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Bedford Business First



News from Bedford County Office of Economic Development -November 2015

DID YOU KNOW?



By now you've most likely seen the newly renovated clock tower over the Bedford County courthouse. The renovations being made mark the first face-lift the clock tower has seen since it was first built in 1930.

Aside from beautifying the Town of Bedford, the County kept the economic impact close to home by hiring a Lynchburg contractor. In addition, the lights that illuminate the tower at night are custom-made LED lights

Simplimatic Automation to host open house at next Quarterly Business Roundtable meeting!

Please join us **Thursday, Dec. 10 from 8:30 - 10 a.m. at Simplimatic Automation** (1046 W. London Park Drive, in the New London Business & Technology park in Forest) for our next Quarterly Business Roundtable meeting.

We will begin by giving each business representative a chance to share some business news as we go around the table. Afterwards, [Simplimatic](#) will give attendees an exciting tour of its new 60,000 square foot facility in the New London Business & Technology Center.



Come enjoy a complimentary breakfast and RSVP no later than Fri., December 4 to ensure we have enough to go around! Contact Jessica Hupp, Business Programs Coordinator, at jhupp@bedfordcountyva.gov or call 540-587-5670 to reserve your seat.

Clearview Software locates to Bedford County



Clearview Software, Inc. is locating its headquarters to the Center for Advanced Engineering and Research (CAER) facility in Bedford County, Virginia. Founded in 2007, Clearview is becoming an industry leader in Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software and cloud-based services

created by Bedford's very own LiteSheet Solutions, LLC.

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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Bedford County recognized for progress in broadband

Bedford County was recognized by the Region 2000 Technology Council at the organization's TechEdge Awards dinner held Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015 in Lynchburg for recent broadband initiatives aimed at delivering Internet access to areas that need it most. Allen Boaz, Chairman of the Bedford County Broadband Advisory Committee, accepted the award on the county's behalf. [Read more.](#)



Allen Boaz accepts the Technology Excellence Award from Elizabeth Narehood (left) and Cheryl Giggetts (right).

Learn how to get your business name at the top of a Google search!



Please join us and the Region 2000 Small Business Development Center (SBDC) on December 9, 2015 for their monthly Lunch to Learn series on Search Engine Optimization. You don't want to miss this **FREE** informative session with lunch catered by Town Kitchen

& Provisions! Space is limited. To reserve your spot, contact [Nathan Kolb](#), SBDC Executive Director, at 434-832-7295.

Dr. Fred Conner named finalist for STEM Educator of the Year

Dr. Fred Conner, Assistant Director of Instruction at Bedford County Public Schools (BCPS), was one of eight regional educators in the running for the Region 2000 Technology Council's Science, Technology, Education, and Math (STEM) Educator of the Year at the organization's annual TechEdge Awards dinner held October 22, 2015 at the Academy of Fine Arts in Lynchburg, Virginia. Nominated by the Bedford County Office of Economic Development, Dr. Conner has been instrumental in advancing STEM and Health career instruction within the BCPS system.

[Read more.](#)



Dr. Conner is a fearless educator as shown here aboard a FEVA bucket truck on a recent student tour.

Ag Marketing specialists tour Bedford County

The Bedford County Office of Economic Development, together with the Virginia



The group enjoyed touring G-P Big Island where a \$40 million pulp mill expansion is ongoing.

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Pittsylvania County's Agricultural Economic Development office, recently hosted more than 30 agriculture marketing professionals from throughout Maryland and Virginia as part of an

educational tour of the two county's ag and forestry assets. The tour was underwritten by sponsors and included stops at Georgia-Pacific Big Island (pictured) to learn about the company's innovative approaches to help reduce environment impacts and to Royal Oak Farms, Gardner Heifers, Eco-Friendly Foods, the Sedalia Center, The Bedford Welcome Center and National D-Day Memorial.

Shop Small Business Saturday on November 28, 2015!

Show your support for local businesses by taking "selfies" at your favorite local shop, tagging the business in each photo, and sharing them with #ShopSmall and #BACCLocal! Visit the Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce [website](#) for more information!

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