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Parent Requests Bring Tutoring Service to City

Chris Judge enjoyed a successful 15-year career as an educator, both in the classroom and as an administrator. Ten years ago he jettisoned that safety net to pursue deeper professional satisfaction as a tutor, establishing Sugar creek Educational Concepts (SEC) in Bellbrook. Almost four years ago, he opened a Springboro office at 15 S. Main Street.

Chris explains why he opened the Springboro office, saying, "I tutored many students from this area and more and more parents urged me to open a Springboro office. After some research and location searching, we opened here." Now Chris has begun considering a third location in the north Dayton area.

As with many small businesses, SEC started small. "I began tutoring in students' homes, but I quickly became very busy and realized we needed a physical office setting," he recalls. He tutors many students himself and has staff of about 32 hand-picked area teachers who also work with students. "Parents want tutors they can trust with their students. Background checks, both local and FBI, are standard for us. Many of our tutors teach full time in area school districts. "Often, parents or educators in a district will recommend a teacher to me," Chris says, adding, "The background checks are important. I have to be able to look at a parent and say, 'yes, your child is safe here.'"

Today, the strong emphasis on the ACT has become an increased component of Sugar creek's services. The ACT, American College Testing, debuted in the 1950s, successfully challenging the primacy of the SAT, Scholastic Aptitude Test. Many parents view ACT preparation classes as essential for their children, and ACT Preparation services have become a cottage industry. It's not unusual for students to take the ACT several times. "Overall, we see our students' scores increase by two to six points.

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Shiver Security - Commercial and Residential Monitoring

Springboro has become an appropriate home base for Shiver Security Systems' recently-opened monitoring station. The 40-year old family-owned security firm continues its launch into residential protection from a new 15,000 sq. ft. building, serving 6,000-plus clients throughout Southwestern Ohio and Northern Kentucky.

Not surprisingly, the new station boasts the latest in high tech systems and quadruples the floor space of the previous headquarters opened in 1991. "We also installed the latest technological defenses against power outages or extreme weather, even installing redundant fiber optic systems," says Alison Shiver-Himes, residential sales and marketing manager.

"Our customers actually helped drive the decision to enter the residential market. More and more, our commercial clients wanted home protection as well." Shiver has already exceeded its initial goal of 50 new residential clients per month. Continued residential development in the area also influenced site selection as well as Springboro's business-friendly environment.

In addition to video monitoring, many homeowners embrace the automation

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State Route 73 and State Route 741 Intersection Reconstruction Project



During Spring 2017, the City in conjunction with the Warren County Transportation Improvement District (TID), will be embarking on a major reconstruction project of the intersection of SR 73 (Central Avenue) and SR 741 (Main Street). This \$10 million project, with approximately \$4 million in state and MVRPC support, will enhance the current operation of the intersection.

Three “legs” of the intersection will be widened (north, east and west) to accommodate two turn lanes in each direction. Stacking lanes will be lengthened to accommodate the increased traffic during the peak AM and PM driving times. Landscaping and hardscape will be added to the intersection to promote better aesthetics to create a nicer gateway to the Historic Downtown. (A few improvements will also be made to the south leg on the intersection, however those improvements will only be completed in the northernmost block of South Main Street due to the limitations of the Historic District.)

Construction is expected to last until mid-2018. While the construction may delay your deliveries, your employees (or you), who would happen to use the intersection on a daily basis, the new intersection is expected to help your “on-time” deliveries and hopefully get customers to your businesses that much faster!

If anyone has any questions about the project, please call the City at (937) 748-4343.

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Parents know that higher ACT scores will increase the chances of a scholarship or financial aid.”

Sugarcreek’s tutors work with students at all levels in all subject areas, kindergarten through post-college, as well as students being home-schooled. “We utilize the latest technology including Smartboards that take notes for students and advanced educational software,” Chris notes.

Recently, SEC began the Dyslexia Support and Advocacy Center offering individual help for students coping with dyslexia, and the website also offers a pre-screening evaluation tool for parents as well as links to an array of education-related resources.

Tutoring for children with Attention Deficit issues is available and SEC also assists with Individualized Education Programs for special needs students.” In all instances we work closely with school district staff, and have excellent working relationships with other educators,” he says.

For more information, call 937-623-9661 or visit www.sugarcreekeducationalconcepts.com.

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Contact & Locations

Historic Building Now Home for Raymond James

The qualities of entrepreneurship, combined with the expertise and reputation of Raymond James Financial now have a home in Springboro. And not just any home.

Will Bach and Brad Drager recently opened the doors of a Raymond James office at 550 S. Main St. in the historic, sturdy, brick structure that served as a school bus garage 'back in the day.' "We really like the idea of being entrepreneurs," says Brad, adding that the Raymond James corporate structure allows them to do just that. They also felt the open floor space would be a solid canvas offering many design options – and a solid investment.

Brad and Will formed the independent firm Midwestern Wealth Management and moved from the Raymond James offices at nearby Austin's Landing. The financial services giant provides them with its full range of services and also handles compliance while they remain 'independent contractors.'

Will is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNERTM professional and Group President at Midwestern Wealth Management, while Brad, a Chartered Retirement Plans Specialist and Investment Analyst is Vice President at Midwestern Wealth Management. Both provide the full range of Raymond James services to their clients.

