Capt. James Lawrence, a legendary naval officer of the War of 1812 who became known for uttering that famous phrase, “Don’t give up the ship.” It was formed from parts of neighboring Gallia and Scioto counties, land that had once been part of Washington County.

In 1816 the fledgling county had 665 residents. These new Lawrence Countians named their first county seat Burlington, after Capt. Lawrence’s hometown of Burlington, New Jersey. The county seat was moved to Ironton in 1851 because that town was undergoing tremendous growth.

Early Days

At first, it was Lawrence County’s timber and farmland that lured settlers to its hills and valleys.

But much of Lawrence County’s growth — and certainly the city of Ironton’s growth — can be traced to the explosion of the pig iron industry in the 1800s.

As word spread of Lawrence County’s abundant natural resources, those seeking to make their fortune followed the Ohio River to what seemed to be a promised land. Small iron furnaces began to dot the landscape of Lawrence County and its neighbors both in Ohio and in Kentucky. This part of the Ohio Valley became known not only nationally but internationally as the Hanging Rock Iron Furnace Region. In fact, 98,254 tons of metal was made in the county in 1887 alone.

Union Furnace was built in 1826 in Elizabeth Township, becoming Lawrence County’s first iron furnace. The Pine Grove Furnace quickly followed in 1828. It did not take long before the county had 17 furnaces firing away.

The Furnaces of Etna, Vesuvius,

LaGrange, Union, Center, and Olive took iron ore from the ground and produced what came to be known as the best pig iron in the world.

The Lawrence County furnaces produced iron for cannons, iron cladding for boats, train wheels, pots and pans, plows, pig iron and many other products that was shipped to major industrial cities including Pittsburgh and Cincinnati.

The growth of the furnace industry created a need for more railroad and barge services, along with commercial and residential construction. This fueled a demand for retail goods as well.

By 1906, the flames had died and the furnaces were cold. Small pig iron furnaces were later replaced by large blast furnaces and factories. In the latter part of the 20th Century, the area’s economy transitioned away from heavy industry. Still, the legacy lives on.

With its woodlands and stretches of farmland, timber and farming remain important components of the area’s economy. The Rome Beauty apple, prized for its flavor as well as its ruby color, was developed here in Lawrence County.

Pride and Promise

If the iron furnaces created a promised land for those seeking their fortune, Lawrence County’s strong anti-slavery movement created another kind of promised land, one for those seeking their freedom.

In 1849, James Twyman, a wealthy Virginia plantation owner, freed 37 slaves and gave them land in Burlington. Unshackled from the bonds of slavery, these freed men and women built homes, became pillars of the community and established a future for their descendants, some of whom still live in or maintain strong ties to Burlington to this day.

Many of the freed slaves built and worshipped within the walls of the small white clapboard Burlington-Macedonia Church. The church is still used on occasion today.

The slaves and many of their descendants are buried in the Burlington 37 Cemetery where a monument to them stands. It was funded with the proceeds from a book called “The Promised Land,” written by Earl Pratt, an Ironton lawyer.



(BELOW) The early fire department located on Third and Walnut streets in downtown Ironton. Firemen are shown on horse drawn fire wagon.





The John Campbell House, now home to the Ironton-Lawrence County Community Action Organization.

When the county's seat was moved from Burlington to Ironton, some of the county's original government buildings fell into disrepair. Now, a group of local historians are restoring the county's first jail — one of only two stone jails in the state — for use one day as an Underground Railroad museum.

Ohio was a Union state in every sense of the word in the days before and during the Civil War.

Many a Lawrence Countian, firmly convinced of the evils of slavery, became active in the Underground Railroad. That number was reported to include Ironton founder John Campbell.

Iron Town

Lawrence County's government seat is also its largest community, the city of Ironton. Ironton was founded in 1849 by Campbell, a man who was instrumental in much of the area's pig iron industry.

The city was planned by railroad tycoons and financiers, the 24 members of the Ohio Iron and Coal Company, who felt a need for a commercial center in the Hanging Rock Iron Furnace Region.

Many of the streets were named after the furnaces in the area and, with a nod toward national history, U.S. presidents.

Ironton got its name from the iron

that was shipped from the city. Even before it officially came to be, Ironton was a busy place. Its first mayor, James Merrill, was elected in 1851. Also in that year, Ironton's first post office was opened. Ironton was chartered as a city in 1865.

A river town, Ironton has had at times an uneasy relationship with the waterway to its south. The Ohio River has overrun its banks several times in the city's history, most notably in 1937 when floodwaters inundated two-thirds of the town. A floodwall was later built to prevent such wide-scale flooding from happening again.

During the Great Depression, the

city opted for a city manager form of government. It lasted for approximately 50 years. In 1980, the city government changed to its current system, a charter-mayor form.

Ironton's government consists of a mayor and seven council members with supporting agencies to conduct the government's day-to-day operations.

In 1868, the city began paying tribute to fallen Civil War soldiers with a Memorial Day Parade.

Today, it is the longest continuously running Memorial Day Parade in the United States and is a huge source of pride for the city. The parade attracts thousands of visitors annually.



Roads, Rails, River

Transportation needs met by countless options in Lawrence County

Lawrence County is blessed with an abundance of natural resources that make it an outstanding option for business and industry. It also has an abundance of transportation options that make it easy to get where you need to go on time.

"I see us as offering so much to manufacturing and business," Lawrence Economic Development Corp. Director Bill Dingus said.

The Roads

Lawrence County has more than 1,100 miles of roadway. Of those, 388 miles are county owned and maintained roads, 186 are state or federal roads.

By far the busiest roadway is U.S. 52, which serves as the primary east/west corridor for the county. State Route 93 is the primary north/south artery. Lawrence County is only minutes from Interstate 64 in West Virginia.

On the drawing board is the completion of the Tri-State Metro Outer Belt, a roadway that, when finished, will encircle the villages of Proctorville and Chesapeake, thus alleviating traffic congestion in those areas and making it easier to access Huntington, W.Va., a neighbor and commercial partner. Completion of this roadway will also enhance access to the interstate system.

A new bridge crossing the Ohio River between Ironton, the county seat, and Russell, Ky., is also on the drawing board.

The Rails

The Norfolk Southern Railway serves southern Ohio. The Heartland Corridor — which links Colum-

bus, Ohio, to Norfolk, Va. — runs through The Point industrial park. The park itself has seven miles of spur lines to accommodate river-to-rail and rail-to-truck transfer.

The River

Lawrence County has more than 45 miles of Ohio River shoreline. Some areas along the river are dedicated for industry and commerce while others are used for recreation. Parts are in residential ownership.

The river is ideal for transporting bulk goods and oversized goods. A recent study showed the nearby Huntington, W.Va., port on the Ohio River is one of the two largest weight volume inland ports in the United States.

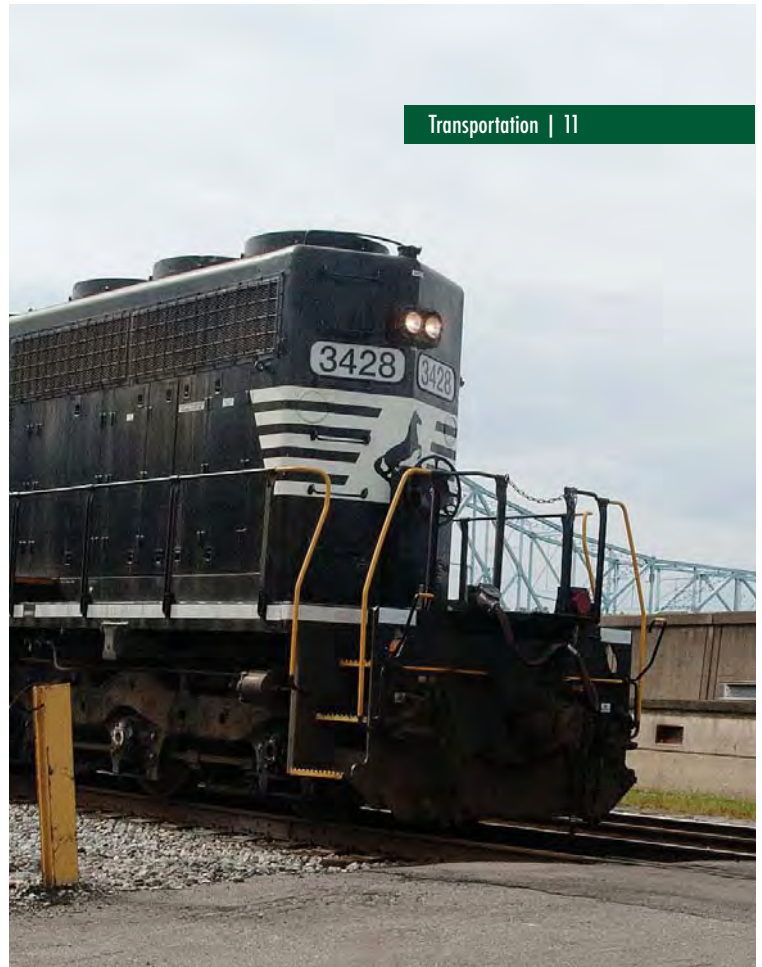
The Ohio River may seem as though it has a leisurely pace, but in reality it is a busy thoroughfare for shipping goods.

Peggy Noel, public affairs officer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Huntington office, said that in 2010 there were 92 million tons of goods shipped through the Huntington district, which begins at Willow Island near the confluence of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers to the Meldahl locks and dam near Cincinnati.

"I'd say 60 percent of it is coal," Noel said.

There are several barge or boating companies on the Ohio River in Lawrence County, the three largest being Ingram, Superior and McGinnis.

While most people think of shipping on the river, the waterway also provides maritime-related jobs that are stationary but still tied to the river.



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River vital artery for Lawrence County

Thomas Jefferson called the Ohio the most beautiful river on earth.

Stretching almost 1,000 miles from Pittsburgh, Pa., to Cairo, Ill., the Ohio is the largest tributary off the Mississippi River, running past 11 major cities in the eastern half of the United States.

Locally, it is the site of two marine transportation facilities that offer vital maintenance services to the river industry.

Since 1971 McGinnis Inc. has been building a full-service marine business located at South Point. Starting out as a barge repair operation, McGinnis today provides state-of-the-art construction, repair and paint operations, along with towing and fleetings.

"We are in four different states, Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois and Louisiana," Rick Griffith, president of McGinnis, said. "We have probably around 800 or 900 employees. We service most of the inland waterways. We do have some boats that run up to the St. Louis area."

The construction and repair side of McGinnis can accommodate tug boats and barges up to 300 feet long.

Recently McGinnis welders were busy restoring the historic W.P. Snyder, the last remaining steam-powered sternwheeler in the country. Crews removed and replaced the boat's hull, renovating it for its trip to the Ohio River Museum in Marietta.

The Sheridan yard is the site of a 69,000-square-foot, fully enclosed blast and paint shop that both meets EPA regulations and offers a fast turnaround. A nearby repair yard has four dry docks and works on barges out of water in an on-site fabrication shop.

"South Point, of course, is in the middle of the Port of Huntington, which is one of the largest inland river ports in the country," Griffith said.

"It is a good turning point for most of the barge lines stop here. That is all due to the coal business. Coal leads the river in this area. As long as the coal business is good, the river business is good here."

