

THE CHAT

The Logan County Chamber Publication

September Business of the Month:
World Class Plastics



Letter from the president



September – moving from thought to action

Last month I challenged you to push yourself and business/organization to do the hard things you've been wanting or needing to do. I'm hopeful the message resonated and maybe even got you thinking about a change or hard thing you want to pursue. This will sound obvious but change and hard things require more than a change of mind though. They require action.

I recently went on a weeklong wilderness trip with men from my church where we spent time unpacking that change process. Opportunity for change and growth happens constantly but we too often let these pass by without lasting impact OR we short circuit the process by only changing our minds and never changing our actions. Here's a quick example: Your business loses out to a competitor for a sale.

1. Observe - what happened and how did you respond (lost business to a competitor and made me angry and disheartened)
2. Reflect - why did this happen and why did you react the way you did (be honest, maybe your service isn't up to snuff, or you haven't invested in upgraded technology)
3. Discuss – get real input from wise people around you (not just from folks who see/think like you)
4. Conclusion – here's the secret, your conclusion can't be blaming someone else...you must own up to your part/role in the change (Ex: we lost the business because I haven't reinvested in technology to stay ahead of our competitors)
5. Plan – moving from change of mind to change of action means tangible steps are made (Ex: I'll have researched what new tech we need and how to pay for it by the end of the month)
6. Accountability – get someone to hold your feet to the fire (without it, I can almost guarantee you won't really make the change)
7. Action – Follow through and see the change all the way through so you personally or your organization sees transformation.

If you find your business (or you personally) continually facing the same challenge over and over, then likely you are short circuiting the process. Change, hard things, and transformation don't happen unless you make it past thought all the way to accountability and action. Pick something today and get started!

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Upcoming Events

September 10
West Liberty Business Association meeting
7:30 a.m.
Holdren Brothers

September 10
SBA Webinar
10 a.m.
Online
[*Click here to register*](#)

September 12
Summer Fun Days
1 to 5 p.m.
[Marmon Valley Farm](#)

September 16
Chamber Golf Outing
8:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Cherokee Hills Golf Course
Registration required and currently closed

September 18
The Wicked Lobstah Food Truck
5 to 9 p.m.
[Roundhouse Depot Brewing Company](#)

September 24
Downtown Bellefontaine Partnership Meeting
8:00 a.m.
Putt and Play Golf Center

October 2
The Pumpkin Walk
4 to 10 p.m.
Downtown Bellefontaine

October 3
The Pumpkin Walk
noon to 10 p.m.
Downtown Bellefontaine

The Business of the Month

World Class Plastics

Since their startup in 1994, World Class Plastics, Inc. has endeavored to be a 'world class' provider of thermoplastic injection molded products and services. The company based out of Russells Point has earned its position in the industry through superb customer services and technical support.



Being able to provide excellent service and support for their injection molding company definitely isn't all they are capable of. World Class Plastics has recently been showcasing their ability to pivot and get creative in the midst of the pandemic.

"We have been predominantly a custom injection molder, molding for the end user, but when the COVID-19 started this spring, we wanted to help our community fill a need for our PPE products that were nearly impossible to obtain," said World Class Plastics' Vice President, Scott Wisniewski. "We created a face shield

concept and within five days had it in production."

Since then, World Class Plastics has improved the face shield with a material of higher clarity once it was available. They also designed a face mask with an N92 filter media that filters down to 0.1 microns to help combat the spread of the virus. World Class Plastics now has a line of PPE products that include, but are not limited to, Face Shields, Face Masks, No-Touch Keys and ear savers.

World Class Plastics assembles more than just PPE. They injection mold and assemble visually critical and tight tolerance products using a variety of plastic materials including polypropylene, acetal, nylon, ABS, elastomers and other engineering resins.

With a focus on leadership, training and process control, World Class Plastics continues to improve its products

and processes while providing high levels of customer service, quality and competitive prices.

"We strive to offer custom injection molding for any company that has a need and is looking for a long term relationship" said Scott.

Not only is the team at World Class Plastics a team of hard-working and creative individuals, they also are local to Logan County.

"We chose to start our business in Logan County because it was our home, and we wanted to offer our community job opportunities," said Scott. "We have been able to give back to the place we have grown to love and call home."

World Class Plastics values their membership at the Logan County Chamber. Scott says they have been able to become more engaged in the community, receive training opportunities, benefit from the guidance offered at safety meetings, network with other businesses and they enjoy



taking advantage of the discounts offered through the Chamber and the Bureau of Worker's Compensation.

