

## Business Pulse

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As for employment, Hunt said the Hampton Inn would have 25 to 30 employees, depending on occupancy. He said when both hotels are complete they would share employees and have a combined workforce of 40 to 45. He said it will be a cost savings to have one general manager to run both hotels, as well as one maintenance person that can do repairs at both properties.

Several people in attendance said it will be nice to have hotels with room doors that don't open into the parking lot. It was pointed out some companies don't permit their employees to stay in such hotels when they're traveling on business due to security concerns.

### NEW OWNER FOR KIDD FORD?

It's hard to believe it's been 15 years since Terry Kidd and his dealership, Kidd Ford, drove into our hearts and parked in our community. It seems like only yesterday I was writing the story about Terry buying what had been Willmore Ford on Manchester Highway.

Now there's widespread speculation the relationship is coming to an end. Word on the street is Kidd Ford is in the process of being sold and new ownership is on the way.

I was unable to get anyone to talk on the record about this unfolding development, but I did get a comment from an anonymous source deep inside the Kidd Ford inner circle.

With all the talk surrounding the White House and everything going on in Washington, I'm extremely reluctant to use the term "anonymous source." That reluctance aside, I'm hearing a deal is well in the works for new ownership at Kidd Ford. A formal announcement could be coming as early as this week.

Being a proud supporter of Ford, particularly the

great folks at Kidd Ford, my first reaction to this news was, "Noooooo!" But my reaction is not justified, according to my super-secret source, who tells me not all change is bad and this change could very well end up being positive.

As a habitual optimist, I'm going to support that statement and believe this will end up being gravy for the biscuit of Warren County. I'm told this potential new owner has two other well-established Ford dealerships and there's always strength in numbers.

I'll provide more information as it becomes available if a change in ownership does in fact become finalized at Kidd Ford.

### YUMMERS! DELI OPENING THIS WEEK

If you love mouth-watering deli sandwiches that have you drooling for fresh meats and cheeses, Sam's Deli is opening this week on Smithville Highway behind Sherwin-Williams.

Samantha Hunsberger is the owner and perhaps her biggest fan is husband Bryan who loves to eat deli sandwiches. Samantha and Bryan have lived in Tennessee for six years and in McMinnville for two.

"The one thing I miss about the Northeast is the food. That's it," said Bryan, who is originally from the Philadelphia area. "This is a much nicer area and a great place to raise a family."

They have a 10-acre farm and have settled into the Warren County community with their two young boys. Now Samantha is ready to serve a slice of her great-tasting food that will be served on bread from the famous Amarosa Bakery.

Bryan says his favorite sandwich is Sam's Hot Roast Beef. He said most folks in this area don't understand the attraction to hot roast beef but it will be a pleaser for those who try it.

There's also a meatball hoagie, spicy chicken, and various other deli meat com-



Sam's Hot Roast Beef is one of the signature sandwiches on the menu at Sam's Deli. The new restaurant plans to open this Wednesday with a grand opening celebration this Saturday.



Sam's Deli is located at 1003 Smithville Highway, Suite 3, in the back portion of Sherwin-Williams. Local residents may best know the spot as the former location of Sunbeam Bakery.

binations. Bryan says it's high-quality meat that will be sliced on the premises.

Soups, desserts, drinks and other items will also be available. The soups will be appreciated as the weather turns cooler.

I think Sam's Deli has a great location in the same building as Sherwin-Williams on The Strip. It's in the back portion of the spot that was Sunbeam Bakery years ago. To get there, just drive between Sherwin-Williams and the old Captain D's. It's also easily accessible from Northgate Drive. There's seating inside for 16.

Opening day has been set for this Wednesday with the grand opening scheduled this Saturday. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday thru Friday, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. It's closed Monday and Tuesday. The phone number (931) 414-4200.

### AMISH BUSINESSES

I'm often asked about the businesses that are available in our growing Amish community of Warren County. The Amish are great people, but they are not exactly geared toward newspaper publicity so I haven't been

able to do much to promote their businesses. They see me coming and run the other way, which I guess is a natural reaction.