"The river is the cheapest form of transportation. Freight rates are the lowest if you can locate near the river. It is much cheaper than trucking and rail. Anything you can ship by river will save some money."

WHO'S WHO OF LAWRENCE COUNTY



BILL DICKENS

Where you live: Ironton

Job: Economic Development Director for the City of Ironton

Community involvement: I serve on four boards with each board having as part of its charter the goal of improving the Ironton Community. A member of several civic organizations.

What makes a business successful here? Integrity, quality service and a willingness to listen to the customer.

Why should a business locate here? A quality, trainable workforce that shows up every day. Good schools. A pleasant environment that is convenient to the entire Tri-State area.

What are your goals for Ironton in the future: A better jobs market, increased commercial and industrial development and continued downtown/riverfront redevelopment.



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Back at the original home site for Superior in Proctorville there is a marine facility where vessels and barges are brought onto the riverbank when longer repair work is required.

For close to three decades Superior has provided a high volume fleeting and harbor service with its fleet of eight towboats. The company owns and operates barge fleets of Riverside, Race Track, Bridge, BT, South Point, Lower South Point, Buckeye, Freeman and Lowman. Six of the boats work the Huntington Harbor in continuous shifts with the capacity of handling 430 barges for Superior customers and for the Ingram Barge Co. There is also one boat that works exclusively between Morgantown, W.Va., and Paducah, Ky.

In December 1977, Dale and Carolyn Manns founded Superior Marine Ways, then known as Economy Barge Repair Inc. and headquartered in Proctorville. Today Superior boasts three land-based locations on the Ohio River with about 160 employees on staff.

At the Burlington site is Superior's main administrative office where nearby is a 23,625 square foot fabrication shop and a 12,750 square foot machine shop. Among the projects coming out of this location has been new boat construction for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, along with the Corps maintenance contract.

At present Superior is working on building 24 trash screens for the lock and dam systems. The shops are equipped with 10-ton and 25-ton overhead Morgan cranes, 750 ton and 200-ton press brakes, hydraulic sheers and mills and lathes that can machine shafts up to 10 inches by 40 feet. This site also provides ship and barge repair.

Next to the Burlington site is property in the village of South Point where there are approximately 4,000 feet of fleeting, towboat and barge repair, dry cargo barge cleaning and



WHO'S WHO OF LAWRENCE COUNTY



BOB CLYSE

Hometown: Ironton

Career: President of Bob Clyse Chevrolet Buick GMC automobile dealership

Community involvement: Member of the Ironton Catholic Community, sponsorship of numerous organizations from high school athletics and bands to citywide events such

as Gus Macker basketball, Rally on the River, golf tournaments, 5K races and various countywide church fundraisers.

Best part of job: Meeting and talking to folks about their families and trying to help meet their transportation needs.

Why should a business locate here? The community is extremely loyal if you meet their needs.

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Situated on 504 acres of land, bordered by the four-lane U.S. 52 and the Ohio River, The Point industrial park offers location, location, location.

Teamed up with diverse business amenities, The Point reaches out to the small entrepreneur as well as the larger manufacturing operations.

"We can provide so many services," Jeremy Clay, director of The Point, said. "This place can be used just to move product in and out as well as putting in a manufacturing complex or business."

About 10 years ago the Lawrence Economic Development Corp. reclaimed the onetime farm acreage that had been turned industrial during World War II.

Private manufacturers took over after the war effort providing jobs and economic stability for the area through the late 1990s, when the land was abandoned.

Today, The Point is on its way to recapturing a significant place in the economy of the Tri-State. Currently it boasts eight tenants who have come to The Point looking for manufacturing or satellite distribution sites.

Companies range from a South Carolina-based steel distribution firm to a Maryland-based right of way vegetation management operation to a local machine rail car fabricator.

Tenants occupy either spec buildings the LEDC constructs under a buy-or-lease agreement or structures the firms put up themselves.

"We have the ability to build to suit or they can use a spec building to reduce the time of getting into operation," Clay said.

The LEDC is adding three more spec buildings to the industrial park ranging from 3,000 square feet to 6,250 square feet to 23,000 square feet.

WHO'S WHO OF LAWRENCE COUNTY



BILL WILLAN

Town of residence: Ironton
Job: Dean, Ohio University

Community involvement (clubs, civic groups, church, etc.): Ironton Rotary, Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital Board, Leadership Tri-State, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill

What do you like most about your job? The most gratifying part of being a dean is seeing students, both traditional and non-traditional alike, who arrived on campus doubting their own abilities but who have to come to understand — sometimes suddenly, but more often gradually — how much they are capable of learning, how much they have to offer their families and communities. Shaking their hands as they graduate and seeing the pride in their faces never fails to make me grateful for my job.

How does OUS help shape Lawrence County and the community? Education remains the best pathway for most of us to learn of the diverse ways that people view the world, thereby increasing our understanding of and reducing our fear of others, which leads to more opportunities for collaboration and

partnerships. It is just as possible that the next business opportunity with the potential to transform the county's economic base will come from an international partnership as from a local entrepreneur. In either circumstance, an educated workforce will be a large factor in the success of the venture. Along with other higher education institutions in the area, OUS helps provide that workforce.

The Southern Campus also provides a place for many of the community's cultural and social activities. It supports others and the faculty and staff members participate in almost all aspects of community life. Finally, the campus is a major contributor to the local economy.

How is OUS preparing its students for the business world? Through an outstanding faculty comprised of both highly educated experts and experienced practitioners, OUS provides access to both the theoretical frames and the current best practices of business and industry.

In addition to requiring the application of theories and practical knowledge, courses require students to become well versed in the latest presentation technologies and to demonstrate project leadership skills. Internships complete the preparation by providing real-world experience.



INDUSTRIAL GROWTH IN SOUTH IRLINGTON

A one-time Superfund site in the south end of Irlington has been transformed into a strategically located industrial park.

The South Irlington Industrial Park boasts 16 acres of developable property off Third Street, minutes from Ashland, Ky., and Huntington, W.Va., via U.S. 52.

The land was once the site for Allied Signal, which eventually merged with Honeywell. In the 1980s the federal government declared the land a Superfund site. In the late 1990s the city of Irlington purchased it from Honeywell.

About a year later the city sold acreage to the Ohio Department of Transportation for a garage site. Then in 2006, the city transferred ownership to the Irlington Port Authority.

Currently inside the park are a metal fabricating factory and a company that makes specialized aluminum. Adjoining the park are Cooke's Farm Center, serving the agricultural community in the county, and Guy's Floor Covering, offering both residential and commercial flooring services.

"With the city landlocked, you have to look inward," according to Ralph Kline of the Irlington-Lawrence County Community Action Organization. "I think we have a prime opportunity with this site. There is a nice parcel that has riverfront access that has rail spurs on the First Street area that could offer some real potential."

But The Point offers more than site location. An under-construction, multi-million dollar intermodal transfer facility enables businesses to move product by river, rail and truck in and out of the county.

Spur lines coming into the park onto a rail yard over rail scales allow the weighing of individual container cars. Nearby truck and railways into the facility are accessible via gantry crane that loads and unloads.

In 2011, the park received foreign trade zone activation status with the potential of making The Point's range global.

Part of the trade general purpose zone includes two one-acre, fenced-in lots in the heart of the intermodal facility that can hold up to 200 containers. LEDC officials received authorization from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Customs after environmental studies of the area and background checks of those who would be handling product were conducted.

Lawrence County is one of 276 foreign trade zones in the nation. The county's classification is general purpose and open to manufacturing, trade and textiles.

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Foundation of Steel

Industry still vital to region

Actual steel may not be made in Lawrence County, but a number of Lawrence County companies are a vital part of the steel industry, using the raw product to make everything from roofing bolts to mining machine parts.

The steel industry is alive and well in Lawrence County, Ohio, and is increasingly becoming high-tech. These small businesses are thriving and planning for a bright future.

Here is a brief look at just a few of the thriving Lawrence County steel industries.

Chatham Steel

It is a Lawrence County success story that almost wasn't, and is a testament to the tenacity that is at the heart of Lawrence County commerce.

Executives with Chatham Steel, located at The Point industrial park, had not originally intended to bring their operation to South Point, Ohio. Chatham is a metal service center that distributes steel, stainless steel and aluminum products such as pipes and rolled bars.

The facility opened in the spring 2011.

Chatham President Bert Tenenbaum explained that executives were looking for an area that would function as the hub for a distribution territory with a 150 to 175-mile radius and initially, Charleston, W.Va., was to be that hub.

But Tenenbaum said Chatham officials couldn't find anything that suited their needs and frankly, something else was lacking too.

"The folks were not overly amenable," Tenenbaum said.

Chatham-Steel opened its South Point facility in spring 2011.





So Chatham officials took a page from Horace Greeley and looked westward, first to Huntington, W.Va., where another bad experience had them looking westward once again.

"We had the land (we wanted) sold out from under us," Tenenbaum explained. Then someone recommended Chatham officials meet with Dr. Bill Dingus, executive director of the Lawrence Economic Development Corp. and executive director of the Greater Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce. They contacted Dingus and discovered the welcome mat was ready for them in Lawrence County.

"He really went out of his way to help us. If we had started with Bill

from day one we would have been up and running years ago," Tenenbaum said. "Truthfully everyone welcomed us and were more than accommodating."

"There were other attractions as well: tax rates, the highway was great and (the location at The Point) was not that far from interstates. We were comfortable about getting where we needed to be."

Chatham operates in a 50,000-square foot building at The Point, but Tenenbaum said there are plans to someday outgrow that facility.

The South Point facility employs 20-plus people.

Founded in 1915, the Savannah, Ga.,-based business has two basic types of customers: those who need

metal for manufacturing (heavy equipment, coal mines, railcars) and those who need metal for construction (for schools, government buildings and the like).

Swift Manufacturing

When one thinks of cutting steel to make an engine part or a bolt, water usually isn't the first thing that comes to mind. But an Ironton company aims to change all that.

Swift Manufacturing opened its doors in January 2011. The company uses water jets with up to 87,000 p.s.i., along with an abrasive media such as sand to make high precision, high tolerance cuts made to the client's specification.

"We can cut anything and every-

thing," manager/engineer Zack Moore said.

The list of materials that can be cut with water include stainless steel, copper, titanium, aluminum, brass, tin, lead and bronze.

The company processes 3,500 pounds of steel in an average week. Most of their clients are other Tri-State businesses.

Swift was originally a part of Millwright Welding and Fabricating, a company that has serviced the area for the last 18 years but the demand for Swift's services has increased and allowed the company to expand to its own location.

The company employs five people but Moore said expansion is being considered that would double the company's capacity.

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DJ Manufacturing

There are no active coal mines in Lawrence County, but a South Point company is an active part of the coal industry nonetheless.

DJ Manufacturing in South Point makes mining machine parts for the JH Fletcher Mining Equipment Company.

Owner Bert Bays says he moved his business from Huntington, W.Va., to South Point three years ago after he discovered this side of the Ohio River has a business-friendly attitude in terms of taxes and construction.

"We needed a bigger building," Bays said. "We couldn't work it out with Huntington (officials). We'd been at that location since 1963 and

in Huntington since 1947, under a different name at first."

DJ Manufacturing employs 45 people.

McSweeney's, Inc.

Much like DJ Manufacturing, McSweeney's Inc., in South Point is a family-owned, Lawrence County-grown business.

