Crawford County Economic Development

NEWSLETTER

December 30, 2022

BROADBAND IS COMING

Noticeable construction has been taking place along the roadways in the county.

Mainstream Fiber is branching out its services to Crawford County. Fiber will be going live as stages are completed. Completion of the grant-funded project is scheduled to be finished in the fall of 2023. Areas outside the grant-funded project will have the potential to be able to receive service after the conclusion of the initial project.

Patoka Lake Winery Growth

The largest expansion since Jasper Engines is taking place at Patoka Lake. A $6.5 million project is expected to have rippling affects through the county.

SIMCO Expansion

SIMCO is located at 5576 S Watertower Rd Leavenworth, IN 47137

They are expanding their operation and doubling their workforce. The projected investment is $1.6 million.

MENKE TRUCKING

MENKE Trucking is currently in the process of building a new facility. They have outgrown their current building and are also currently hiring to expand their driving force.

Industrial Park

We have a number of leads that we are continuing to monitor. We have an ongoing project that we have been discussing with multiple parties that we hope to resolve in 2023.

Engagement

The EDC is well represented in the state with memberships to the Indiana Economic Development Association, Radius Indiana and the Southwest Indiana Development Council. We also work with Regional Opportunities Initiative and Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission.

Open House

On November 1, we hosted an open house. We welcomed members of the community to come and visit and see what all we have to offer them. We had great feedback and a wonderful turnout.

Holiday Guide

The Economic Development Office along with the Tourism/Chamber office put together a Holiday Guide for the 2022 Holiday Season.

Jesse Belcher was hired as the new Executive Director of the Economic Development Council on November 17, 2022.

Jesse brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Economic Development Office. Jesse graduated with his Master's Degree in Business this past year. We are thrilled to have Jesse as the Director for our future endeavors.

We have joined a business and retention program with Radius, Indiana. This program is used as an additional outreach to businesses within the county. We want our local businesses to know that we are a free resource for them and we will support them anyway we can.

We are actively working with Southern Indiana Works to bring workforce training opportunities to Crawford County. We are planning to partner with them to host a job fair in 2023.

"Move forward. Good things are up ahead."