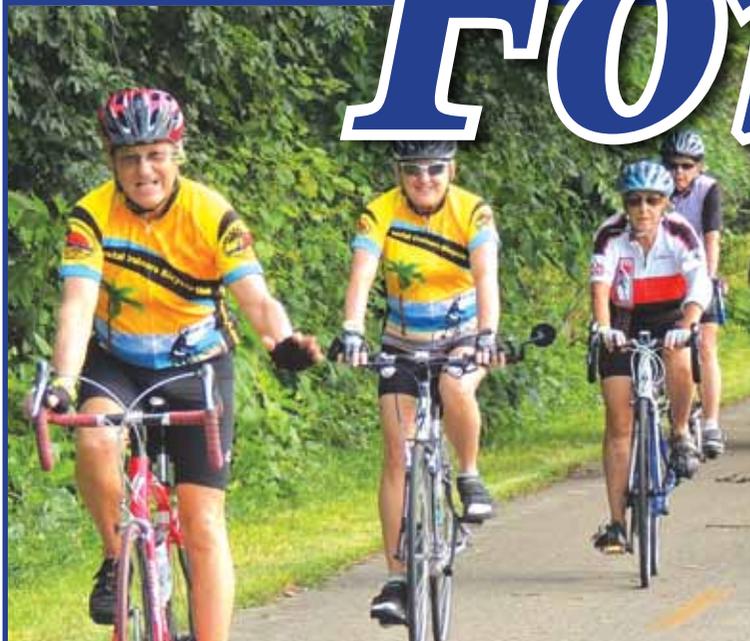




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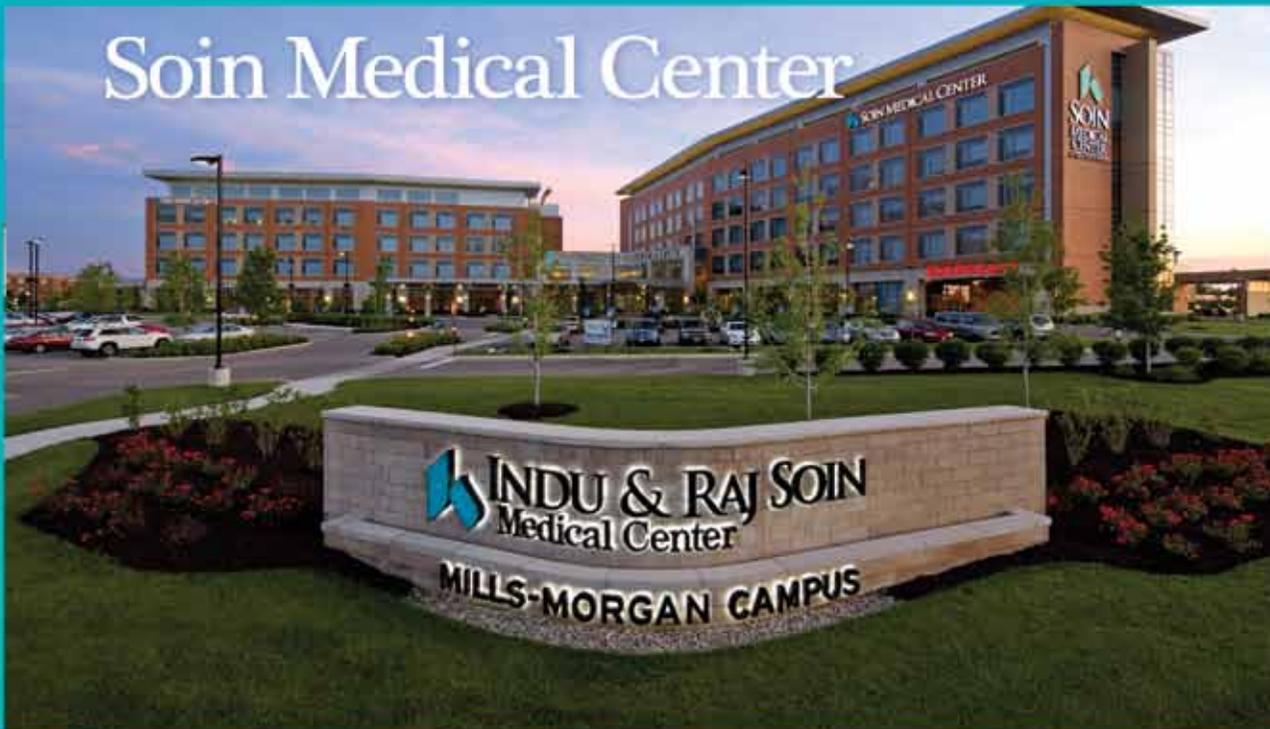
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In 2015 and 2016, the city had plans for six construction projects, including widening Grange Hall Road and North Fairfield Road.

# Beavercreek city, schools expect more growth

By Anna Bolton

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BEAVERCREEK — The City of Beavercreek is growing — but local leaders say the most development is yet to come.

One way the city proves its progress over the last two years is in its expansive list of capital road construction projects.

In 2015 and 2016, the city had plans for six construction projects, including widening Grange Hall Road and North Fairfield Road, enhancing the streetscape of Dayton-Xenia Road at Grange Hall Road intersection, reconstructing existing traffic signals, completing Park Overlook Drive, and working on the turn lanes, sidewalk and traffic signal at Grange Hall Road at Shakertown Road.

One year ago, in the March election, Beavercreek voters approved a levy renewal and increase to maintain road maintenance and services for signs, traffic signals,

resurfacing, and weather-related needs.

Five more projects are in the works for 2017 and 2018, including widening Dayton-Xenia Road, Indian Ripple Road and National Road, as well as a Grange Hall Road bikeway project and lighting and landscaping enhancements set for Dayton-Xenia Road.

“[These are] positive improvements,” Beavercreek City Manager Pete Landrum said. “The city is following through with what the residents were promised in the street and park levies that were passed.”