"My father started the business in 1967," McSweeney vice-president Sandy Blackburn explained. "He was in sales for another company and he decided he didn't want to work for someone else any longer."

A granddaddy in terms of size (150 employees) and age (McSweeney's has been in business more than 40 years), this corporation is the leading

manufacturer of forged-drill steel and has five patents for its products.

In addition to mining equipment, the corporation also makes carbide plowing blades for Caterpillar, Roadtec and Sandvik and makes components for railroad freight cars.

McSweeney products can be found as far away as Norway, Australia, Brazil and Mexico.

In addition to the steel manufacturing, McSweeney's also has a full-service machine shop.

Over the years, McSweeney's has found its 25,000 square-foot Solida Road location excellent for many reasons: the Lawrence County tax structure, its access to Kentucky and West Virginia, and proximity to an interstate and the Ohio River, rail

and an airport.

Blackburn said another plus to operating a business in Lawrence County is the economic climate.

For months it had one of the lowest unemployment rates in the state and seemed somewhat insulated from the worst ravages that sent jobless rates in other parts of the country skyrocketing.

"This area never really felt the brunt of the recession the way other places did," she said. "The prices for food and rent have remained relatively low. People two or three hours away are paying a lot more than (people) here."

McSweeney's was the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year for 2011.

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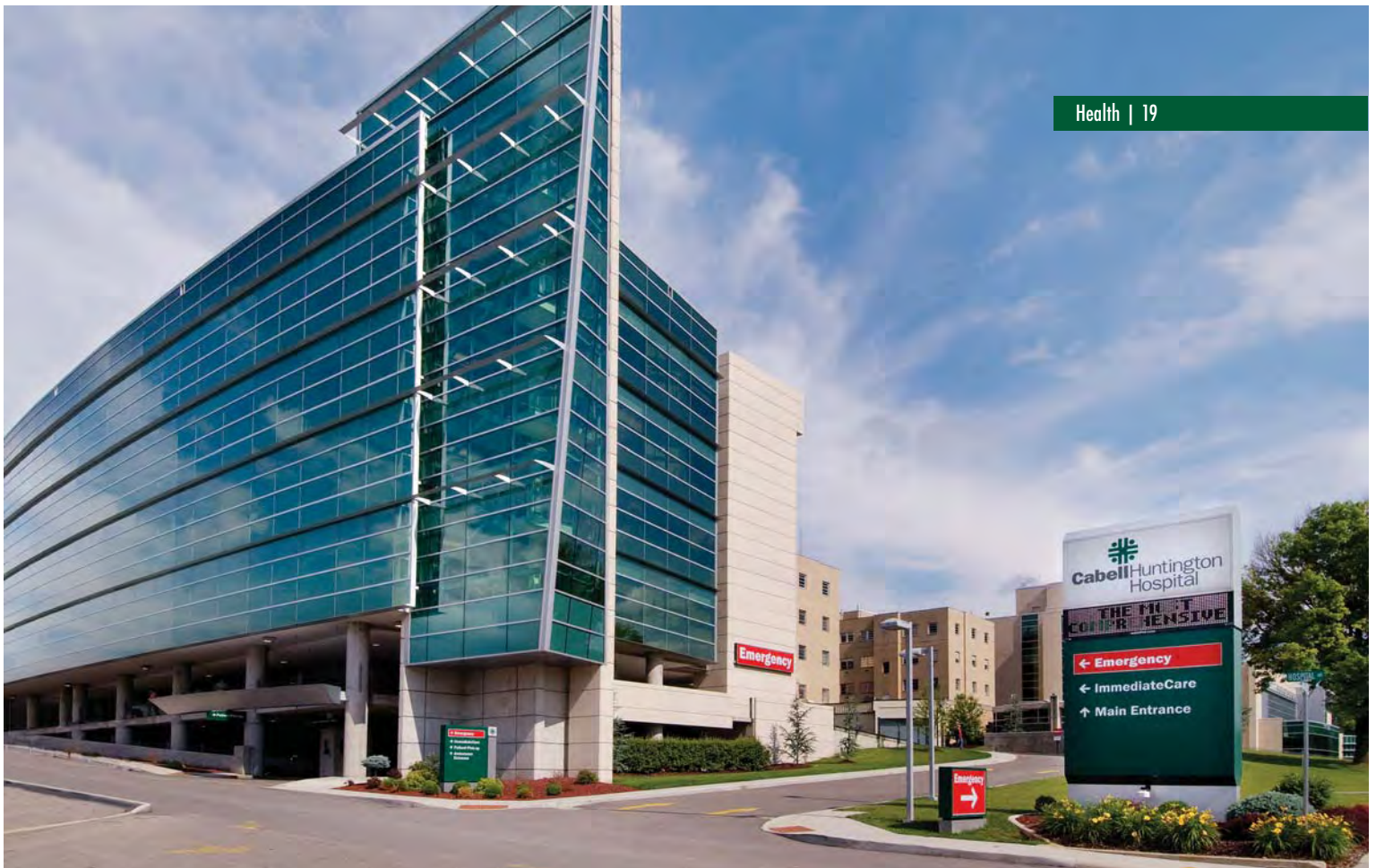
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Cabell Huntington Hospital

Cabell Huntington Hospital is a 313-bed academic medical center located in Huntington, W.Va.

With more than 2,300 employees, Cabell Huntington Hospital is the second-largest employer in the Huntington area and shares its campus with the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. Because of that academic relationship, Cabell Huntington Hospital is categorized as a "teaching hospital" where future physicians train for

their careers in medicine.

That connection has also enabled Cabell Huntington Hospital and the Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center to attract physicians who provide Tri-State residents medical care in areas including emergency and trauma care, mother-baby care, women's health, cancer care, orthopedics, neuroscience and pediatrics.

Additionally, Cabell Huntington Hospital physicians care for the region's most common medical issues including diabetes and lung cancer. Both of those health problems, for instance, are managed in programs tailored to a patient's specific needs and staffed by the region's largest teams of endocrinologists for diabetes care and pulmonary specialists for lung care.

For more information about the services available at Cabell Huntington Hospital, visit www.cabellhuntington.org. To learn more about cancer care, visit www.edwardsccc.org.



**Ironton-Lawrence
County Community
Action Organization**

The Ironton-Lawrence County Community Action Organization works to improve the economic conditions of the community by eliminating the causes of poverty.

The CAO is comprised of many programs and services to help meet that goal, but health care is a key part of the effort.

The CAO operates four medical centers in Lawrence County through the Rural Health Initiative funded by the Bureau of Primary Health Care. They are the Chesapeake Family Medical Center, the Kemp Family Medical Center in Coal Grove, the Ironton Family Medical Center and the South Point Family Medical Center.

Services include treatment of acute illnesses, sports and employment physicals, health screenings and examinations, pediatric care and immunizations, lab testing, office surgery, cancer

screenings, mental health services and women's health and family planning.

The centers employ a staff of 60, including five full-time physicians, three nurse practitioners, two part-time physicians and two part-time psychiatrists who provide mental health services two days a month.

The CAO has partnered with St. Mary's Medical Center to pool resources and provide the best care possible. The CAO will open a fifth center in 2012 at the new St. Mary's Ironton campus.

The CAO also has a program to help provide health care to the homeless. All services, including adult and pediatric medicine, OB/GYN, dental, optical, podiatry, mental health, hearing, substance abuse, WIC, transportation and pharmaceuticals are provided by contract.

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King's Daughters Medical Center

King's Daughters Medical Center is a 465-bed medical facility located in Ashland, Ky.

It has more than 4,200 employees, making it one of the largest employers in the Tri-State.

KDMC offers a variety of services including cardiac, surgical, pediatric, rehabilitation, psychiatric, cancer, neurological, pain care, wound care and home care services.

KDMC also has a network of 14 Family Care Centers and specialties offices located throughout eastern Kentucky and southern Ohio.

A visit to a Family Care Center or Medical Specialties office is like a trip to a family physician, with the benefit of additional healthcare services such as on-site laboratory, X-ray and mobile mammography.

In Lawrence County, these centers are located in Burlington and Ironton. The Ironton site also offers urgent care services.

KDMC also has a growing number of specialty offices including colorectal surgery, endocrinology, gastroenterology, nephrology, neurosurgery and pulmonary and critical care.

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Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital

In 1954, Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital (OLBH) opened its doors. Today, OLBH still operates on its founding principles of providing a health ministry to the Tri-State community. OLBH has grown into a 214-bed medical facility guided by the Bon Secours Health System and the Sisters of Bon Secours.

One of the region's major employers, OLBH has more than 1,000 employees and a medical staff of approximately 200 members representing a broad range of specialties. The OLBH campus offers an array

of specialty care including treatment for cancer, orthopedic, cardiac, pulmonary, surgical, and pediatric care. At the Russell, Ky. campus, OLBH offers the Same Day Surgery Center, Vascular Center, Bellefonte Behavioral Health Center, Sleep Lab, Diabetes & Wound Care Center, Women's Center, Imaging Center, a community fitness center and much more.

OLBH offers many services that can be accessed without a visit to the hospital campus. HomeCare Services provides home health from offices in both Ohio and Kentucky. The

OLBH Mobile Health Center provides mammography at a different location daily while Bellefonte Primary Care in Grayson offers area residents a variety of services, from primary care to pediatric, urgent and specialty care. Specialty care includes everything from hearts to hands, from urology to plastic surgery. Bellefonte Physician Services practices are located throughout the region to bring health care close to home with convenient locations.

Recent expansions at OLBH include the opening of the new Bellefonte Primary Care, South Ashland

at 2900 Carter Ave. in Ashland and the relocation of the Bellefonte Primary Care in Grayson to a new \$3.6 million facility at 100 Bellefonte Drive in Grayson.

OLBH also has a presence in Lawrence County, with Ironton Primary Care, located at 1015 East Ring Road in the Ironton Hill Shopping Center and the Ironton Imaging Center, located adjacent to the primary care facility in the Ironton Urgent Care, which offers CT services and an open-bore MRI.

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Southern Ohio Medical Center

Southern Ohio Medical Center is a 222-bed hospital in nearby Portsmouth in Scioto County that provides emergency and surgical care, as well as a wide range of other services.

SOMC employs 2,200 full- and part-time people, has a medical staff of more than 140 physicians and specialists and is supported by more than 800 volunteers.

The main campus, located at 1805 27th St. in Portsmouth, offers emergency services, heart and vascular services, inpatient rehabilitation services, cardiovascular laboratory, pediatrics, women's center and wound healing center.

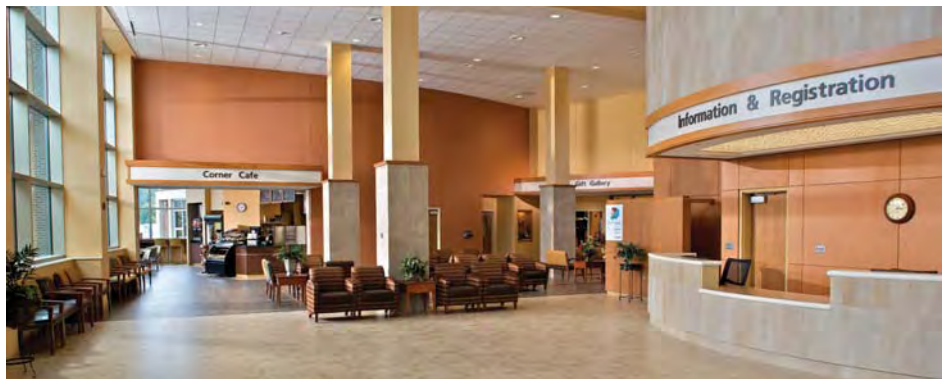
SOMC's Heart and Vascular Center includes a non-invasive cardiovascular testing department, cardiac catheterization labs for heart and peripheral procedures and a Heart Care unit that cares for post-operative stent and open heart patients until they are discharged home.