"The HR Lunch and Learns are always a great source of timely information," said Scott. "But we have to say that one of the greatest benefits has been the way the Chamber has stepped up this year during the pandemic. They kept us updated on all of the Federal, State and Local changes and supplied us with the resources needed to navigate through a very challenging time. I don't know how we would have been able to stay on top of this changing situation without them."

Please join us in congratulating World Class Plastics for being selected as the Chamber Business of the Month for the month of September. [Please click here to visit their website.](#)



Fall in LoCo!

Logan County has so much fall fun this year and you won't want to miss out! Check out these hot fall spots!

1. Angles Nursery and Landscaping

Angles Nursey and Landscaping,

located on S. 68 in Bellefontaine, will be Logan County's fall destination complete with a corn maze, u-pick pumpkins, mums, food trucks and more. Bring the kids down to experience tons of fall fun.

2. Marmon Valley Farm

Take the kids to have fall fun out



Experience #LoCoFun

Haley LaBatt
Visitors Bureau
Director

on the farm! You can enjoy a nice trail ride up in the rolling hills of Logan County, a fun pony ride, play mini-golf or go for a hay ride! To schedule your trip please call 937-593-8000.

3. Wengers Produce

Shop all things fall at Wenger's Produce. Enjoy picking pumpkins, shopping for mums or even getting your photos taken at the sunflower field!

4. Hurley's Farm

Enjoy tons of fall fun at Hurley's Farm. Check their Facebook to keep up with all of their fall events.

5. Country Friends of Ohio

Check out this cute little shop in Downtown West Liberty for all of the fall home decor! You can even grab a mum or two on your way out of the store!

Welcome
New Chamber
Members!



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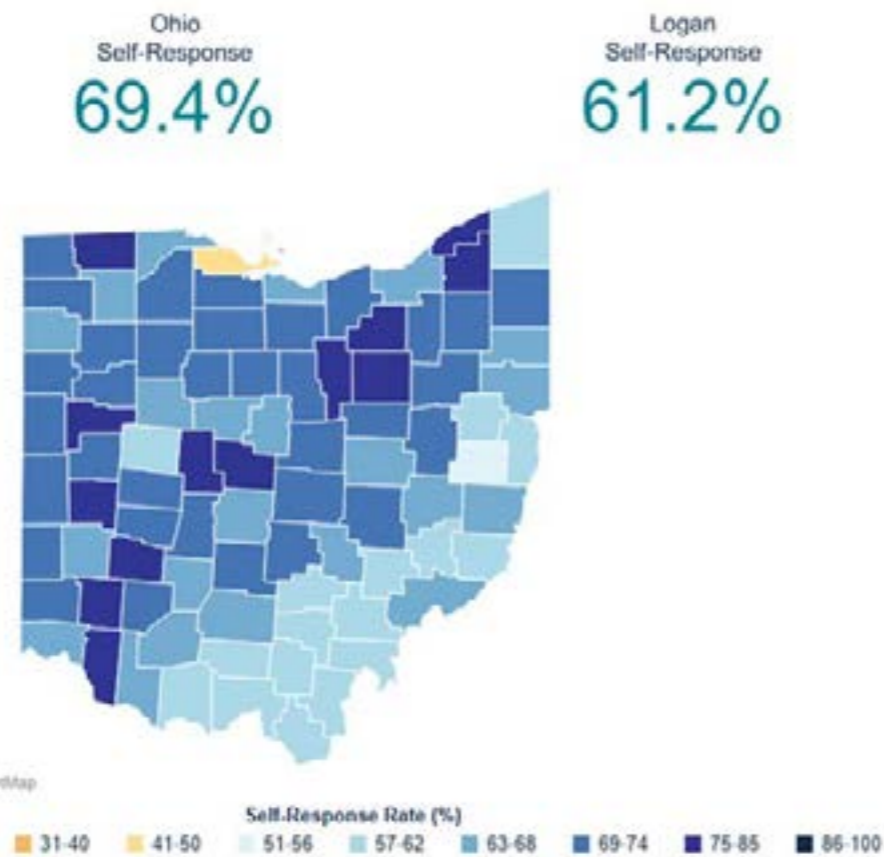
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Logan County Census Update

- Logan County has one of the lowest census response rates in the state
- Bottom 15 of 88 counties
- Each person not counted amounts to \$1,800 that Logan County loses every year for the next 10 years
- Completing the census is easy!

www.my2020census.gov

Or by phone: 844-330-2020



Economic Development Updates & Resources

Here are some of the latest updates on projects and successes in Logan County, as well as resources to help your business.