Landrum says that the growth of the city will continue with more capital road projects and park projects, referring to projects that span from the current year to 2020. Projects to begin in 2020 include the widening of Dayton-Xenia Road and Kemp Road and the relocation and extension of Shakertown Road to Factory Road.

Although Landrum, a brand new

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## Beavercreek

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resident of Beavercreek, is only three months into his job, he's been busy, particularly in establishing relationships with community members.

"My first few months have been great, [I'm] learning and meeting many residents, people, groups and organizations," he said.

Another new Beavercreek resident is getting to know the community, too.

"It's been great. I have enjoyed getting to know the community, meeting the staff. We have an outstanding staff in the district," Beavercreek City Schools Superintendent Paul Otten said.

Otten said that the growth of the city is one of the biggest things on his radar.

The road projects don't directly affect the schools financially, he said, but they do impact transportation and might change the bus routes to school.

"Hopefully it'll help us in the long run," he added.

Looking ahead to other areas of growth, the new superintendent referred

to the development of Fairfield and the number of subdivisions and houses popping up around the city.

"It is evident the community is poised to start growing. It's already growing, but, [I expect] it to grow leaps and bounds in the near future," he said.

"The concern is," he continued, "we want to make sure we are offering what our students and our community need. We are preparing for the future."

One way the schools are preparing for the future is by offering a strategic planning program with the community. The program will begin next school year, allowing school leaders to reach out to the district to focus on academics, facilities, and other areas of importance.

Otten said he's focusing not just on planning for the future, but on always being responsive.

"We have to be responsive to what next year brings," he said, noting that the six elementaries in the district are pretty crowded right now. "Growth is always a challenge — how you handle it and respond to it."

When student numbers rise, staff has



The recent construction of the new middle and elementary schools on Trebin have added to the communities growth.

to grow, too.

"It's a service-oriented job. You do that through people," he said.

Otten spoke of his students and their families, many of which, he said, are military or involved with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB).

"Wright-Patt is a major player in the school district," he said, explaining also that the school receives federal funds for students of military families.

While some families are stationed in the area for a short amount of time, Otten said he has watched the teaching and support staff welcome the students

in and support them through their time there.

"We are very blessed to have Wright-Patt in our backyard. It's a great setting for families ... It is critically important to our success."

The city manager, too, expressed the importance of the nearby base.

"Beavercreek has a great relationship with WPAFB, as well as all surrounding cities. WPAFB is very important to Beavercreek and the region and we pay specific attention to things that could impact WPAFB," he said.

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# Twist continues to grow

By Brian Evans  
Greene County News

XENIA & JAMESTOWN – With more than 300 employees at eight facilities in Jamestown and Xenia, growth has become a common theme across the past few decades at Twist Incorporated.

The past couple years, a company official said, are no exception.

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the United States with a combined half million square feet of combined space.

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Twist’s president is Joe Wright, and vice president is Mike Given.

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# Xenia: Revitalizing and rejuvenating

By Scott Halasz  
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XENIA — The City of Xenia is ready to embrace the winds of change.

While it still wants to maintain its small-town charm and values, city leaders want to usher in new opportunities to create an even-better quality of life for their citizens.

“We are trying to change the perception of Xenia from that ‘poor city that had the big tornado’ to a ‘premier family community with abundant opportunity,’ City Manager Brent Merriman said. “As we look back on 2016 and move forward in 2017, this focus is prevalent.”

Many new projects are underway and others are expected to begin or take on a better shape in the near future.

In September 2016, ground was broken for a new \$6 million Hampton Inn and Suites on South Progress Drive.

Expected to be completed November 2017, the four-story hotel will have 88 rooms, an indoor pool, fitness center and business center meeting space.

In exchange for receiving a tax abatement, the developer agreed to create eight full-time and 12 part-time jobs with an expected payroll of \$300,000 annually.

The hotel is expected to spur additional retail development in that area.

Retail development is expected to balloon in downtown Xenia as well. The old Kmart building in Towne Square is gone and in its place, developer Brandi-corp is expected to construct several buildings with a mix of retail and restaurants

“the city has continued our ED 360 program, a collection of efforts designed to address our business com-

munity needs by removing impediments and incentivizing new investments for business expansion and job growth,” Merriman said. “We believe these efforts are truly beginning to pay off.”

Embracing the winds of change hasn't been limited to retail.

Around \$3.6 million will be spent on the city's roads including \$350,000 on street repaving. Through various grants, the city is spending less than \$1 million on the projects.

Xenia will continue to work with consultant Retail Coach to help bring new opportunities to town, while industrially, the county-owned OVCH Industrial Park on Union Road has been site-certified by Dayton Power and Light, meaning it is construction ready.

Plans are moving forward for the REACH Center of Greene County, a collaboration of six regional partners, including the city and the Xenia Adult Recreation and Services Center. Once completed on Progress Drive, it is expected to retain and add up to 165 full- and part-time jobs in Xenia.

Ryan Homes has developed the Villages of Sterling Green off Bellbrook Avenue.

“Overall, the city is seeing increasing interest from industrial and retail prospects,” Merriman said. “In 2017, we are focused on continuing to expand services and improve the marketing of Xenia to attract new job creation opportunities. City leaders feel that we can grow and advance economically and yet still retain the quaintness and community values that make Xenia a special place. We'll continue to focus on families and economic opportunities in the coming year.”

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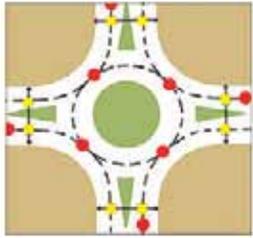
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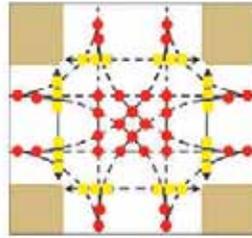
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# Roundabout to help traffic flow

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FAIRBORN — The City of Fairborn is aiming to construct and implement a roundabout intersection in the coming years at Col. Glenn Highway and Kauffman Avenue as part of its long-term road work plans.