The SOMC Cancer Center, located at 1121 Kinneys Lane, Portsmouth, provides both medical oncology and radiation oncology treatment and also provides an oncology nurse to help guide each newly diagnosed cancer patient through treatment. They also assist in connecting the patient with support services from other agencies, financial assistance programs, home health services, hospice and support groups.

The SOMC LIFE Centers, located in Portsmouth, Wheelersburg and Lucasville, provide full service fitness and rehabilitation facilities and offers a variety of equipment, classes, and training to meet fitness needs.

SOMC also offers an urgent care facility in Wheelersburg.

For more information about SOMC, visit www.somc.org.



WHO'S WHO OF LAWRENCE COUNTY



Jodi Rowe-Collins

Hometown: Ironton

Career: President and CEO of Ohio River Bank

Community involvement: Involved/volunteer with Leadership Tri-State; Foundation for the Tri-State Community; Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Tri-State; Empowerment Zone; Friends of Ironton; and WIA Board/Youth Council.

Best part of your job? Working with the public, customer service, and being able to help people.

Why should a business locate here? Beautiful country; the availability of the river, rail and roadways for access/transportation; and the availability of qualified or trainable workforce.

What makes a business successful here? The same reasons as listed for locating here: means of transportation, workforce and the cooperation of the private and public entities working together to make things happen.



An artist's rendering of the completed St. Mary's Medical Campus in Ironton. The facility is slated to open in 2012.

St. Mary's Medical Center

St. Mary's Medical Center is a 393-bed facility that employs more than 2,600 people from across the Tri-State.

St. Mary's features its Centers of Excellence. These include the Heart Institute, which provides invasive and non-invasive diagnostic services, therapeutic cardiac services, open-heart surgery and telemetry.

The Cancer Center provides services in the areas of breast cancer, diagnostic services, such as pathology and radiology, oncology clinical trials, support services and rehab services.

The Neuroscience Center offers treatment and care in the regional stroke, spine and sleep centers, and the Neurophysiology Lab offers diagnostic testing for neurological conditions.

St. Mary's also offers its Regional Joint Replacement Center with both hip and knee replacement, advanced emergency care with Level II trauma care, advanced critical care, Joslin Diabetes Education Affiliate with diabetes education, Regional Sleep Center, Regional Wound Center, Maternity Care Department with 85 years experience in delivering and caring for newborns,

and an Occupational Health Center in Barboursville, W.Va.

As a teaching facility associated with the Joan C. Edwards Marshall University School of Medicine, St. Mary's trains medical residents in several specialties.

The hospital campus is home to the St. Mary's School of Nursing, the St. Mary's School of Medical Imaging and the St. Mary's School of Respiratory Care. All three programs are associated with Marshall University.

In addition to the medical center in Huntington, St. Mary's is partnering with the CAO to build a new St. Mary's Medical Campus, in Ironton. The new campus at the intersection of U.S. 52 and State Route 141 in Ironton will provide 24/7 emergency care to patients with a full service emergency department.

The medical campus building will also have family practice and specialty physicians along with imaging and lab services in addition to the emergency department. When completed in the spring of 2012, the company will create 70 new jobs for Lawrence County.

For more information about St. Mary's Medical Center, visit www.st-marys.org.

St. Mary's Medical Campus Ironton in the construction stage in the fall of 2011.





Business growth key to future

Combination of new and old show strong economic climate

WHO'S WHO OF LAWRENCE COUNTY



DAN PALMER

Hometown: Born and raised in Ironton, now living in Bellefonte, Ky.

Career: Director, Lawrence-Scioto Solid Waste Management District

Community involvement: Support and work with Operation TLC, Ironton In Bloom, Concerned Citizens of Burlington. Serve on the Citizens Advisory Panel (CAP) for Dow, Americas Styrenics, Duke Energy and Rumpke.

Why is your job important? A cleaner county is a more attractive place to live and work. It is also a more attractive place for prospective businesses that are seeking a new location for their stores and factories. I might also add all of our programs are consistently monitored by the Ohio EPA.

How does what you do help the community? We provide recycling to the public that diverts materials from the landfill, we enforce laws governing open dumping and littering and we educate community groups on environmental issues that are important in a changing world. In addition, we work with groups and individuals on community beautification efforts, such as the annual county-wide cleanup day and the pharmaceutical takeback program. This will hopefully entice new businesses to locate in our county.

Best part of your job? Knowing we have the support of local leaders, such as mayors, township trustees, commissioners, etc., who understand what we do and why it is important. It is also a great honor to work with local groups, such as Operation TLC, Ironton In Bloom and Concerned Citizens of Burlington who share our passion to clean and improve our county. I am very fortunate to have the best employees any director could ask for and I am proud of all the programs and services the district provides the community.

Despite the recent economic recession, business growth has been going strong here, with some familiar names expanding and some new ones joining the community.

The county has several new businesses and others that are preparing for growth and expansion.

From the new Slack and Wallace Funeral Home in South Point to the expansion at the Liebert Corporation in Ironton, business is booming in Lawrence County.

Slack and Wallace Funeral Home

When it opened in January 2011, Slack and Wallace Funeral Home became South Point's first funeral home in many years.

The funeral home has a chapel for services that seats approximately 150 people. The facility also has two visitation rooms, one seating about 50 and the other 75 or more.

The 10,000-square foot building, located at 802 Solida Road, was built as a furniture store but had most recently housed the Tri-State Worship Center church, which moved to a new building. Funeral home owners Rick Slack and Beth Wallace completely remodeled the inside of the building, Slack said.

"South Point really hasn't had a funeral home in close to 40 years," Slack said. "It's a growing community and we felt there was a need there."

Slack said so far he's been pleased with business.

"As far as having funerals it has been OK," Slack said. "It takes a long time to get established.

"We've been pleased with the number of people who come in for pre-arranging. To this point we're very pleased with the way things have been going."

WHO'S WHO OF LAWRENCE COUNTY



JAY CARR

Age: 41
Where you live:
 Huntington, W.Va.
Job title: Branch Sales
 Manager, MSC Industrial
 Supply, Inc.

Community involvement:

Member of BPOE 313

What's the best part about your job?

The diversity that each day brings. No two days are ever the same. I enjoy solving the problems that our customers have with other distributors.

What makes a business successful in this area? A business in this area must be diverse, responsive, intuitive and above all know the challenges of its customers. The successful business proactively solves those problems and challenges while helping its customers become more profitable and productive.

Why should a business locate in Lawrence County? Lawrence County offers businesses a great setting in which to do business. The communities are friendly and well kept. The county has excellent access to all major forms of transportation and has a vibrant family friendly setting. The community leaders go out of their way to meet your needs at every opportunity.



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Liebert

Already one of the leading employers and strongest corporate citizens in Lawrence County, Emerson Network Power is implementing some big expansion plans at its Liebert plant in Ironton.

The company manufactures precision cooling products used in telecommunications networks, data centers, healthcare and industrial facilities.

Emerson purchased the building in March of 2011 after leasing the property for the past 10 years.

The expansion and renovation project broke ground in 2011. The company focused on improvements to the building to accommodate its growing operation.

This comes on the heels of a 2010 project that added a facility in The Point industrial park in South Point.

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Close to Home III

Ironton's first assisted-living facility opened last September. Close to Home III is housed in a renovated 100-plus year old building that was formerly the St. Lawrence O'Toole Community Center. Before the renovation, the building was vacant for more than 20 years.

The renovation included the construction of a 10,000-foot addition to the building. The facility has the potential to house about 45 residents.

The facility's 35 units are each complete with a living room area, bathroom and closet. Cable, window treatments, a refrigerator and a telephone are also included. Additionally, the facility features a commercial kitchen, chapel, movie theatre, library and spa room.

The business employees 33 staff members including cooks, cooks' assistants, housekeepers, resident assistants and an activities coordinator.

Co-owners Sharon Hartwig and Charles Kunkle are recipients of the 2011 Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce Businessperson of the Year award.

Proctorville Animal Clinic

In September 2011, the Proctorville Animal Clinic broke ground on a new state-of-the-art facility. The new clinic will be twice the capacity of all areas including the waiting room areas, exam rooms including a consultation and comfort room, animal treatment area, double surgery suite, separate respiratory and infectious disease isolation wards, dedicated dental station, central laboratory and pharmacy areas, intensive care unit, boarding space for dogs and a separate cat boarding ward. Parking areas will also be increased with easier access from Route 7.

Recent upgrades in technology include: new laboratory equipment for running bloodwork for immediate point of care results, new digital radiography unit for higher quality x-ray studies, diagnostic ultrasounds to assist with internal medicine and surgery cases, dental radiology equipment for advanced dental procedures, advancements in orthopedic surgery including bone plating and joint surgery and advancements in client patient care with communication tools including a new website, social media and online pharmacy.

As of Sept. 1, 2011, the clinic had hired five new employees in anticipation of the new growth. The clinic is also planning to hire more. The clinic employs 25 people including three veterinarians, seven veterinary technicians, five veterinary assistants, five receptionists and five support staff members.





Bob Clyse Chevrolet Buick GMC

Construction is underway on a project that will give long-time Ironton car dealership Bob Clyse Chevrolet Buick GMC approximately twice the showroom space that it has ever had.

In March 2010, the business purchased the Higgins Chevrolet building, which was located across the street from Clyse in the 900 block of South Third Street in Ironton as well as the Chevrolet dealership rights. Once construction is completed, the former Higgins Chevrolet building will extend from its original position to the corner of the street, making the showroom 9,000 square feet.

"The showroom is twice the size of

the showroom we have now," Clyse said. "And it will be to General Motor's Image standards helping create a world class dealership experience for our customers."

The cost of the improvements will top \$1 million. The majority of those improvements will be the construction of the showroom. The costs also include the construction of the all-new sidewalks by the showroom.

Clyse said his business had been out of room for years. The process of expanding has also given the business the ability to hire 12 new employees in the past year, making the total number of employees 42.

"Business is good," Clyse said. "It exceeded our expectations."

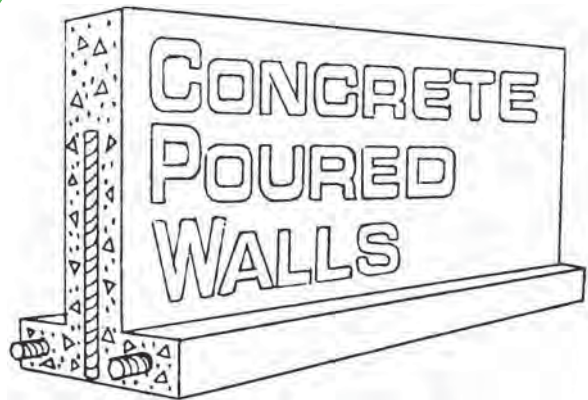


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From the eight individual school districts to Collins Career Center and Ohio University Southern, the schools in Lawrence County have a common goal: A quality education for all students.

