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Bedford Business First

News from Bedford County Office of Economic Development - June 2015

Bedford Main Street, Inc. wants your feedback!



After reseating the board, Bedford Main Street is starting fresh with a new Centertown logo! Let your voice be heard and cast your vote for your favorite [here](#).



Bedford County Fair to be held August 28-30

Sponsorships now available



The Bedford County Agricultural Economic Development Advisory Board (AEDAB), in partnership with the Bedford County Tourism Department, will host its first Bedford County Fair in close to 45 years. Held at Glenwood Oil & Automotive in Huddleston, the Fair will feature a variety of events to attract all

ages and interests and will have free entry and parking. The Ag Board is currently seeking sponsors and vendors for the Fair. [Read more.](#)

Cintas expanding in Bedford



Cintas Corporation in Bedford broke ground this month on their recently announced \$6 million expansion of their existing facility on Industrial Drive. They plan to add 15 new employees over the next three years. [Read more.](#)

Business Appreciation event a success

A special thanks to all our local businesses that recently attended the Business Appreciation event on May 26! Raffle winners included Tom Dinardo, President & CEO of Simplimatic Engineering Holdings, Inc., who won the "Best of Bedford" basket and John Messier, owner of Southern Flavoring Company, who won a gift card to Bedford

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Tom Dinardo

Social Club.

Once again, thank you to our local businesses for supporting our local economy, creating exceptional jobs, and making significant contributions to the community!

NanoTouch Materials benefits from \$2 million grant to accelerate development of NanoSeptic Self-Cleaning Surfaces



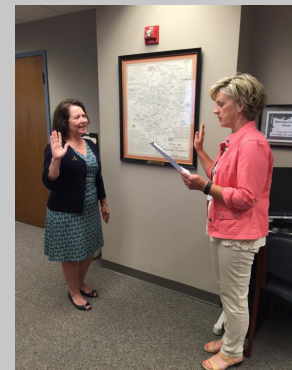
The Tobacco Commission voted unanimously to award the Center for Advanced Engineering & Research a \$2 million research and development grant, 100% of which will directly support NanoTouch Materials' continued development of their NanoSeptic surfaces. This funding will be used to research

new materials and advanced manufacturing processes, and build a dedicated fabrication facility in Bedford County. [Read more.](#)

EDA welcomes new District 7 member

The Bedford County Economic Development Authority (EDA) welcomes a new member this month. Kristy Milton of Bedford was sworn in on June 2, 2015 to fill an unexpired term in District 7.

Milton works as a Real Estate Appraiser at NKM Appraisal Management, Inc., and previously sold, leased, and appraised residential real estate in the Bedford market. [Read more.](#)



Our cost of living ranks lowest in state

The Cost of Living Index, which is published by The Council for Community and Economic Research, found that the Lynchburg Metropolitan Area Composite Index is the lowest in Virginia at 90.0. Housing and transportation were both found to be contributing factors at 81.6 and 94.7.

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