“There’s over 5,000 roundabouts that have been installed in the U.S. since 1990, so there’s been a lot of testing and [available] data on them,” Fairborn City Engineer Don O’Connor said. “That’s why we feel so confident moving forward with this solution in Fairborn —

it’s been tested all over the country and they work all over the country.”

City officials are expecting push-back from citizens on this project. Thus, [www.fairbornroundabout.com](http://www.fairbornroundabout.com), a website aimed to provide data and answer citizens questions about such project, was created. Information directed at keeping citizens abreast of the current happenings in the project as well as answering additional questions that may surface in the future are expected to be posted on the website as the development of the roundabout moves forward.

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The roundabout is to be installed at Col. Glenn Highway and Kauffman Avenue.

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## Roundabout

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According to the website, roundabouts reduce the amount of collisions by 37 percent; decrease the amount of pedestrian crashes by 40 percent; subtract injury collisions by 75 percent and lessen the amount of fatalities by 90 percent. The current intersection at Col. Glenn Highway and Kauffman Avenue is the fifth most dangerous intersection crash area in the city, the website said.

“One of the reasons why [roundabouts reduce collisions] is there’s less conflict points where you cross other vehicle’s paths. It’s not as frequent with pedestrians also,” O’Connor said. “People also have to slow down to drive around the roundabout, so the high-speed collisions are reduced. Efficiency, also, because you don’t have to stop at a roundabout if there’s no other traffic.”

The website lists rear-end crashes as an issue at the intersection as well, crediting the skewed angle in which

Col. Glenn and Kauffman meet, giving more allowance to the speed that drivers turn from Col. Glenn onto Kauffman while creating less visibility of oncoming traffic. The skewed angle at the intersection also creates a possibility for “T-bone” crashes to take place more often as well, according to the website.

O’Connor said installing a roundabout in that area will allow the city to take on not only the safety and efficiency issues it currently experiences there, but solve traffic signal maintenance calls as well.

It is currently expected to cost \$820,000 with \$336,694 being covered by federal grant money provided by the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission.

Council approved the design contract for the roundabout project at a recent regular meeting, allowing the current focus to stay on creating a detailed design. Construction is expected to start in spring 2019, while the project faces the possibility of completion by winter 2019.

O’Connor is aiming to involve citizens throughout the project. A public

meeting highlighting the design process is slated to take place in the fall months, followed by a public meeting to focus on the completed design by spring 2018.

“We want this process to be as open as possible and get as much feedback as possible,” O’Connor said. “We know it’s new, so we really are making an effort to reach out to the public to get feedback and to educate them and hopefully bring them along with us in this process so they feel comfortable.”

### Traffic pattern study

Ohio Street, South Street and Greene Street have been limited to right-turns only onto Broad Street since Jan. 23 and will be implemented for 90 days since the start of a traffic study. The expected completion date set for April 23. The results will be used to determine a long-term solution in reducing the amount of traffic travelling down residential neighborhoods.

The differing traffic pattern resulted in a 28 percent reduction in neighborhood traffic as of day 30 of the study. That percentage was determined by

calculating the amount of traffic that travelled through those four areas of concern before the study started compared to counting cars in the same areas once again 30 days into the experiment. The temporary barricades are meant to mimic a possible permanent solution, it is too early to determine a resolution that will stand the test of time. City officials must complete cost estimating, which will provide insight into the funding of such project — the who and how the dollars will come to fruition and possibly putting a halt on the project altogether.

“The schedule for any permanent fix is unclear at this point,” O’Connor said. “Typically ... capitol improvement projects [are] planned, most of the time, years in advance. At the least, it’s a year time-frame to identify a budget, get the plans together and get the construction done. Residents shouldn’t expect something to be changed permanently in the next few months. It’s likely going to be awhile before we can get something permanent on the ground.”

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# Hillside family growing and changing

By Anna Bolton

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XENIA — The Hillside Assisted Living building, located at 130 and 140 Rogers St. is rich in local history.

It was first used as the site for McClellan Hospital before Greene Memorial was built, and became the home of Medical Associates building.

The current owners, Jim and Marylou Preston, were hired as a Cedarville couple to run the eight resident retirement home and moved into the attached manager's apartment with their two young daughters in 1985.

Living on-site led the Prestons to create a homelike atmosphere treating both residents and staff like family. When the Hendrickson and Schmitt families were willing to sell, the Prestons were offered the opportunity to buy the assisted living business in 1991, and later the building



and property in 1996.

Over the years, they have grown Hillside into a thriving residential care community licensed for up to 35 beds with contracts from both Medicaid and the

Veterans Administration.

The past two years have seen numerous updates including a new management and care team that have led the way in increasing activities and overall

resident satisfaction.

To assist residents financially, Hillside offers all-inclusive rates, no community fee, and no private pay waiting period for Medicaid Waivers. Residents enjoy private rooms, home cooked meals, 24 hour staffing and on-call nursing, activities, transportation, financial and medication management, as well as personal care, laundry, and housekeeping services.

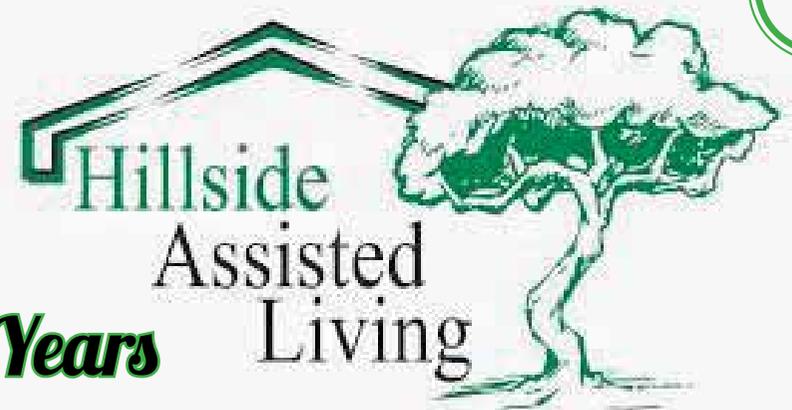
Recently Mr. Preston was recognized by the Ohio Assisted Living Association this past September as the 2016 Administrator of the Year Award.