Ohio University Southern

With its Ironton and Proctorville campuses, Ohio University Southern offers 11 bachelor degrees, five associate degrees, 12 associate technology degrees and nine certificate programs. The branch also has a variety of master's degree programs, which are offered on a rotating basis. On average, the school has about

2,000 students at a time. The school prides itself on providing educational opportunities to both traditional and nontraditional college students.

During the 2010-2011 school year, there were more adult non-traditional students than students who had recently graduated high school. An adult student is defined as someone who is 25 years or older or who has been out of school for at least the past three years. OUS offers a variety of services for adult students including a child care center, and the Make Your Mark Program, which allows eligible students who have not completed a degree or taken college classes within the last three years to take a course at the special rate of \$10 per credit hour.

OUS also offers completion degrees for students who have a two-year degree from an accredited university and want to complete a bachelor's degree.

WHO'S WHO OF LAWRENCE COUNTY



GARY RILEY

Town of residence: Proctorville

Job: Riley Development

Community involvement: Chamber of Commerce, Lawrence County Planning Committee, proud supporter of Ohio University, Marshall University, Fairland schools and other civic organizations.

What do you like most about your job? I like to build in our community and see it grow.

What makes a business successful in Lawrence County? Quality workmanship and honesty are the number one tools in any business. Without it, I would not get referrals and repeat customers. In Lawrence County, referral and repeat customers are imperative. More and more everyday, we are welcoming families from bordering states into Lawrence County, while retaining existing residents. Therefore, referrals are a must. I have been in business in Lawrence County for nearly 50 years and have received substantial amounts of business from referrals and repeat customers.

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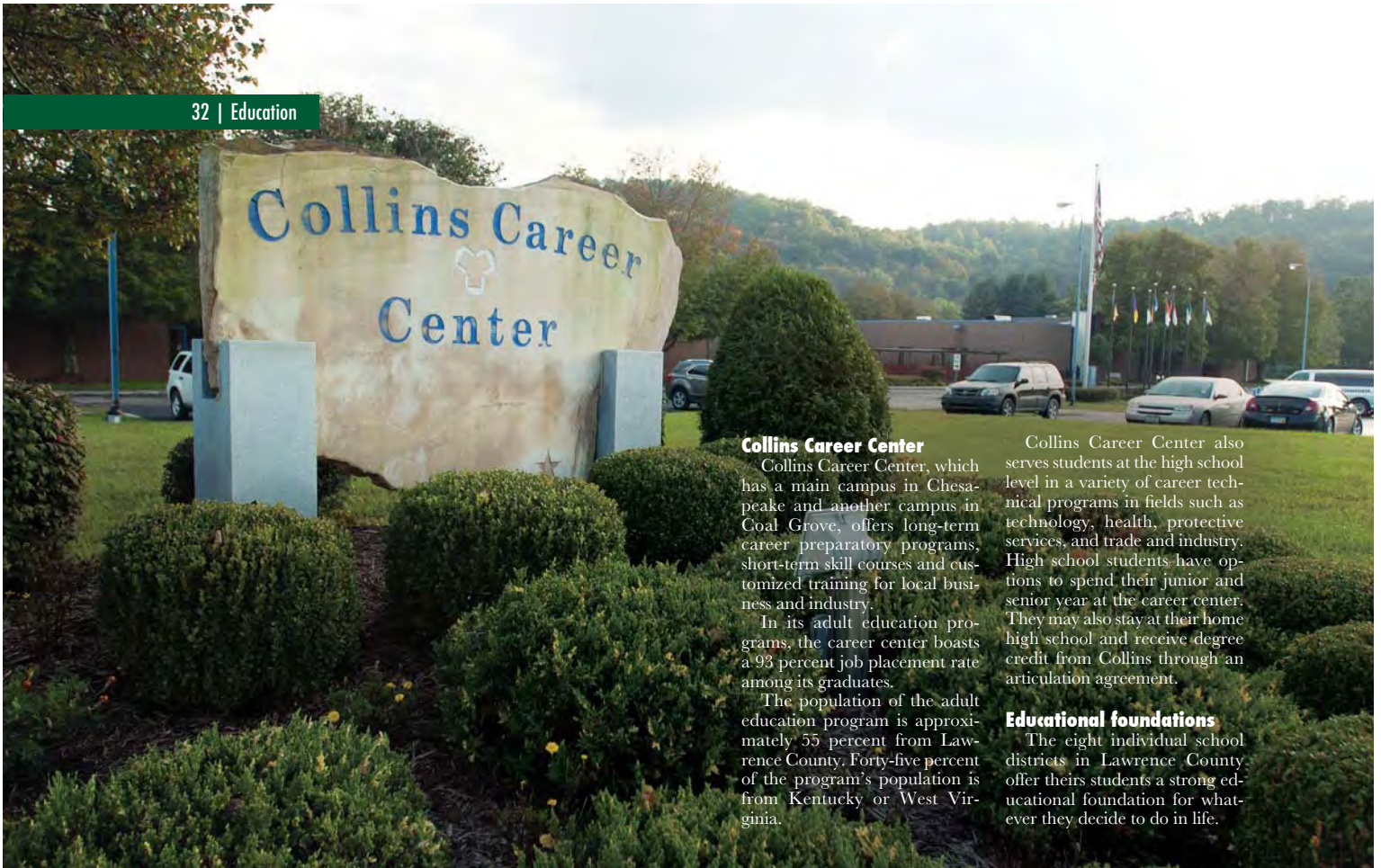
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The population of the adult education program is approximately 55 percent from Lawrence County. Forty-five percent of the program's population is from Kentucky or West Virginia.

Collins Career Center also serves students at the high school level in a variety of career technical programs in fields such as technology, health, protective services, and trade and industry. High school students have options to spend their junior and senior year at the career center. They may also stay at their home high school and receive degree credit from Collins through an articulation agreement.

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Chesapeake Union Exempted Village School District

Chesapeake Union Exempted Village School District serves students in the eastern portion of Lawrence County. Its high school, middle school and new elementary school are all located on County Road 1 in Chesapeake. The Chesapeake Panthers' colors are purple and white.

Dawson-Bryant Local Schools

Dawson-Bryant Local Schools educate students from the village of Coal Grove. The district's high school and middle school are located on State Route 243 near U.S. 52. Dawson-Bryant Elementary School, with its recently remodeled building, is located on State Route 243 in Deering. The district's colors are red, black and white. The school mascot is the Hornet.

Fairland Local School District

Students in the extreme eastern portion of Lawrence County attend Fairland Local Schools. The district has two elementary schools, a middle school and a high school, each of which are located in Rome Township. The Fairland Dragons' colors are green and white.





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Ironton City Schools

Ironton City Schools recently opened its new high school. It boasts a new 600-seat auditorium and state-of-the-art technology in the classrooms. The school is located on Seventh Street. Children in kindergarten through eighth grade attend classes at the new facilities of Ironton Elementary and Middle School, which are housed in the same building on Delaware Street in north Ironton. The Ironton Fighting Tigers' colors are orange and black.

Ironton Catholic Schools

St. Joseph High School and St. Lawrence Elementary School are the Catholic-affiliated schools located in Ironton. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville operates the schools. St. Lawrence Elementary recently moved to a remodeled facility in Ironton. The St. Joseph Flyers' colors are purple and gold.



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Rock Hill Local School District

Students from the western portion of Lawrence County, including Pedro and Hanging Rock, attend Rock Hill Schools. The district's campus of new facilities is located just west of State Route 93 on County Road 26. The district has an elementary, middle and high school. The Rock Hill Redmen's colors are red and white.

South Point Local Schools

Students in the southern portion of Lawrence County attend South Point Local Schools. The district's new state-of-the-art high school and middle school are located on Sand Road. The district's elementary schools, South Point Elementary and Burlington Elementary, also boast new facilities. The Pointers' colors are blue and gold.

Symmes Valley Local School District

The Symmes Valley Local School District serves students in the northern portion of Lawrence County including Aid and Willow Wood. Symmes Valley Elementary School educates students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Symmes Valley High Schools serves students in grades 9 through 12. Both schools are located on State Route 141. The Vikings' colors are scarlet and gray.





Organizations make community shine

Groups focus on positive image

When it's time to clean up and make things beautiful, raise money for those in need, or show the community a good time, civic groups and organizations in Lawrence County do it well.

The Friends of Ironton is a grassroots civic group better known for putting on the Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament and Rally on the River festival, but they have also added a water playground in the Friends Park on Second Street in Ironton. The group is also working to restore the historic Ro-Na Theatre in downtown Ironton. The group has

replaced street signs and restroom roofs at Lake Vesuvius.

When it comes to beautifying the county, there are several civic groups that go above and beyond.

Ironton In Bloom's mission has been to beautify the city with floral displays and landscaped areas, as well as to promote a litter-free environment and plant trees.

The first year for the group brought it national recognition when America In Bloom awarded IIB a first place prize in a national competition. The group also awards community members and businesses with a Yard of the Month award.



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Operation Tidy-up Lawrence County also works to clean up the county's eastern end.

Dedicated volunteers come together several times each year to focus on litter cleanup, community revitalization and beautification in the Chesapeake and Proctorville areas.

The Symmes Creek Restoration Committee, a group of volunteers dedicated to preserving and protecting the Symmes Creek waterway, has a Canoe Caper each year. Volunteers maneuver their canoes and kayaks up and down the creek looking for trash.

The Coal Grove Betterment Club also honors community members in the village for keeping their yards beautiful. The group also works with the village to sponsor Coal Grove's biggest event of the year, Family Fun Days in Paul Porter Park. Proceeds from Family Fun Days go to the betterment club, which takes care of the village's park and sponsors a scholarship for a high school student each year. The group also decorates the park each year for Christmas and has an Easter egg hunt.

The Concerned Citizens of Burlington started as a way to combat the flooding that hit many homes in the Burlington area of Lawrence County. Since its inception CCB has become a grassroots community awareness and pride organization. The group hosts meet the candidate night during election years and also has an annual cleanup. The group also raises money and manpower for community projects such as the Burlington Commons Park.

In 2009, the Ironton Rotary Club started a five-year beautification project, which includes revitalizing the fountain area at Center Street in downtown Ironton. Besides cleaning the bricks in the

WHO'S WHO OF LAWRENCE COUNTY



D.R. GOSSETT

Title: Executive director of the Ironton-Lawrence County Community Action Organization

Community involvement: Men's Bible study leader at First Christian Church in Grayson, DESCO Credit Union supervisory committee chair, Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development board treasurer chair of finance/

audit committee, Finance Fund board member, Ohio Association of Community Health Centers board member, track and field coach at East Carter High School.

What is the best part of your job?

Working in a community where we can be united around the key goals and needs and witnessing the progress and the success stories.

How can businesses thrive in Lawrence County?

By understanding the strong sense of identity in our communities and being an active participant and a responsible corporate citizen.

How does the CAO play a part in the development of the county?

The board members, staff and various partners of the CAO understand that Lawrence County, as a larger community, is on the road to a future of growth and stability. The broad team that is CAO is committed to continuing to do our part to see we, as a community, get there.





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fountain, the club has added an arbor as well as potted flowers and benches. Each week, Rotary members pick-up litter and leaves from the fountain. The club also has an annual pancake breakfast, with the proceeds going towards supporting various civic projects that the club sponsors throughout the year.

