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Bedford Business First

News from Bedford County Office of Economic Development - June 2018

Bedford County by the numbers

Labor Force	38,974
Employed	37,848
Unemployment rate	2.9%
Advertised jobs	612

Source: VEC,
April 2018 report

About our office

The Office of Economic Development is responsible for planning, developing, and directing business and economic development programs and services in Bedford County, Virginia.



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Get your Local Honey!

In case you missed our Business Appreciation Month event at Benjamin's Restaurant on May 30, we have farm fresh Bedford Grown honey for you as a thank you for doing business in Bedford County. We'd love to drop off a jar for you, or if possible, to meet with you briefly and learn about your business needs.



Farm fresh honey from Bedford County

Please contact us at:

pbailey@bedfordcountyva.gov or 540-587-5670, and Traci or Pam will be in touch or stop by.

Bedford ONE wraps up another successful year



Students from BSTC explore medical careers at Jefferson College of Health Sciences

We recently wrapped up our Bedford ONE tours for the 2017/18 school year. The Bedford ONE Program (ONE = Offering New Experiences) is managed by the Bedford County Office of Economic Development with help from the EDA, and guided by a Steering Committee made up of representatives from Bedford County Schools, Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce, CVCC's Career Coaches, and private sector

businesses. More than 225 students from BSTC, JFHS, LHS and SRHS visited 15 companies and/or colleges and universities this year to explore career pathways ranging from agriculture and advanced manufacturing to public safety and healthcare. We



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even had some students during the tours ask for applications right on site! [Read more >>](#)

Farmers Markets are OPEN

The Farmers Markets in Bedford and Forest summer market are both open!

Bedford Farmers Market hours:

Tuesdays: 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Fridays: 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
1st Saturdays of the month: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Forest Farmers Market hours:

Saturdays: 8:00 am - noon.

For more information about the markets [visit our website](#):



Site Selection Magazine visits the Lynchburg Region: Makes stops in Bedford County



Ron Stamer, Executive Vice President of Conway, Inc, and writer for Site Selection Magazine interviews Simplimatic's Kevin Welsch.

Ron Stamer, EVP of Conway, Inc. included Bedford County as part of his tour of the Lynchburg Region for an article titled *What America Can Learn from Lynchburg, Virginia*.

Mr. Stamer visited Simplimatic, the Center for Energy Research and Education, and toured our premier business park- New London Business and Technology Center.

Read the full article [here](#) as published in Site Selection Magazine.

EDA assists Cintas with a production need



John Paterson, Supervisor at Cintas (left) gives EDA Chairman, Mickey Johnson a tour of the Cintas facility in Bedford.

The Bedford County EDA recently partnered with Bedford Regional Water Authority and the Town of Bedford EDA to provide a cash grant to Cintas for the purpose of increasing production outcomes and helping to further grow the business.

Cintas will utilize the grant to invest in a water softener and other equipment that will increase production. This grant follows an announcement in 2015 where Cintas successfully invested \$6 million in Bedford to expand its facility and add up to 15 new jobs.

Three companies announce expansions this Spring

In addition to **Innovairre** announcing 12 new jobs back in February, they recently announced another 30 new jobs will be created due to their newly installed digital presses for an investment of \$4.85M in the County.



Innovairre cuts the ribbon for their new digital presses at a May 10 event.



CVM provides high quality sheet metal and light structural fabrication services to an array of businesses of all sizes.

Central Virginia Manufacturing Company (CVM) is investing \$300,000 in an expansion in Bedford creating nine new jobs.

Custom One Truck Source held a ribbon cutting event on May 17 to announce its expansion in Bedford County.

The company shared news that they are on target to hire 30 new employees bringing their total to more than 200 people, and projected sales of \$100M this year.

Thanks to Mr. Terry Dobyms who invested in this property to lease to this expanding company.



Custom One Truck Source shares its story of growth in Bedford County.

Is your company expanding?

Our premier New London Business and Technology Center park has freshly graded and grubbed lots available ranging in size from 4 acres to 15+ acres.

Additional larger lots are also available. Call the Office of Economic Development to learn how we can help your business grow.
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Nanotouch's new 5,000+sq. ft. building is scheduled to be complete later this summer.

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