They had barely moved in when they hosted a Halloween event for their clients and families, including an indoor boules castles for kids. Less than two weeks later, they closed on the building and look forward to hosting a community open house once the large, open space is reconfigured.

"With Raymond James we retain our client base and Raymond James recognizes that trust is the key to the client/advisor relationship." The company understands that, and I think it empowers Raymond James to excel, as evidenced by the advisor retention rate. "The Springboro location and the ability to become part of the community really drove our decision to open here. We handle some financial matters for the city and school district and we look forward to being part of the community," says Brad.

Brad, an Enon native, earned his business degree from Wright State University with a concentration in finance. His wife teaches in a nearby school district and they are expecting their first child. Will majored in law and society at Purdue University, IN. and spent four years in law enforcement while earning his master's degree in business administration. His wife is a Miamisburg native and they are parents of Emma, four and Tom, two.

The parent company has approximately 6,600 financial advisors and 2,700 locations worldwide. Broker Robert James formed Robert James Investments in 1962, merged with Raymond & Associates in 1964 and Raymond James was launched in St. Petersburg, FL, which is still home to the corporate offices.

For more information call Will or Brad at 937-557-3200.

Securities offered through Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. Member FINRA/SIPC.

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features involved in 'smart homes' – such as thermostats, lighting, smart locks and garage doors, all controlled by an app.

The monitoring center also serves as selling point for Shiver's services. "We are local, our staff works around the clock. Our customers have support, service, training, quality Honeywell and Sonitrol products, and professional installation," says company president Chip Shiver, adding, "Being local also means we have extensive knowledge of local codes and authorities." Many larger security companies have eliminated local monitoring stations and regionalized operations, he notes.

Shiver's services include sales and design as well as installation, support and monitoring. Products include systems for audio intrusion detection, access control, CCTV, fire detection, monitoring and more. The new facility and addition of residential services saw Shiver adding six staff members, bringing total employment to 55. Clients can visit and see firsthand the inner workings of the monitoring behind their security measures.

The new building also includes a training room where Shiver can train customers' staff on commercial systems. Local businesses will be welcome to schedule lunch and learn programs, or organizations can hold chapter meetings.

For more information, visit their website at www.shiversecurityservices.com, or call 800-875-7301.

The screenshot shows the Shiver Security Services website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with a logo and contact information: 800.875.7301 | Cincinnati 513.739.4000 | Dayton 937.228.7301. Below the navigation are tabs for HOME SECURITY SYSTEMS, BUSINESS SECURITY SYSTEMS, LOCAL MONITORING, CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER, and ABOUT SHIVER. The main content area features a large image of a house at night with a person holding a tablet displaying a security app. Below this is a video player titled "Shiver Security Services Grand Opening 2015 Springboro". To the right is a "FREE RISK ASSESSMENT!" form with fields for First Name, Last Name, Phone Number, and E-mail Address, and a "Submit" button. At the bottom, there are sections for "Residential Security" and "Commercial Security".



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Boutique Delights in Back to the Future

Boutique owner Shelly Miles has created a unique shop that would be at home in an English village or the Tony Hamptons community on Long Island. The small shop at 140 S. Main St. opened July 11 and overflowed with customers during the Springboro Christmas Festival in late November.

The offerings showcase Shelly's eclectic tastes in design, art, fashion, decorating and whimsy, while avoiding the pitfall of focusing the store's wares on kitsch. Jewelry, smart fashion accessories, clothing, artwork, reclaimed furniture having unique features, handcrafted decorative pieces from boho, antique to cutting edge modern - all find welcoming space at Hampton House.

"I've wanted to have a shop like this since I was a little girl. The timing was right, the location, the lease, it all came together and I jumped in," she says.

Her children encouraged her leap into entrepreneurship. Hunter, 24, Hayden, 21, Hanna 19, and Cody 14, "told me pointedly that I had to find something else to do; another outlet for my high energy now that they're grown."

Hampton House puts all her career/life experience 'eggs' in one basket; sales and marketing in commercial construction, interior design, retail, and currently, sale of large scale, commercial copying equipment used in construction. Her territory takes her from Dayton to Kentucky each week.

"Katie Mathews manages the store during the week and she's also a talented artist." Her script graces cups and home décor in the store and she and Shelly designed the website as well.

Shelly's boyfriend, Steve Kramer, also her business partner, creates the displays and does most woodworking, refurbishing and more. Weekends often see them scouring estate and farm auctions, flea markets and other venues for unique items for resale. "He's a Renaissance man," she says. "We bought a lattice and I told him I'd like to hang it from the ceiling and he just makes it happen. I love to repurpose, recycle, re-love items. In fact, my favorite color is rust!"

There's savvy business acumen behind the merchandise. Inventory is tracked by computer, from where and when it was acquired, cost, condition, provenance, if needed, to sales information. Her iPhone and computer system are integral to the operation.

Hampton House Boutique taps into new media with a presence on Facebook, Pinterest, Instagram, and, the late November debut of a slick, contemporary-looking Web page at hamptonhouseboutique@squarespace.com.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call 513-806-0475 or stroll to the boutique.