The Ironton Rotary Club also partners with the Ironton Lions Club to sponsor the annual Halloween costume parade.

The Lions put together the Haunted Tunnel each year along former State Route 75. The group uses the proceeds from the yearly event for a variety of community projects, including local scholarships, assistance to other charitable organizations such as Ironton In Bloom and the Ironton-Lawrence County Memorial Day Parade and a variety of eyesight programs.

The Chesapeake-Proctorville-Rome Township Lions Club also has an annual pancake breakfast. They use the proceeds to fund one of the club's main missions of providing free eyeglasses and eye exams for those in need.

The Ironton-Lawrence County

Memorial Day Parade Committee organizes the parade yearly. It is known as the oldest continuous Memorial Day Parade in the nation. The first parade was in 1868 to memorialize the Civil War dead. The tradition has continued every year since, honoring all those who have served our country.

The Child Welfare Club is a group of women who have focused their energies, talents and time on the youth of Ironton.

In the early years of the club, the women organized story hours for children and began a milk fund to provide milk for children in need. In 1961, the club began the Eddy Test project, which it still does today.

The Educational Achievement Awards, the Eddy Test, tests the top 25 percent of all sixth grade students with a standardized test that covers reading, arithmetic, English literature, history, geography, science and spelling.

Then those students scoring in the top one-third percentile are chosen winners of the Eddy Awards. The Child Welfare Club also hosts an annual luncheon, with the funds collected to go towards

WHO'S WHO OF LAWRENCE COUNTY



VIVIANE KHOUNLAVONG-VALLANCE

Hometown: Ironton, Ohio

Job: Associate Executive Director, Lawrence Economic Development Corporation

Community involvement: Ohio Economic Development Association Board Member-VP of Professional

Development, Ironton In Bloom-Secretary and Fundraising Chair, Friends of Ironton member, Leadership Tri-State, Ironton Clean Up Day, various other events and projects throughout the community. U.S./China Economic Development and Trade Council regional officer, Lawrence County Planning Commission, Lawrence County Health and Wellness Initiative, Member of Sandy City Freewill Baptist.

Best part of your job? Every day and every project is different. I have had the privilege of working on a broad range of projects in both the public and private sector. Be it community development or economic development, my job is always teaching me new processes, ideas, and how to approach complex tasks. I've also met some of the most wonderful people here in Lawrence County! The love for my community and its success is what drives me to do my best.

Why should a business locate here? Besides the people, it's all about location. Lawrence County and southern Ohio are positioned at the very heart of distribution opportunities for the Midwest. With the value of the Ohio River and multi-modal access Lawrence County has to offer, we can reach all facets of the world from right here in our own backyard.

What makes business successful here? Lawrence County has made its mark in support of business development by offering unique programs and a strong partnership reducing site costs in exchange for job creation. Ohio currently has a very strong tax structure that appeals to new and emerging companies. I've also seen that once a business locates here, they don't want to leave because Lawrence Counties work together as a community to ensure success!



sponsoring the Eddy Awards as well as donating to programs such as Tools for Schools at St. Paul Lutheran Church, the City Welfare Mission, and various food pantries in the community.

The Ironton Co-Operative Club also helps children in Lawrence County. The Co-Op Club has donated to the libraries at each school in the Ironton city and Catholic school systems. This is part of the club's ongoing commitment to education, with two-thirds of its profits going to fund and foster learning. They also regularly sponsor a myriad of civic causes, many of which pertain to the education and welfare of area youth.

Lawrence County also has countless church groups and school groups that work to make the community a better place to live.

WHO'S WHO OF LAWRENCE COUNTY



STEVE DODGION

Town of residence: Ironton
Job: Superintendent, Collins Career Center
Community involvement (clubs, civic groups, church, etc.): Board member of Chamber of Commerce, Trustee of Lawrence County Economic Development, President of Southern Ohio Public Schools Health Care

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What do you like most about your job?

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We love a parade

Each year, for one special day, the population of Ironton swells from its usual 12,000 souls to more than 30,000. In 1868, Gen. John Logan, commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued an order calling for a day to be set aside to honor those killed on both sides of the war between the states.

From that order, citizens of Lawrence County gathered to lay flowers on the graves of departed soldiers and for a solemn procession through the streets of Ironton. The tradition continues today.

The procession is both solemn and celebratory: A riderless horse leads the procession, a nod to the soldiers who went to war but didn't come home. The riderless horse is followed by veterans of the different branches of the armed services who wave to a cheering crowd. The parade includes marching bands, floats, local civic groups and government officeholders. One veteran is selected each year for special recognition as honorary grand marshal.

The parade has its place not only in state and local history but national history as well. In 1978, the U.S. House of Representatives officially proclaimed it the oldest continuous Memorial Day Parade in the nation. In his resolution, then-U.S. Congressman Clarence Miller wrote, "It is gratifying to know that for more than a century, Ironton has placed a

high priority on honoring those who have fought for America in wars spanning the globe."

Some cities celebrate Christmas in grand style; others put their emphasis on Thanksgiving. In Ironton, Memorial Day is unquestionably the most lavishly observed holiday all year. In the days leading up to the parade, area residents gather for Navy Night, a tribute to those who have served in the sea-going branches of the military and for a memorial service at Woodland Cemetery. The Ironton-Lawrence County Memorial Day Parade is at 10 a.m. each year, rain or shine.

A bridge to the past

One of the most picturesque remnants of history is the restored Scot-town Covered Bridge near State Route 217 in the northeastern part of Lawrence County. The bridge, built in the 1870s, has a timber frame and is the only one of its kind in the county.

History, preserved

Lawrence County's past is showcased in a variety of ways. In Ironton, visitors can see the John Campbell House, the home of the city's founder who, in addition to his business successes, was believed to have been active in helping escaped slaves reach freedom via the Underground Railroad. Today, Campbell's home is the office of the Ironton-Lawrence County Community Action Organization.

Lawrence County has a vibrant and busy historical society that promotes the preservation of the county's past with several activities throughout the year, including the historical ghost walk at Woodland Cemetery in Ironton each September and the Candlelight Christmas Tour of Churches, also in Ironton in early December. During the ghost





walk, volunteers don period costumes and tell the stories of departed citizens who left an indelible mark on the community, business, government and culture. Participants in the church walk visit several of the area's historic houses of worship and hear part of the Nativity story as well as the churches' individual histories.

The historical society operates the county's museum at the corner of South Sixth and Adams streets. It features a military display and a collection of belongings that were once those of famed woman ironmaster Nannie Kelley Wright as well as other exhibits. The museum is open 1 to 4 p.m. on the weekends between April and early December.

Another colorful attraction is the floodwall murals at the Center

Street Landing in Ironton. Created by local artists, the murals give a pictorial history of the county and include tributes to its Purple Heart soldiers and Ironton in its early days.

The small community of Burlington has much to offer the history buff. The Old Lawrence County Jail, one of only two stone jails in the state of Ohio, is being restored as an Underground Railroad museum.

A creek? A river? It's awesome

Winding through the heart of Lawrence County is a waterway that both sustains and entertains. Is it a river or a creek? At 76 miles long, it's hard to say. But Symmes Creek is as integral to Lawrence County as the Nile is to Egypt, and twice as lovely.

In Lawrence County's early years, newcomers built homes and planted their gardens along Symmes Creek. The water they drew from it nourished their crops.

These days the attraction to Symmes Creek is more recreational. Canoe enthusiasts love the waterway for its challenge and for the lush beauty along its banks. Take a trip down Symmes Creek and you will likely encounter any number of Lawrence County's four-footed or winged residents who will watch you as you float past them.

The Symmes Creek Restoration Committee is a local grassroots group that promotes conservation of the waterway. That group is sponsoring a resolution to make Symmes Creek an official state scenic river.

Each year the committee sponsors the Symmes Creek Canoe Caper, a day-long cleanup of the creek banks. In addition to the satisfaction of community service, one lucky volunteer walks away with a new canoe!



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A fair to remember

The first full week of July, the population of Lawrence County shifts dramatically eastward. The Lawrence County Junior Fair brings thousands to Rome Township to view the skills and talents of the area's youth, to socialize with neighbors and to simply have fun.

For 4-H and Future Farmers of America members, the fair is the culmination of months of hard work. Their steer, electrical exhibit or home economics products will be judged for quality and perhaps will wind up with a trophy. At the end of the fair the livestock and tobacco exhibits are auctioned off. Bidding can sometimes be fierce as locals vie for grand champion bunny or reserve champion goat.

The fair functions as a giant-sized reunion, too. Folks who haven't had a chance to catch up on the latest news slow their pace a bit and get reacquainted. Romances have been initiated under the starlight at the fair and some families plan their vacation to coincide with this one special week.

The fair offers midway rides to 4-H projects to music, and there is no shortage of fair delectables that are as much a part of the event as the horse pulls and 4-H parade. Got a hankering for a frozen banana? A lemon shakeup? An elephant ear? Sometimes the best part of the fair is the part that goes into your tummy.

Forest of fun

Less than 15 minutes outside the county seat of Ironton lies the Lake Vesuvius Recreation Area within the Wayne National Forest. Vesuvius is deemed the premier developed site with its lake stretching for 143 acres within the 100,000 acres of public land that make up the Ironton District of the national forest. It is a paradise for the hiker, boater, swimmer or nature lover. It is great for a solitary escape or a staycation with the family.

The lake features a wooden boardwalk, fishing piers, boat



WHO'S WHO OF LAWRENCE COUNTY



JOHN GALLOWAY

City of residence: Chesapeake

Career: President Big G Inc, dba, Pickett Concrete

Our community involvement includes but is not limited to support of youth athletic teams, academic project supporters in many area schools K-12, donations to many community fund-raising projects as well as community betterment projects. The best thing about my job is

the satisfaction seeing completed projects with our materials which provide income for our employees and their families.

Why should a business locate here? Local, skilled, hardworking people to employ, easy access to roads, rail and the Ohio River, availability of universities as an employment pool as well as to meet continuing education needs.

What makes a business successful here? Identification of a needed product or service.



rentals, trails and a nature center. The lake owes its existence to the Civilian Conservation Corp. that dammed up the narrows of Storms Creek in 1939.

Today, there is a swimming beach with boat rentals available. You may choose anything from paddleboats, Jon boats to canoes. The lake offers a perfect locale for you and the youngsters to take advantage of one of the several family and group campgrounds. All sites have tables, fire rings and tent pads. Water, garbage containers and restrooms are located throughout the campgrounds.

There are two separate trail areas that are open to Off-Road Vehicles. You will find one at Hanging Rock boasting 26 miles of trails and the other is at Pine Creek with 20 miles of trails. While you are at Hanging Rock, you might want to try your hand at one of the 50 small lakes. There or at the bigger Vesuvius Lake, anglers can reel in large mouth bass, bluegill and rainbow trout.

Sports, sports, sports

Lawrence Countians love sports and anything connected to sports. The Ohio State Buckeyes, the Ohio University Bobcats and Marshall University are among the most popular college teams, but high school sports reign supreme.

Many eastern residents root hard for the Fairland Dragons and the Chesapeake Panthers. In the center part of the county, the South Point Pointers bark the loudest. In the rural areas, the Symmes Valley Vikings and the Rock Hill Redmen dominate the hills. The Coal Grove Hornets have quite a sting and the Ironton Fighting Tigers roar in the city. St. Joseph may be a small Catholic school but the Flyers' fans are faithful and dedicated.