On Friday, I did receive a list of the Amish businesses in our area so I thought it would be appropriate to publish this list. Please note, there are no sales on Sundays and Christian holidays. For people who would like to support Amish businesses, this list should help. It is printed below.

### TOURISM HITS HIGH NOTE

Tennessee is known for its music and its mojo. Because of those attributes, and many more, people want to come here to visit.

The state has released its latest tourism figures that

show Tennessee reached a new all-time high of \$20.7 billion in tourism dollars in 2017, up 6.3 percent from the previous year.

The numbers were soaring here in Warren County as well where it's reported visitors spent \$24.4 million in 2017. That's an increase of 6.9 percent.

That money benefits more than the businesses visited by tourists. The money spent in Warren County generated \$1.02 million in local tax revenue, according to the state.

In addition, a total of 163 Warren countians are employed in tourism-related fields, according to the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development.

Some folks may not realize this but tourism has become Tennessee's second biggest industry. The surge in visitors continues to fuel the state economy.

All 95 Tennessee counties saw more than \$1 million in direct travel expenditures in the economic impact of tourism. Five counties exceeded \$1 billion in travel expenditures, including Davidson (\$6.5 billion), Shelby (\$3.5 billion), Sevier (\$2.2 billion), Hamilton (\$1.1 billion), and Knox (\$1.09 billion).

A record 113.6 million person stays also were recorded in 2017, according to U.S. Travel. Those figures tie in with the lead story of today's column, that being two new hotels coming to McMinnville.

### THAT'S ALL FOLKS

It's fair week and business news is probably the last thing on anyone's mind. The big news is who will get in a fistfight at The Himalaya. Phone in your tips at 473-2191.

## BUSINESSES OF THE AMISH COMMUNITY OF WARREN COUNTY

Henry Hostetler	Produce	2641 Bates Hill Rd., McMinnville
Noah H. Gingerich	Knives, belts, holsters	2773 Bates Hill Rd., McMinnville
Joni H. Gingerich	Produce	4682 Petigap Rd., McMinnville
Andy Gingerich	Swings, produce	4681 Petigap Rd., McMinnville
Daniel L. Zook	Clock repair, goat milk soap	4444 Petigap Rd., McMinnville
Levi Hershberger	Tack shop, belts	4137 Ivy Bluff Trail, Morrison
David Byler Sr.	Produce	4196 Ivy Bluff Trail, Morrison
David Byler Sr.	Produce	4216 Ivy Bluff Trail, Morrison
Herman Gingerich	Produce, saw mill	152 Rose Ln., Morrison
Jacob Gingerich	Solid wood furniture	523 Rose Ln., Morrison
Enos Hostetler	Jams, jellies, canned goods	218 Maggart Ln., Morrison
Eli J.L. Gingerich	Cedar furniture, produce	765 Smoot Rd., Morrison
Amos Hershberger	Produce, farrier	380 Teeters Rd., Morrison
John Gingerich	Produce, gliders	2123 Smoot Rd. Morrison
Levi Miller	Clock repair, baskets, candy	2785 Jacksboro Rd. Morrison
Sam L. Miller	Cedar chests, goat milk soap	2795 Jacksboro Rd., Morrison
Mose Yoder	Upholstery	2720 Jacksboro Rd. Morrison
Menno S. Hostetler	Saw mill	2693 Jacksboro Rd., Morrison
Andy Stutzman	Twisted cedar furniture	1925 Doyle Frazier Rd., Morrison
Emanuel Gingerich	Lawn furniture, produce	4006 Doyle Frazier Rd., Morrison
Henry Gingerich	Produce, hat maker	7644 Shelbyville Rd., Morrison
Peter Byler	Produce	2596 Pleasant Hill Rd., McMinnville
Menno E. Hostetler	Saddle tree	520 RG Kirby Rd., McMinnville
Andy Byler	Produce	2596 Pleasant Hill Rd., McMinnville
Emanuel Byler	Farrier	2616 Pleasant Hill Rd., McMinnville
Eli J. Gingerich	Produce	2848 Pleasant Hill Rd., McMinnville
Jacob P. Gingerich	Saddle bag, halter, produce	6847 Summitville Rd., Morrison

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