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PeakFiber – Our first Bellefontaine residents were connected to the PeakFiber last month! The neighborhoods on either side of Allison Road are ready for connection. All other neighborhoods in Bellefontaine are open for pre-registration at www.peakfiber.net.
- SR 47 West Industrial Park** – The dirt being moved on the west side of Bellefontaine is for the construction of a new road and corresponding infrastructure to open up an additional 100+ acres of land for industrial development. The new road aligns with Columbus Avenue and heads north along the power lines into the new industrial park. Thank you to Marker Construction, JobsOhio, and the City of Bellefontaine for helping make this project happen.
- City and County Port Authority Merger** – The City of Bellefontaine and Logan County Commissioners are in process to complete the merger of our two existing local port authorities. A port is an economic development tool primarily used to provide bond financing for business expansion and attraction projects. The City formed the Bellefontaine Finance and Development Authority in December of 2015 to facilitate several projects with Marker Construction and Fiber Farms. It has since also financed the Ohio Hi-Point expansion/renovation and the launch of PeakFiber. In April of 2017, the County established the Logan County Port Authority to support an expansion project at Midwest Express in East Liberty. The merger will eliminate duplication of effort, make for more efficient economic development operations, and be an example of the strong and growing partnership of the elected officials across our county.
- JobsOhio Inclusion Grant**- Ohio’s private economic development arm, JobsOhio was formed in 2011. Since that time, it has focused on providing incentives to new and expanding companies that are making significant growth commitments. Due to COVID, JobsOhio began offering smaller employers the opportunity to apply for up to \$50k in grants to support the purchase of new equipment, employee training, and facility renovation/expansion. Four Logan County businesses have received offer letters from JobsOhio totaling \$125,000! If your business is interested please visit <https://www.jobsOhio.com/inclusion-grant/> to learn more then connect with Ben at the Chamber.
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Childcare – Our community is in need of additional childcare providers. If you or someone you know would be interested in providing in-home childcare services, there are presently significant grant dollars available to help you attain the necessary trainings and resources. Contact Dave Bezusko at our Logan County United Way for more details. 937-592-2886



September 8, 2020

**FREE Pop-Up COVID-19 Testing Drive-Through Event for Logan County
Thursday, September 10th, 2020**

9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

The Logan County Fairgrounds – 301 E. Lake Ave., Bellefontaine OH 43311

ENTER FROM MAIN STREET/ST. RT. 68 ONLY

Bellefontaine, OH — Logan County Health District (LCHD), in partnership with the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio National Guard, will host a **FREE Pop-Up COVID-19 community testing event from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon on Thursday, September 10th, 2020 at the Logan County Fairgrounds, 301 E. Lake Ave., Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311. ENTER FROM MAIN STREET/ST. RT. 68 ONLY.** All who participate must wear a face mask. No doctor order is needed for this free testing, and children 1 year of age and older can be tested. While anyone is able to be tested, LCHD encourages those who are experiencing symptoms to be tested.

Test results for this event are expected in approximately 48-72 hours. Logan County Health District staff or designated representatives will call all persons with positive test results as soon as the results are received from the lab. **Negative** test results will be communicated by accessing the Lab Corps Patient Portal – instructions will be given at the time of testing.

Individuals must bring their State I.D./Driver’s License and Insurance/Medical Card (if available). Appointments will not be scheduled and testing is limited to the first 300 participants. Participants are encouraged to access the registration form at www.loganhealth.org and bring the completed form with them the day of testing, September 10, 2020; however, this is not required.

Enter the fairgrounds from the Main Street/State Route 68 gate. Tests will NOT be administered earlier than 9:00 AM. Public restrooms will NOT be available. Participants will NOT be allowed to exit their vehicles and MUST be wearing a face mask. Pets are NOT permitted.

“The COVID-19 Minority Health Strike Force has worked with local partners to create pop-up testing sites in communities where access to testing may be limited,” said Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. “By joining with the Ohio National Guard and other local partners, we can have a better understanding of COVID-19 through increased testing and be better able to prevent its spread.”

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How often do you work ON your business?**

If you have one hour every month, our Pursuit of Excellence Webinar Series will teach you the skills you need to be successful in every aspect of your business. Get the latest tips and tricks from industry experts!

Register today for these upcoming webinars:



Wednesday, September 23: How to Network & Collaborate

Wednesday, October 28: HR Basics & Employment Law

Wednesday, November 18: Succession Planning

All webinars held from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Webinars are FREE to attend for members of the Logan County Chamber, Indian Lake Chamber, and West Liberty Business Association.

Questions? Contact Lydia Hess at lhess@logancountyohio.com.

Ribbon Cuttings

Welcome to Logan County, Chamber Members!



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