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Family Bike Shop Opens in Springboro

Just like Dayton's famous sons, Wilbur and Orville Wright, Gary and Jean Boulanger are passionate about bikes -- and have set up shop right here in Springboro, not far from the Wright's original bicycle shop.

And like the Wrights, the Boulangers have made their business a family affair. You see, Gary and Jean, with their two children, Samantha (12) and Henri (10), live at 305 South Main Street and Cycles Gaansari is located in their rear barn.

The Boulanger family isn't new to the bike business.

It's just a new location. Formerly on Dayton's Brown Street, Cycles Gaansari moved to Springboro earlier this year.

And Springboro already feels like home. "We've been able to plug in very fast here," Jean said. "And there is such a great sense of community."

And business has been good too now that Spring has sprung.

"We want to be Springboro's bike shop for both serious bikers and for the moms who want to ride around the block," said Jean. But mostly, these self-proclaimed "bike evangelists" just "want you to ride and ... keep on riding."

In other words, don't let a broken chain or rusty wheel keep you from riding. Just bring your bike to the shop, and they will take care of it. Need a more comfortable seat or handle bars? They can provide the expert fit. And of course, if you are interested in a new bike, technical equipment and/or clothing, they can help you with that too. "We always have stuff that works for its

intended purposes," Jean added.

"We want you to ride and we want you to keep on riding"

Stop in for a tune-up and stay for the conversation. You won't be disappointed. They'll even brew you a cup of their own locally roasted Gaansari coffee.

Hours of Operation

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| M - F | 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM |
| W | CLOSED |
| Sat. | 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM |
| Sun. | CLOSED |

At A Glance...

- complete bike sales and service.
- bike designer and manufacturer featuring 6 custom designs based on the Wright Brother's bikes built more than a century ago.
- Brands: Bianchi, Brompton, Orbea, Jamis, Co-Motion, DK, Surley and Gaansari.
- 305 S. Main St.- Barn Springboro, OH 45066 937-748-8862
- www.gaansari.com info@gaansari.com



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Treasurer Offers Small Business Loan Program

If you are in the process of seeking capitol for a business expansion, you might be interested in Ohio's Treasurer of State's Linked Deposit program.

The Treasury's Linked Deposit Program for Small Business has assisted thousands of Ohio businesses across all 88 counties since its inception in 1983. The program's purpose is simple: to help preserve or create jobs for Ohioans. It achieves this goal by giving small businesses access to

working capitol at below market rates.

Well into its second decade of operation, the Linked Deposit Program remains one of Ohio's most widely used economic development tools.

In order to qualify for the Linked Deposit Program, the small business must be organized for-profit, maintain offices and operating facilities exclusively in Ohio, and employ fewer than 150 people at the time of application, the majority of

whom must be Ohio residents.

Small business owners may submit completed applications to local lenders designated as state depositories. Applications that are deemed credit-worthy by the lender are sent to the Treasurer's Office for approval of the interest rate reduction. Once approved, the Treasurer's Office purchases a certificate of deposit (CD) with the lender in the amount of the requested loan. The Treasurer's Office agrees to

accept a reduced interest rate on the CD, and that reduction is passed on to the small business owner in the form of a reduced-rate loan. For more information, an application and a list of state depository lending institutions, please call the Treasurer's Office at 1-800-228-1102 or online at www.ohiotreasurer.org.

The SteakHouse of Springboro Celebrates 3rd Anniversary

The SteakHouse of Springboro celebrated 3 years in business on April 8, 2005. "We really enjoy meeting and serving our quests," said Meri-Ellyn Carter, co-owner.

The SteakHouse is known for its hand-cut steaks and slow-cooked baby back ribs. "I've made several bets that our ribs

and clam chowder are the best you'll ever have," said Greg Carter, co-owner and managing partner. "I haven't had to pay up yet!"

Mr. Carter is also proud of his bar selection. "We price wine so that every table can enjoy a bottle of wine without breaking the bank," he added.

The SteakHouse is

open Monday through Saturday evenings from 5:00 PM and is non-smoking. Call ahead seating is available -- 748-4822.



Located at 85 West Central Avenue.

937-748-4822.