The administration always loves the opportunity to speak with the community, whether providers or potential residents, and invite anyone interested to call 937-376-2691 to schedule a tour, or go to [welcometohillside.com](http://welcometohillside.com) for more information.

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# Five years since Soin's opening

BEAVERCREEK — Indu and Raj Soin Medical Center has grown in square footage, floors, staff, beds and in patients in its first five years.

Soin Medical Center and Greene Memorial Hospital President Rick Dodds says the community and staff have embraced the young hospital.

“Over the last five years, we’ve focused on developing a solid team. We’re continuing to grow, we have a great heritage at Soin Medical Center and Kettering Health Network, and we’re adding a presence out here,” Dodds said.

Located off Interstate 675 and US Route 35 in Beavercreek, Soin serves Greene, western Clark, eastern Montgomery and Miami counties, including nearby areas that are continually developing, like Wright Patterson Airforce Base and Wright State University.

The hotel-style hospital opened its



Soin Medical Center opened to patients on Feb. 22, 2012. The hospital, located in Beavercreek next to The Mall at Fairfield Commons, has experienced tremendous growth in the last five years.

doors in February 2012 as a 70-bed, 5-story, 276,000-square-foot facility. During its construction, two patient floors — the fourth and fifth — were set aside for future expansion.

Soin completed its fourth floor in 2013 to make room for surgical services, add-

ing another 32 beds.

In 2014, the hospital announced an \$8.2 million project to add 22,000 square feet and 12 beds to its emergency department, completing the expansion in June 2015.

“We have the second busiest Emergency Room in Kettering Health Network,” Dodds said. “That speaks for the need in the community.”

The same year, Soin announced another upcoming expansion — this time a \$10 million project to complete its fifth and final floor, adding 30 private rooms and beds, along with additional therapy space for joint, spine, hernia, and cardiac program patients. This expansion, which opened in January 2016, was expected to create up to 80 new jobs.

Along with the increased space and beds, Soin has also seen an addition of multiple advanced services.

Dodds highlighted a few life-saving advances the hospital has made, like the ability to place interventional catheters in cardiac patients.

“This is so important to our community, for those experiencing a heart attack,” he said. “Minutes matter in the situation of a heart attack and this can potentially save a life.”

Again, Dodds asserted, “minutes matter,” when referring to the advancements of the Primary Stroke Center and the emergency department.

The hospital’s Cancer Center also continues to grow, and the Hernia Center is attracting patients from across the region, he said.

Soin Medical Center and Greene Memorial Hospital serve Greene County and work together to provide medical services to area residents. They are part of Kettering Health Network.

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# 60 years of serving Greene County

XENIA — Peterson & Peterson, LLC, a general practice law firm, has served the residents of Greene County and surrounding area for nearly 60 years.

The firm was established in 1950 by John G. Peterson, who was joined in 1955 by his brother, Marshall E. Peterson. Both men were former Greene County prosecutors and presidents of the Greene County Bar Association. David S. Peterson, the son of Marshall Peterson, joined the firm in 1984.

In addition to David Peterson, the firm now consists of attorneys Justin C. Nidiffer, John M. Leahy, and Thomas

W. Simms and a team of three secretaries and administrative personnel who work together to provide expert legal services for the firm's clients. Peterson & Peterson has a high regard for its clients and works together to exceed their expectations in every case possible.

Peterson & Peterson serves its clients with a variety of services, including personal injury/wrongful death, worker's compensation, felony and misdemeanor defense, adoption, divorce, DUI and other traffic cases, and civil matters including contract review and preparation and collections. The firm also provides probate and real estate

services, including wills and living trusts, estates, deeds/mortgages, estate planning evictions and foreclosure representation.

"We deal with a wide variety of cases," said Peterson. "The thing that is most important to us at Peterson & Peterson is that we pride ourselves on integrity and honesty. We like to give direct answers to direct questions, and if a client's matter is something we can't help with we'll refer them to the right person who can help."

"We'll see the case through to the end and get the best possible result," he added.

Peterson & Peterson was located originally on North Detroit Street in Xenia. In 2000 the firm constructed a new building at 87 S. Progress Drive. The firm and its employees are active in both professional organizations and civic affairs. David Peterson is a former president of the Greene County Bar Association and Miami Valley Trial Lawyers Association.

For additional information about Peterson & Peterson, LLC, Attorneys at Law, check their website at [www.dpetersonlaw.com](http://www.dpetersonlaw.com).

Story courtesy of Peterson & Peterson Attorneys at Law LLC.

## Counselors provided to new students

By Whitney Vickers

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FAIRBORN — Fairborn City Schools is a next door neighbor to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, sending a number of new students in military families to the district each year. While Superintendent Mark North said he has observed students going out of their way to welcome new individuals to the FCS community, outside entities still offer support to

those military families by providing counselors.

North added that having students attend FCS for a short period of time before moving once again is part of the district's culture, creating an environment in which students are more accepting of new individuals coming into their classrooms. While Wright-Patterson Air Force Base's proximity impacts the amount of new students the district sees each year, North said it does not impact decisions made by the FCS Board of

Education.

"Students do a good job of making new students feel welcome," North said. "... Our students focus on taking care of students no matter how long they're here."

The counselors, which are aimed to help students adjust to the movement, were first offered this year by Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. FCS is not the only district families serving WPAFB will choose to send their children as more options are available, but North

said the district gets several just like its neighboring districts.

"Our job is simple," North said. "To provide the best education possible for each kid."

He said he has observed that students who have attended FCS for a number of years are used to seeing new students, adding that his personal experience moving to the district helped him see that first-hand.

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# Growth rate, recognition high for tech company

By Anna Bolton

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**BEAVERCREEK** — A local technology company boasts a growth rate of more than 60 percent per year over the last two years.

Still incorporated in Santa Barbara, Calif., Frontier Technology, Inc. (FTI) recently moved its headquarters to its Beaver creek office.