On a professional level, Ironton once had its own semi-pro football team, The Tanks. Now, fans of nearly all professional sports teams can be found cheering their clubs on.

One of its biggest attractions each year is the Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. Thousands of hoops fans line the streets one summer weekend each year to watch the on-court action.

Youth sports are a big part of our communities and no activity is growing as quickly as the Eastern Lawrence County Youth Soccer Association. More than 300 children take to the fields each year to learn the fundamentals, get some exercise and, perhaps most importantly, have some fun. The Ohio University Southern Foundation has teamed up to provide two permanent soccer fields on the OU Proctorville Center campus in Rome Township.



WHO'S WHO OF LAWRENCE COUNTY



JOE MCSWEENEY

Where you live: South Point

Job title: Business owner

Community involvement: Member Solida Missionary Baptist Church, South Point Masonic Lodge, El Hasa Shrine, Shriner's Hospital for Children

What's the best part about your job? Being able to have a positive impact upon the community and the employees of the company.

What makes a business successful in this area? The geographical location in relationship to the various industries that are close to us such as the mining, chemical, steel, and transportation industries.

Why should a business locate in Lawrence County? The county has tax rates, infrastructure, educational opportunities, and is centrally located with a good workforce all of which would make Lawrence County a good location for business.

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In a festive mood

Summer months and warm weather put Lawrence Countians in a festive mood and there are several community festivals to satisfy the local appetite and attract visitors.

The weekend before Independence Day, the village of Coal Grove hosts its Family Fun Days at Paul Porter Park. Concerts, contests and a fireworks extravaganza are always on the itinerary.

In August, Ironton rolls out the welcome mat for motorcycle enthusiasts. The annual Rally on the River draws an estimated crowd of 10,000 people and turns Iron Town into Cycle Town, if only for a weekend.

Chesapeake hosts an annual Octoberfest each fall. The Ironton Lions Club hosts the Haunted Tunnel in October too. Visitors are told of a fictional bus wreck years ago and how the spirits of those killed that frightful night still walk through the tunnel where they lost their lives. The event draws thousands of thrill seekers in search of a good scare and, in so doing, a good time.

Eastern Lawrence County hosts the frights of a Halloween Corn Maze each year off of State Route 775. Ironton also hosts a safe trick or treat event during the week before Halloween and a Halloween parade.

Holiday cheer

If Coal Grove sizzles each July for its Family Fun Days, it literally sparkles each December when the lights are lit at Paul Porter Park. The village's community park is turned into a winter show place, with thousands of holiday lights, ornaments and displays.

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Ironton, Coal Grove and Chesapeake kick off the holiday season with Christmas parades in early December.



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Music of the Hills

Lawrence Countians love to entertain and love to be entertained. Two festivals each year cater to music lovers. The Appalachian Uprising bluegrass festival is in early June on the Cielec farm in Scottown. Be warned ahead of time: this is no ordinary music concert. It is a three-day immersion into bluegrass music, bluegrass culture and, in true Lawrence County tradition, Appalachian hospitality.

Appalachian Uprising brings in such top-drawer, nationally known talent as Sam Bush and w Melvin Goins and Windy Mountain. It also allows regional artists to perform before a huge audience — the weekend event draws an estimated crowd of 3,000 annually and they come from all over the country. The Appalachian Uprising is quickly becoming a Mecca to bluegrass enthusiasts.

But there is more than music at the Appalachian Uprising. Dozens of vendors sell everything from their photography to blankets to wearable art. And wafting through the valley for one entire weekend is the aroma of freshly made food, cooked out of doors, served out of doors and eaten with old friends and some new ones.

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Market strong for all tastes

Homes range from historic to luxury

When it comes to owning your own home, the options in Lawrence County run from modern to historic, and mansion to bungalow. And there are plans for more housing complexes on tap over the next few years.

Homeownership is an important component to life in Lawrence County. The last Census reports that almost 75 percent of those living here own their own home. The median value of those homes is \$69,400, compared to the state of Ohio median value of \$103,000. Real estate values on average in the county run the gamut from \$60,000 to more than one million dollars.

Eastern boom

On the eastern end of the county over the past decade, there has been

a significant housing boom with two significant upscale residential single-family housing developments and the prospect of more on the way.

Many looking to turn these houses into homes are affluent professionals who work across the Ohio River in Huntington, W.Va. They include doctors, bankers, and professors at Marshall University. Currently, the developments of Applewood and Roman Harbor, outside the village of Proctorville in Rome Township, boast one and two-story homes with an average price tag of \$400,000 to \$500,000.

Nearby in Union Township the significant increase of population in that rural community has meant more housing dotting the landscape with one, two and tri-level masonry houses on large lots, the favored option.

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What are the strengths of Lawrence County? An available workforce and I think all organizations is like the LEDC, the port authority and the chamber all combining to work together is a strength.

Why should a business move to Lawrence County? The Point industrial park is certainly a reason. And the fact the commissioners and the LEDC and chamber all work together very well to make it a viable place to locate, all working together in tandem.

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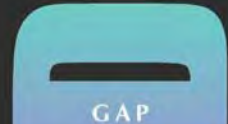
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The multi-million dollar project will feature luxury condos with a view of the river and the 31st Street Bridge, an assisted living facility and lakeside cottages. The target market focuses on retirees looking for an upscale living environment. Also on tap will be a marina, medical offices and retail and professional facilities, all coming together to make Lawrence County one of the premier options for the homeowner.



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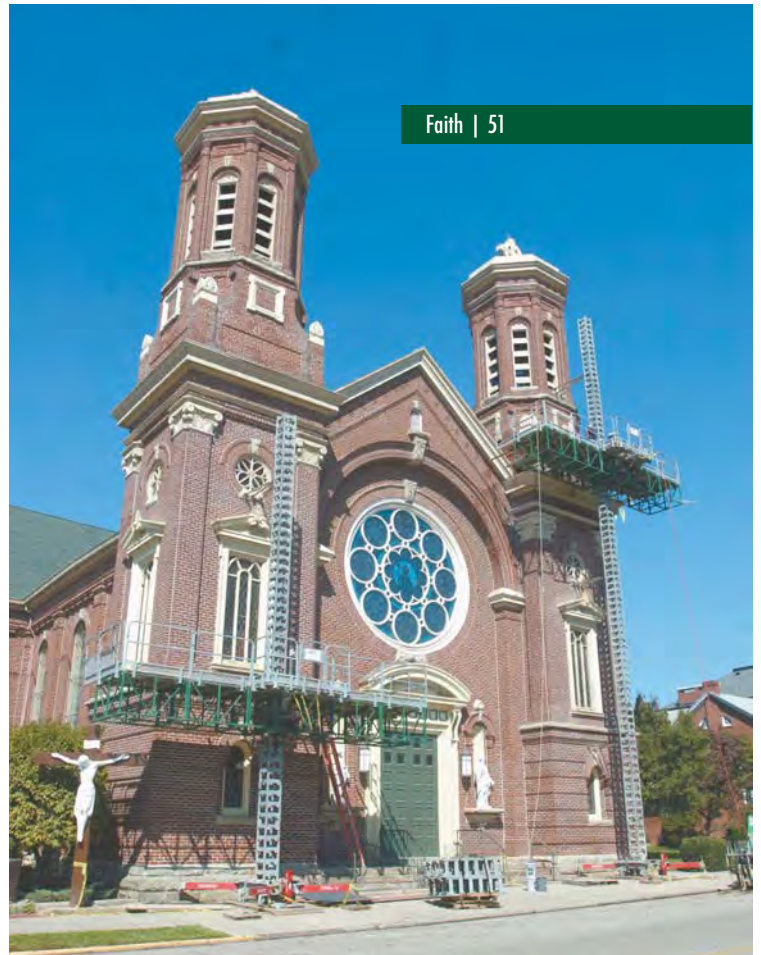
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Tell the congregation

Faith central to community

Since the county's inception in the 19th Century, the church has been the backbone of the Lawrence County community.

In the days of the pig iron furnaces, the workers of the small communities who grew up around each furnace always made sure there was a house of worship. That strong sense of faith and need to worship God remains today.

Decades of faith

Historic places of worship dot the landscape of downtown Ironton each featuring architectural details worthy of a place on the National Register.

Every major denomination is represented in the downtown churches, all within a block of each other near the county's courthouse.

One of the oldest is St. Lawrence O'Toole Roman Catholic Church.

Founded by the Irish immigrants who made Ironton their home, this cathedral-style edifice is marked with intricate archwork accented with white and light blue shadings.

The congregation of Christ Episcopal Church dates back to just before the Civil War and the current house of worship was built two decades later.

Prominent in the sanctuary is a stained glass mural behind the altar

detailing a scene from the life of Christ.

On the opposite side is the narthex, revealing another massive glass mural of children meeting Jesus. The dark, hand-carved ornamental pieces show the symbols of faith.

While steeped in the history of the county and their congregations, these churches still remain active in the community whether it's the food pantry operated by First United Methodist Church in Ironton or the activity center recently built by the nearby First Baptist Church.

Supersized worship

These churches are just a sampling of the houses of worship the county boasts. Two megachurches that offer ministries for the whole family are located in the eastern part of Lawrence County.

First Baptist of Proctorville started out in a white frame New Englandesque edifice in 1911. Today it is a sprawling complex that has programs from its Awana youth to the Salt and Light fellowship ministry for its senior citizens.

A similar story can be found in the history of the Rome Church of Christ that began in a tent meeting.

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In the heart of it all

County, Tri-State offers lots of dining and shopping

Shopping and dining within Lawrence County can be both an enjoyable and educational experience at the same time. With tastes to satisfy any palate, Lawrence County offers a wide-variety of dining and shopping options.

Downtown Ironton has two of the county's most respected dining establishments with Melini Cucina Italian Ristorante and Toro Loco Mexican Cantina.

Sports fan wanting to watch the game while enjoying great food or fun can try Buffalo Wild Wings at the Ironton Hills Plaza or The End Zone on North Second Street.

Casual dining ranges from the home-style cooking of Peddler's in Ironton to the family-owned Snak Shak in South Point to a variety of theme restaurants scattered across both sides of the county.

Mexican flavor is well represented. In addition to Toro Loco, there is Casa Grande in South Point and Little Tenampa in Proctorville.

Nearly every fast food restaurant has made Lawrence County its destination serving items such as burgers, fish, chicken, pizza, Mexican food and for dessert, lots of ice cream. Most of these restaurants are locally owned.





Where to stay

With the newly opened Comfort Suites at Sybese, just off U.S. 52 in the heart of the Chesapeake shopping area, business visitors have the opportunity for comfortable, upscale accommodations while they're in the Tri-State. Comfort Suites features 61 suites on three floors, with three having built-in jacuzzis. On the first floor is a swimming pool and an adjoining exercise room. Wireless and wired Internet connections make it an excellent choice for business travel.

Nearby are two establishments that offer a more informal home away from home — The Grandview Inn and the Country Hearth Inn, both in South Point, near The Point industrial park. The multi-story facilities offer a variety of room choices for visitors to the county.





On a shopping spree

Shoppers will find a variety of options in Lawrence County and the surrounding Tri-State where every taste and pocketbook can find satisfaction. Bargain hunters can try their luck at the national discount houses of Walmart and Sam's Club located in the mega plaza in South Point. Or they may check out a second Walmart location in nearby Ashland, Ky., across the Ohio River.