Free Financial Planning Seminar for Women

State Treasurer Encourages Attendance



Treasurer of State Jennette B. Bradley announces free financial planning workshops for the women of Ohio called Women & Money. The day-long workshop includes continental breakfast, opening session, four breakout sessions taught by financial planning

experts, lunch with a guest speaker, and prize drawings.

"I encourage all women to take advantage of the insights offered through the Women & Money workshops," said Treasurer of State Jennette B. Bradley. Courses offered include Budgeting, Credit & Debt management, Estate

Planning, Identity Theft, Retirement Planning, Insurance, and Investing. The workshop will be presented in Dayton at Wright State University on August 12. Registration opens on July 11 and space is limited. To register, call 1-800-228-1102.

Business Appreciation Breakfast A Huge Success



Randy Watkins of Watkins Mechanical introduces his wife, Lisa, owner of Jump Start Java, at the breakfast.

The City of Springboro hosted its First Annual Business Appreciation

Breakfast on April 21 at Heatherwoode Golf Club. The morning began with a brief networking session followed by a buffet breakfast. Mayor John Agenbroad welcomed the more than 120 business leaders in attendance.

After introducing the city staff, City Manager, Chris Thompson, thanked everyone for participating. "We wanted to let you know that we appreciate your business here in Springboro." She then gave a brief update of city projects, including the new water tower on Red Lion

Five Points Road and the planned Austin Road interchange off of I-75. "We know the Austin Road

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Thompson said.

Following the presentation, Springboro Chamber of Commerce President Jim Helton of CFS Auto, updated the crowd on upcoming Chamber activities. The event concluded with informal introductions of everyone present.

"What a great event," added Helton. "I'm looking forward to next year."

interchange will have significant economic development implications and we are looking forward to its opening by 2010,"

Warren County One-Stop to Serve Employer Needs

Business Advocate to Assist with Labor Issues

Are you looking for a few good employees? Do you need some advice on the Family and Medical Leave Act? If so, you might want to contact the Warren County One-Stop Business and Employment Center in Lebanon.

The Warren County One-Stop provides access to a local labor pool and can assist with screening potential applicants for your job openings. In addition, the One-Stop works with area businesses to provide monthly seminars on topics of interest including Workers Compensation,

Wage and Hour Laws, Child Labor Laws, Family Medical Leave, and Prevailing Wage Issues.

"Our One-Stop makes a conscious effort to place our emphasis on serving local business needs," said Sue Wettstein, Director.

Business owners/managers can contact a "Business Advocate" for labor market information and other employment resources. "The One-Stop staff is eager to help employers with any of their employment needs," Wettstein added. "We look forward to working

together."

Employers can contact a Business Advocate by calling (937) 425-2671.

Schedule a tour and learn how the One-Stop can serve all of your labor needs.



An Employer Seminar at the Warren County One-Stop.
300 East Silver Street, Lebanon, Ohio 45036

Business Owners/Managers Should Register for New Safety System

The most important function of local governments is to protect the safety of people and property within their jurisdiction. The City of Springboro will soon be using a system called CodeRED, a new, more effective way to alert businesses and residents to impending danger or other critical events.

Businesses located in Springboro should register for CodeRED.

CodeRED combines two modern technologies - Geographic Information Systems (GIS:

computerized maps) and high-speed telephone dialers. The City's public safety officials can designate an area on a map and CodeRED will dial the phone numbers within that area at a rate of up to 60,000 calls an hour. The person receiving the message will get a voice message with the necessary information and instructions on how best to react. CodeRED will make up to three tries to contact any one phone number, and can leave messages on those answering machines using Real Call TM technology.

Initially, the City anticipates using CodeRED to contact businesses and residents about natural or man-made disasters, missing or abducted persons, public health items like boil-water advisories, and any other situation where timely notice is likely to be essential or useful. Over time, the City can utilize the system to alert residents of City events, road closures in a particular

area of town, etc., to better communicate with the businesses and citizens.

Business owners/managers must sign up for the service on the CodeRED website at <https://login.coderedweb.com/codereddataentry/index.cfm?Groupid=1105>.

The City hopes to have the service operational by the summer of 2005.



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