FTI provides system engineering and Information Technology (IT) services, develops custom software products, and performs research and analysis of technology systems for the Department of Defense (DoD) and the aerospace industry.

The employee-owned business has more than a 30-year history and has steadily evolved from its 1980s focus of primarily serving the air force to today supporting nearly every branch of the DoD. FTI has had an office in Beaver creek since 1987.

President and CEO Ron Shroder manages the company from its Beaver creek location.

“The talents of the FTI employees along with our tremendous success in the Small Business Innovative

Research (SBIR) has enabled FTI to support a broad range of DoD oriented customers with Decision Support Technologies and Services,” Shroder said. “While FTI has supported the DoD for more than 30 years, our recent growth rate — averaging more than 60 percent per year over the last 2 years — has dramatically changed the company.”

During the Greene County annual report to the community in April 2016, FTI was recognized for its achievements and growth. The report showed that FTI was one of 23 companies to receive the 2015 Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Tibbetts Award, presented at a White House Ceremony. The companies were selected for exemplifying the best in innovative research.

“FTI’s technologies can find patterns in data that enable DoD decision makers to make informed decisions that would otherwise not be possible. The foundation of FTI’s recent and future growth is based on its creative technologies combined with the business opportunities inherent in the SBIR Program,” the report reads.

Looking ahead, Shroder, too, expects the company to continue to expand.

“It is clear, that based on recent contract awards, FTI

will grow by at least 40 percent in our fiscal year 2017,” he said. “Three years of aggressive growth means we are even more excited about our technologies, our customer relationships, our existing employees, our future hires and FTI’s overall performance in 2018 and beyond.”

FTI’s staff includes over 125 engineers, programmers, analysts, and support personnel.

But Tom Batty, Director of Corporate Staff Operations, said the headquarters move to Beaver creek may mean more jobs are coming to the area.

“FTI is in a dynamic growth phase that builds on the solid business base of the previous 30-plus years. We believe a portion of that growth will result in our hiring additional employees locally, as well as adding local jobs for our subcontractor trading partners,” he said.

At the time of the announcement that FTI was eyeing a move, Dayton Development Coalition Vice President for Development Julie Sullivan wrote in a release, “This is a tremendous expansion for the Dayton region ... It highlights the fact that our region has much to offer economically for both federal and commercial work.”

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# MacAir reaching new heights

XENIA — MacAir Aviation has been in business for seven years and is going strong.

Activity is buzzing at the Greene County Lewis A. Jackson Regional Airport, with the facility's fixed base operator (FBO), MacAir Aviation and the MacAir Aero Club, topping 6,579 hours of flight in 2016; up from 5,190 hours in 2015. These hours do not include the numerous flights by privately owned aircraft that fly in and out of Greene County Airport.

MacAir Aviation is the private company contracted by the airport to provide flight training, aircraft rentals, aircraft maintenance and other support to local and transient planes. MacAir also provides flight training for the Aeromedical Aviation Laboratory (AAL) and Residency

in Aerospace Medicine (RAM) programs of Wright Patterson Air Force Base. In 2015 MacAir added a Computer Assisted Testing Service (CATS) Testing Center for the convenience of those taking the FAA Airman Knowledge Tests. From May thru December 2015, 30 exams were accomplished; 56 exams in 2016; and 21 exams so far this year with a passing rate of 98 percent.

In 2012 the Wright Patterson Air Force Base Aero Club joined MacAir and since then, the combined MacAir Aero Club has continued to expand, adding 82 new members in 2015 and 112 new members in 2016. The Aero Club is also a Part 141 Flight School providing Private Pilot thru Airline Transport Pilot courses. The Flight

School has been approved for VA benefits. Currently, the Aero Club has 11 aircraft available for rent by Club members and 24 Certificated Flight Instructors (CFI). Two of our CFIs are Cirrus Standardized Instructor Pilots (CSIPs). Two of our Club aircraft are Cirrus SR22 (Avidyne) which are high performance aircraft.

The MacAir Maintenance Department not only keeps the Aero Club, AAL, and RAM aircraft in excellent condition, it also provides service for privately owned aircraft. Services include 50 hour, 100 hour and annual inspections, as well as, alterations, compliance inspections and various repairs. In 2015, 73 inspections were completed; in 2016, inspections totaled 106. Over this two year



Submitted photo

MacAir Aviation student pilot James Hardwick of Dayton earns his Private Pilot's license.

span, inspections and repairs were performed on 45 different aircraft.

The MacAir Aero Club will hold an open house 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 20, offering discounted introductory

flights, food and fellowship. For more information, stop by the Greene County Airport or visit the MacAir Aviation website at [www.macair.org](http://www.macair.org).

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# Insect bioconversion drives change in global food supply

By Anna Bolton

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YELLOW SPRINGS — A business tucked away at Mill-Works in the village of Yellow Springs is making big strides in the effort to drive change in the global food supply.

EnviroFlight, LLC, is a leader in sustainable animal and plant nutrition.

According to its website, the company, a joint venture between Intrexon Corporation (NYSE: XON) and Darling Ingredients Inc. (NYSE: DAR), has a mission to “develop sustainable animal and plant nutrients using regionally available, low-value materials, emphasizing:

production of nutrients in a socially responsible way, eliminating toxins, hormones, and antibiotics from our food supply, and reducing the environmental and financial costs to our food supply.”

The company was recognized most recently when it received the “DSM Innovation Award.” The award honors innovation within the aquaculture industry, according to a press release.

Glen Courtright, President and Founder of Envirotech, accepted the award and prize at the AquaVision Conference in Norway.

“With over 9 billion people expected on the planet by

2050, environmentally responsible aquaculture solutions that drive improvements in the global food supply chain are necessary,” he said. “EnviroFlight technology holds significant promise to realize the substantial potential of insect bioconversion to help meet this need.”

According to EnviroFlight, the 2012 Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the United Nation’s Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) states that food production must increase by 60 percent in the next 40 years to meet the projected global demand.

The Yellow Springs business

uses co-product from breweries, ethanol production and pre-consumer food waste as a feedstock for Black Soldier Fly (BSF) larvae.