Downtown Ironton offers specialty shopping at its best at a variety of stores that include Unger's Shoes, Merle Norman's cosmetics and gifts, and Allyn's Jewelers. Floral-gift shops and locations like The Finishing Touch Gallery in Proctorville, which features home furnishings and accessories, offer a unique experience for the niche shopper. Just across the Ohio River in downtown Huntington, there are a variety of boutiques ranging from Chicos and Village Collection Ltd., with their wide range of upscale women's clothing, to the antiques and collectible shops of Central City, a vintage shopping district.



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The visual arts are alive and well and living in great splendor at the Museum of Art, high atop the city of Huntington. There, permanent collections of fine Georgian silver mix with portraits by Joshua Reynolds and his compatriots. Tiffany and Steuben glass fill a special gallery next to 18th century weaponry and Islamic mosaics.

The gourmet diner can satisfy your appetite at a number of upscale restaurants in the Tri-State, from Rocco's, an authentic Italian bistro, to Savannah's, known for its specialty cooking and award-winning wine cellars. Both establishments are in Huntington. Sports fans can find a satisfying and hearty meal while taking in the memorabilia-infused ambience of the Marshall University Hall of Fame Café, also in Huntington.



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Community leaders drive county forward



STEPHANIE BURCHAM

Job: Director of Ohio University Proctorville Center:

A graduate of Chesapeake High School, a bachelor of science in journalism with emphasis on public relations and working on her master's degree. Former assistant director of the Pickerington Center of OU, coordinated the fledgling Eastern Lawrence County Center that became the Proctorville Center.

What are the strengths of Lawrence County?

It's the people. I think the people are clearly one of the most valuable assets. It is their character, their creativity, the overall attitude that they want to make Lawrence County a better place. I find it very rewarding to interact with people who are thinking out of the box to

provide a better environment.

Why should a business move to Lawrence County?

I think it's the culture they would be moving into. If they are looking for people who are hard-working, committed, resourceful they are not going to find a better location than Lawrence County. There is a creativity and openness that is demonstrated with the LEDC and the staff in general. People are actively working to change the environment that is business friendly. We are very welcoming with support systems in place to make it a positive experience. The Point is indicative of that.

What do you like about what you do?

I love working at Ohio University. It is long hours but it is so rewarding. I feel like here we change lives. When you see someone come in who is hungry to change their lives and willing to make that investment, to assist them and see their lives changed.



GORDON WATERS

Where do you live?: Rome Township
Title: General Manager of Armstrong Utilities

Community involvement: Lawrence Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors, Huntington

Rotarian Member, Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, Member of St. Joseph Catholic Church

What do you like most about your job? Very challenging and no two days are exactly alike. I also enjoy working with some of the finest, most dedicated and professional employees I have ever had the opportunity to be associated with. They truly care about outstanding customer service and it shows in the quality and reliability of our cable communication services.

What makes a business successful in Lawrence County?

Truly caring about and helping the people you are serving. Providing a high quality product or service is also extremely important.

Why should businesses locate to Lawrence County?

There is tremendous growth opportunity in this area given the location. Lawrence County, and the surrounding area, have the benefit of the most diverse shipping infrastructure for an inland community with access to three methods of transportation: rail, river and over-the-road trucking. For a large business or industry, this can have a huge impact on business profitability. For smaller businesses there is tremendous opportunity to support the larger business or to provide services for a growing community. There is a high quality work ethic in this and the surrounding area, which is beneficial to businesses starting up or relocating here.



RALPH KLINE

Where do you live? Franklin Furnace

Job: Assistant Executive Director, Development and

Planning, Ironton-Lawrence County Community Action Organization. As part of my job, I have the ability to work with elected officials and development organizations within Lawrence County and the Tri-State. The primary areas of work here at the CAO are housing, community development, economic development, transportation, solid waste/recycling, and senior services. In addition, I am involved with facility and program development in other service areas of the agency

Community involvement: I volunteer with and support numerous community organizations such as the Friends of Ironton and Ironton In Bloom. I am a

member of St. Mary's Church, Pine Grove, and currently serve as board president of the Ironton Catholic Schools.

In your professional role, how do you contribute to economic development in Lawrence County?

My job allows me to work side by side with county, city, and Tri-State government, along with local development organizations in the planning, development, and implementation of various community and economic development projects. This also includes industrial site and facility development, commercial, downtown, and neighborhood redevelopment projects. In addition, I perform work in conjunction with other organizations in developing financing strategies, administering business loan pools and business incentive programs for state, regional, and local government.

What's the best part about your job?

With geography and economics as my education background, and planning as my profession, my job allows me to become involved with projects from their inception to physical completion. This includes not only planning and design for community projects, but developing strategies for financing, and seeing projects constructed and operated within the community. Perhaps the most fulfilling part of my job is seeing people once again taking pride in their community and many of the younger generations making it their community of choice to raise their families.

What are your goals for county in the future?

When I began my job with the CAO over 30 years ago, I remember the former executive director stating to me, "If you want to help a hungry person, give them a place and teach them how to fish. They won't go hungry again." I have carried that philosophy over the past 30 years. In order to address poverty and problems for families in the

community that I love, the number one thing that I think I can do is to create job opportunities and hopefully skills for our Lawrence County residents. If they can get a good family wage, then they can feed their families, have health care, have decent housing, and a good life. There are of course a lot of obstacles that stand in the way of achieving this goal — over and above working with businesses to create those jobs. However, there are a lot of bright, dedicated community leaders and giving people that share this goal, and they are not afraid to join hands to come together in various partnerships to come up with some unique ways of addressing many of those obstacles. With all these folks joining together, our community has been placed upon the state and national map once again. My goal is to work hard and make available the opportunities and amenities within the community so that I, my family, friends, and neighbors want to live here.



PAUL HERRELL

Job: Lawrence County Commissioner

As a multi-generation family farmer with more than 600 acres in Aid Township, Paul Herrell has seen first-hand how Lawrence

County stands out from others across Ohio and the entire country. His role as a county commissioner allows him to share that passion with others and promote economic growth.

What is Lawrence County's biggest strength? It is our people. They work. Our biggest strength is absolutely our workforce.

What makes living here so special? I just love it.

I don't want to live anywhere else and I have lived about everywhere. Lawrence County stands on its own. You are either in or you are out. It is an ideal place to family.

Why should a business consider locating here?

We are ready. When businesses want to come in, we see that they get what they need and what they deserve. We will give all the help we can. I guarantee it.



RICH BLANKENSHIP

Job: Mayor, City of Ironton

Where do you live: Ironton Community

involvement: Assist Civic Clubs & Organizations, Beautification Day, Chairman Ro-Na Restoration Project, Co Chairman Sharon Baptist Church, Member

What makes a business successful here:

The City of Ironton provides a number of resources to help stimulate economic growth. The Ironton Port Authority lends help to potential businesses through job creation and retention. Ironton provides small business support through the Small Business Development Center at the Greater Area Chamber of Commerce. The Lawrence County CAO lends support to businesses by providing State of Ohio

tax incentives for new businesses. The Work Force Development Resource Center provides services to businesses looking for skill sets necessary for their organization. Becoming involved with local civic clubs and organizations helps businesses become successful in Ironton. When you support your community, your community will support you.

Why should a business locate here:

The City of Ironton recently invested in new infrastructure repairs to help provide the community with a firm foundation! We have also invested in a new million dollar water tank to provide safe drinking water for our local residents. In order to provide a more quality sewer system, we have relined sixty miles of city sewer lines. The City of Ironton provides its residents/merchants with a state of the art fire department as well as quality police services. Ironton not only offers state of the art facilities for education from

K-12, it offers an accredited higher learning facility which provides our community with an educated work force.

What are your goals for Ironton:

My goal for the City of Ironton is to establish a more positive attitude concerning our community. We have many assets such as our river, national forest, our safe neighborhoods and the number of civic clubs and organizations that are overlooked. When we focus on the assets that we have and build upon them, we will continue our mission of moving Ironton forward. I would like to continue our efforts to provide quality infrastructure improvements throughout the entire city. Our residents deserve quality services and I intend to provide them. With an increased interest in modern housing, my goal is to provide more quality housing for the residents of Ironton. I want to see upscale apartments in our downtown community, as well as more modern subdivisions in our general

neighborhoods. Ironton is a safe place to raise a family or operate a business. My goal is to continue providing quality police services through more specialized training for officer's, upgrade equipment and promote neighborhood watch programs. A safe community is an excellent economic development tool.

Economic development: With economic development being the number one topic nationwide, my goal for the City of Ironton is to market Ironton's current assets. My intent is to strongly market the number of available industrial properties along South Third Street, promote continued downtown revitalization, continued development of the riverfront and ensure the efforts to rehab the Ro-Na Arts & Activity Center comes to fruition. I will continue to work with the number of organizations dedicated to bringing tourism dollars to Ironton.



LES BOGGS

Job: Lawrence County Commissioner

Graduate of Dawson-Bryant schools, has degree in nursing from University of New York, RN, is a registered respiratory

therapist from California College of Health Science, is a pediatric neonatal respiratory care specialist and has a master's degree in theology from Andersonville Baptist Seminary. He was director of respiratory care at River Valley Health System, owner and operator Accent Health Care Inc., elected Lawrence County Clerk

of Courts from 2004-2008. He was elected in 2008 Lawrence County Commissioner.

What are the strengths of Lawrence County?

The strengths of Lawrence County are that we have a good labor force, we have all means of transportation, highway, rail and river, and in Lawrence County you have leaders who are proactive in retaining and recruiting business.

Why should a business move to Lawrence

County? I think the property taxes are pretty close to bottom — the cheapest of all 88 counties. There is a labor force that is affordable for most business.

What do you like about what you do? I have always been a people person. A commissioner deals

with a whole variety of conditions and concerns. I believe in meeting those head on and taking care of those situations. I feel I am a full-time commissioner. I believe the county is in better financial shape than it has been in 15 years.

That didn't happen by accident. It took some tough decisions but we were willing to step up to the plate and make those decisions. Every family has to live within their means. I have enjoyed the challenge of making government live within its means. I feel we have a strong Lawrence Economic Development Corp. Ironton Port Authority and chamber of commerce I feel we have been able to work with them extremely well.



BILL PRATT

Job: Lawrence County Commissioner

A graduate of Chesapeake High School and Ohio

State University with a bachelor's of science degree in dairy science. After college he returned to Lawrence

County to run the family farm. Is a fourth generation dairy farmer and a sixth generation farmer. The farm is an independent dairy farm producing 91,000 gallons of milk a year.

What are the strengths of Lawrence

County? I think the people are the strength of Lawrence County and the history that we have here. Lawrence Countians have a good work ethic. It is an educated and skilled workforce.

Why should a business move to Lawrence County? I think Lawrence County is a good place because we have a tremendous amount of infrastructure. We have good highways, river and rail. We have a good workforce and low taxes. The Point is one of the premier industrial parks in the state of Ohio. There is a lot of opportunity for business.

What do you like about what you do? The part I like best in the

commission is I get to be involved in the decision-making of the county. That gives me the opportunity to help others. It allows me to have a key role in the future of the county. To make it a better place. As a dairy farmer that gives me a chance to be by myself and make personal decisions without any other influence. I am independent. I like working outside and working with animals.

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