“The larvae feed off and bioconvert the material. By doing so, the frass — the waste product created by insects after digesting the feedstock — becomes a high protein, low fat feedstuff for omnivorous species such as tilapia, freshwater prawns, catfish. The material is also beneficial as a protein source for poultry, swine and cattle,” the website explains.

The larvae are then cooked and converted into meal for multiple species of fish.

Utilizing BSF larvae allows

food surpluses to be converted into valuable proteins and fats. In turn, this helps meet the growing demands for aquaculture feed.

“This innovative and responsible approach has considerable potential within the \$60 billion global animal feed industry as it will provide an environmentally-friendly, toxin-free, sustainable source of high-value nutrients,” EnviroFlight online continued.

Equally significant, the system is designed to be located anywhere in the world, even optimized for operation in developing nations.

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# Cedar Land good for village

By Anna Bolton

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**CEDARVILLE** — A versatile event center and auction house is attracting more people to the 'ville.

The 6,600-square-foot facility named "Cedar Land," which can accommodate over 300 people, opened its doors in August 2015 near downtown.

Located at 200 Parkview Lane, the Cedar Land Event Center advertises its central location between Dayton, Columbus and Cincinnati, but also offers the positives of a small-town feel, with local caterers close-by, the Hearthstone Inn next door, and a neighboring bike trail and public park.

According to Bart Sheridan of Sheridan & Associates, a real estate, auction and appraisal company, the event center so far has seen weddings, receptions, a family reunion, large banquets, dances and PTO events. The facility offers a catering kitchen, round and rectangular tables, comfortable chairs, a conference room, a

sound system and free wi-fi for big gatherings like these.

"People have been most appreciative of the fact that the decor can be whatever their imaginations can dream up. With no built-in decor locking our clientele into a specific type of environment, we have seen the event center feature country, semi-formal, and even "Alice in Wonderland" motifs," Bart Sheridan said.

But the \$1 million facility is used primarily as an auction house for Sheridan & Associates, which conducts more than 50 auctions per year.

The real estate company's Facebook page lists auctions of all kinds — estate auctions, public auctions, antique auctions, eclectic auctions, country auctions, family auctions — that have been held recently at Cedar Land.

Every auction brings an average of 150 to 300 people to Cedarville, which means more people are in town to spend money at village businesses. Cedarville University is also located just down the road, which is significant as there are no other similar



event centers in the area.

Brothers Matt and Bart Sheridan spent three years planning and constructing the event center at the former TruPointe Cooperative, an agricultural co-op. The Sheridans purchased the property at an auction in July 2013 and held its dedication ceremony in September 2015.

Matt Sheridan said at the ceremony, "We felt that if we were going to continue in the business long term — and that is our plan — it would be wise to invest in this type of venture."

The investment has been a good one, according to his brother.

"Since opening the doors of the Cedar Land Event Center, we have enjoyed both a great reception from the Greene County community and a continually growing clientele," Bart Sheridan said. "It is exciting to be able to serve the community with a good, clean facility that is very versatile in its possible uses."

To visit or rent the facility, contact Sheridan & Associates at 937-766-2300.

# School officials proud of their district

By Scott Halasz

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**XENIA** — To say Superintendent Danny Morrison is happy about where the Xenia Community Schools are heading is like calling Godzilla a little lizard.

It's a huge understatement.

Morrison loves to talk about the district.

"I can go on four hours," he said.

And while a superintendent is supposed to be the district's biggest cheerleader, Morrison and everyone associated with XCS have every right to be giddy in 2017.

Consider just a few tidbits Morrison offered"

— Student enrollment is up more than 200 students this year over the state's projections.

— For the last five years, district revenues have exceeded expenditures, meaning the district is being fiscally prudent.

— More than 73 percent of revenues are being spent on what Morrison said is most important — what goes on inside the classroom. This is the highest percentage in Greene County.

That's just the start.

"We have the only Five Star



The gross motor skills room is a new feature of Xenia Preschool.

Preschool in the area," Morrison said. "We have integrated

technology into the classroom and have enough devices for

every student in the school district. We are professionally developing our staff to provide positive behavioral support. We are focusing on intervention strategies so that every student can succeed."

The district is also getting a major assist from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base with several programs.

Robotics in the Classroom are age-appropriate curriculum units introducing students to robotics and building on that knowledge by allowing students to progress from theory to real

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Village at the Greene's newly renovated and expanded facility located across the street from The Greene shopping center at 4381 Tonawanda Trail. They have opened a community room as well.

# Final phase completed at Village at the Greene

By Danielle Coots

For Greene County News

**BEAVERCREEK** — The final touches have completed at the Village at the Greene's newly renovated and expanded facility located across the street from The Greene shopping center at 4381 Tonawanda Trail.

The two phased project allowed the facility to complete rebuild while remaining operational during the construction. Phase One was completed last year.

The new facility was shown off during their December open house. During the open house, Christmas trees were deco-

rated and sold to the highest bidders, with the proceeds going to Feed the Creek. Together with the Christmas auction and the recent Valentine's Day balloon sale, the facility was able to donate over \$1,300 to Feed the Creek.

"It's important to the residents, their families and to Village at the Greene that we give back to the community," Village at the Greene Administrator and Marketing Manager Denise Skevington said. "We have an advisory board that is helping us connect with and give to the community. The advisory board is made up of 15 members, including the Beaver-creek Mayor."

The addition allowed the senior facility to add an additional 22 long-care resident rooms, 28 short-term beds for rehabilitation patients, inpatient and outpatient rehab facility, newly renovated administration offices, sitting and visiting areas, conference rooms and even a free community room available for not only the residents and families of same, but also the Beaver-creek community.

"We're giving something that is so gorgeous to the community and to aging seniors. We're very proud of it," Skevington said.

The community room is available for free for anyone that is part of the

community. It can be used for business meetings, baby showers, birthday parties or anything needing a large room. The space includes dishes, stemware, sink, tables, chairs and even an outside bar-beque area.

"When it gets warmer, we're hoping to open up the community room and have a barbeque for the community using this room," she said.

For more information contact the Village at the Greene's Business Development Coordinator Jeff Schairbaum at 937-426-5033.

Danielle Coots is a freelance writer for Greene County News.

## School

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robot design and programming.

Students visit WPAFB laboratories to use a \$1 million Scanning Electron Microscope as part of SEMEDS, and discover some of the mysteries of the insect world and materials science.

STARBASE provides local students a variety of exciting, hands-on learning experiences designed to increase inter-

est in and knowledge of math, science and technology as part of the nationwide Department of Defense Program.

And Wizards of Wright include demonstrations of science concepts through fun and often amazing hands-on projects.

"We have so many great things happening in our district for kids," Morrison said. "I am so proud of this district and what we are doing for kids."

One negative can be turned into a positive in May. Voters in November 2016

turned down a bond issue that would have allowed the district to build a new high school/middle school complex. The bond issue would have generated around \$2.4 million annually for 37 years to pay for construction where US Route 42 and US Route 35 meet.

The total cost of the project is approximately \$64 million.

The bond issue and construction are necessary because the current buildings are old and need many repairs to bring them up to code and to hold the

projected student population, which is growing yearly. The Ohio School Facilities Commission, which is giving the district nearly \$29 million to help fund the project, recommends replacement over renovation because the cost to renovate is at least 66 percent of the cost to construct new.

The state money is available for one year so if the levy fails, the money will likely go away.

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Jason Baker, front, kneels in front of his team at 1230 Burnett Drive facility during a break from production Friday.

# More than Just Ink

By Brian Evans  
For Greene County News

XENIA — It wasn't long ago that Jason Baker was teetering on edge of bankruptcy, chasing a dream out of his garage on Columbus Street.

After a series of ups and downs, today the Xenia man's business is flourishing, with three locations and 30 employees encompassing Just Ink Tees & Embroidery, which started in October of 2012.

Because of "teamwork, dedication and hard work," Baker's locations at 78 E. Second St., 59 E. Second St., and 1230 Burnett Drive continue to grow today.

"We had an idea for a patent for screen printing that fell through," Baker said Friday at one of his production facilities. "But this took off."

In April of last year, Baker partnered with Dan Sayers and that partnership has flourished as well.

"He does shirts. I do trophies," Sayers said. "We'd been working together for years. We combined to offer more together because the people who are buying shirts are also buying trophies."

Trophies and shirts aren't all they offer either. The company does business cards, banners, graphic designs, online stores, corporate branding and other promotional items.

"It took us three or four years to figure out if we liked each other," Sayers said, jokingly, while explaining that he started his business, Awards of Excel-

lence, out of his garage also in 1998 after learning how to engrave in the military. "Our first major job together was last summer. We did 18,000 awards that we delivered all over the country — California, Las Vegas, Florida, Connecticut."

"Learning to engrave in the military was a life changing event," Sayers added. "No one wanted to do it."

Baker said his journey began as a national sales representative for a chemical company.

"I lost my job and started with the patent idea," Baker said. "I lost all my savings and retirement and went from a half-million-dollar home to a one-bedroom apartment above the shop."

At one point, Baker said he had to get rid of his car, rent out his three houses and borrow money.

Asked what made him successful, he credited his customers.

"We made everything the right way and put an emphasis on customer service," Baker said. "A lot of it was word of mouth."

Throughout all of this, Baker said his company also put an emphasis on charity and helping those who are less fortunate.

"We give back as much as we can," he said. "Especially around Christmas, helping kids and families who wouldn't have a Christmas otherwise. We also do things anonymously."



Just Ink owner Jason Baker (left) and partner Dan Sayers review product Friday at one of the company's three locations in Xenia.

By the end of 2013, Baker said things started to take off for the business.

"I saw it happening," he said. "The reputations of people in this business aren't always the greatest. We went with a different approach. My first two experiences in this business was with people who stole from me, the first guy I worked for in this business stole \$15,000, and my first partner stole \$23,000..."

"That's not how we do business. We believe in doing the right thing, and taking care of our customers as well as our employees."

This much could be seen, as Baker walked through his largest production facility on Burnett Drive and his employees greeted him with smiles.

"No one works for me," Baker said. "We always work together. I've always emphasized that — that I am part of the team."

Baker emphasized loyalty in many aspects to his approach to business, including in his sense of community.

"I grew up in this community and enjoy serving this community — Greene County, Xenia," he said. "This is a great place to live and do business."



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Employee Jacqueline Riley of Just Ink & Embroidery works at the company's 1230 Burnett Drive location.

# Teleperformance increases ranks to 550

By Brian Evans

For Greene County News

FAIRBORN — Within the last year – and the last six to eight months especially – Teleperformance of Fairborn has seen tremendous growth.

A worldwide leader in outsourced omnichannel customer experience management, the local office at 57 E. Dayton Yellow Springs Road now employs 550 people.

“We’ve added about a hundred people within the last six to eight months,” said Wallace Brown, company recruiter. “Our clients handle phone calls for one of the leading cell phone carriers in the United States. We take on calls. We are known for hiring good customer service representatives efficient in their work. We do background checks to make sure we get people in those positions who take their jobs seriously.”

Brown attributed recent growth to a wage increase, when the company went from \$10 an hour to \$12 an hour.

“Companies take us on because they know we are

going to be responsible,” Brown added. “Their clients are our clients. In our building, we just handle that one client.”

Looking ahead, Brown said he sees the company continuing to grow.

“We are full time with great benefits,” he said. “We have people coming out of college, people with degrees... We have plenty of opportunities for people who are willing to work hard.”

According to the company’s Web site, Teleperformance connects the biggest and most respected brands on the planet with their customers by providing customer care, technical support, customer acquisition, digital solutions, analytics, back-office and other specialized services to ensure consistently positive customer interactions.

Companywide, 190,000 people work for Teleperformance at 311 sites providing outstanding customer experience from 65 countries in 75 different languages.

“When your customers contact you or vice versa, we are there to support them and make sure they have a

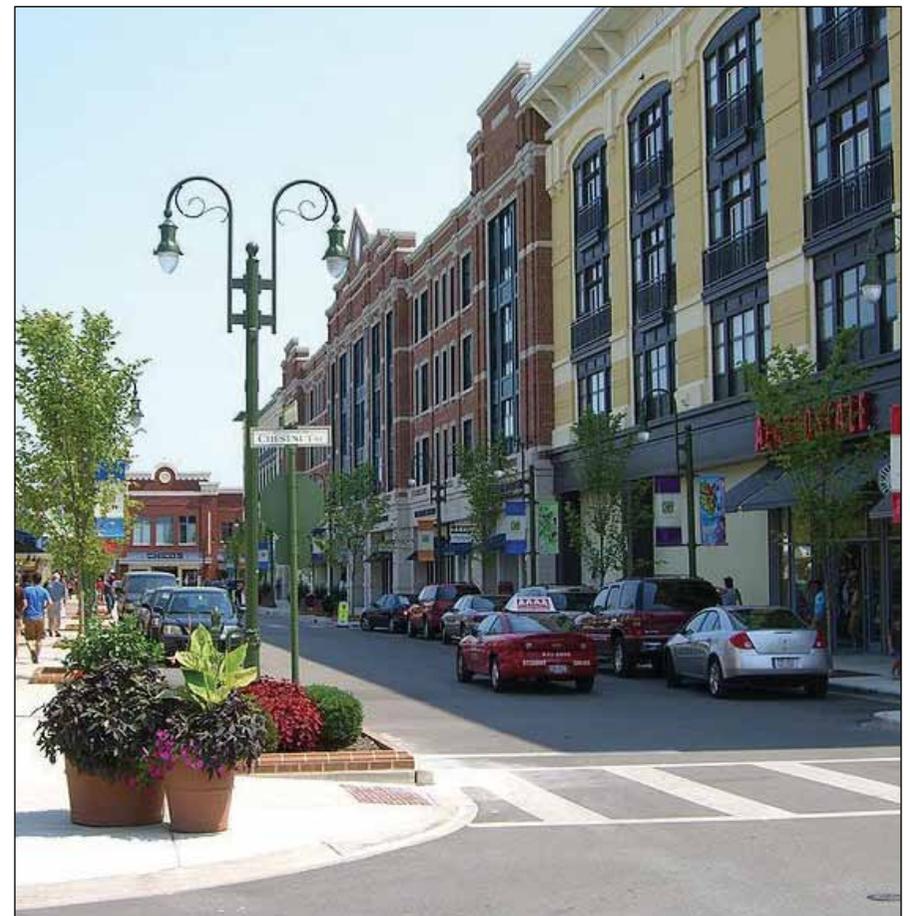
unique experience with your brand in all channels,” the site says. “We constantly invest in research and development to get a deeper understanding of customers’ thoughts, behaviors and needs - for different countries, industries, channels and generations. We are experts in people interactions and it gives us the edge in delivering a superior customer experience in every contact.

For almost four decades, Teleperformance has helped clients in more than 160 markets around the world strengthen their relationships with their customers.

“As one of the world’s larger private sector employers and clear global industry leader, our strategy is to attract and retain the best people and provide the best working environment to inspire our teams all around the world,” according to the Web site. “We know happy employees are more engaged to make a better experience that drives higher customer satisfaction, retention and growth.

“That is why we transform passion into excellence.”

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# Career center celebrates 50 years

XENIA — In the mid-1960s, Superintendent Eugene Kavanagh and Director Wallace Gossett fostered a dream that would allow high school students from all corners of Greene County to have access to career training that would benefit them for a lifetime. Their dream lives on 50 years later as Greene County Career Center continues to expand programming to meet the needs of current and future students and the region's workforce.

Throughout five decades of outstanding instruction, the center has provided career-technical and academic instruction at the main campus and Agricultural Research Center with an eye on preparing high school juniors and seniors for careers and college. Beginning in the fall of 2017 the number of career-technical programs will rise to 18 with the addition of Sports and Exercise Science and multi-discipline Career X.

The new programs expand a menu

of offerings that includes auto collision repair, automotive technology, carpentry, cosmetology, criminal justice, culinary arts, digital media, electrical wiring and motor controls, equine science, food and hospitality, health science, information technology, natural resource technology, power equipment mechanics, veterinary science and welding.

The ability to provide instruction in partnership with the county school districts remains a strength for Greene County Career Center. These partnerships have expanded to feature some exciting additions next school year.

Xenia will be introducing an engineering pathway for grades six through 12 while expanding high school Project Lead the Way courses to include engineering design and aerospace engineering. The Career Center will also begin facilitating the information technology classes at the high school while also updating the long-

running agriculture classes taught there.

At Cedarville High School, agricultural education will be enhanced to mechanical principals and a full-time instructor has been added after years of the position sharing the day with Greeneview High School.

Beavercreek City Schools has been enthusiastic about expanding its partnership with the Career Center and the announcement for what is coming for the 2017-18 school year has caused a great deal of excitement. A new pathway has been created in grades seven through 12 beginning at both Coy and Ankeney Middle Schools. The Project Lead the Way curriculum will include app design and development for seventh and eighth graders and automation and robotics plus flight and space for eighth graders.

STEM-related instruction has always been a foundation of career-technical education and those offerings will continue to expand especially in the areas of aerospace

and aviation, information technology and manufacturing. This current school year saw the addition of engineering technology at Yellow Springs High School.

Other satellite programming offered at the various schools include marketing, agriculture business and science, family and consumer science, engineering and biotechnology. Project Search is a post-high school program that places students in co-op positions at Soin Medical Center.

Each career-technical program at Greene County Career Center convenes an advisory board twice each year that consists of industry professionals.

Additional announcements are forthcoming as the Greene County Career Center embarks on its next 50 years of outstanding instruction. Celebrations in honor of the 50th anniversary are being planned for September of 2017.

Story courtesy of the Greene County Career Center.

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