Ohio Governor Mike DeWine to be Keynote Speaker at Canton Regional Chamber Annual Dinner Presented by KeyBank on April 25

The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce Ohio Governor Mike DeWine as the keynote speaker at the Chamber’s 105th Annual Dinner Presented by KeyBank on Thursday, Apr. 25 at the Canton Memorial Civic Center (1101 Market Ave. N, Canton). Tickets are on sale now at CantonChamber.org.

DeWine is the 70th Governor of Ohio. He has had a long and distinguished career in public service, focusing on protecting Ohio children and families. He was previously the 50th Attorney General of Ohio and has previously been elected to serve as Greene County Prosecutor, Ohio State Senator, U.S. Congressman, Ohio Lt. Governor, and U.S. Senator.

“Our Chamber strives to present Annual Dinner speakers on topics that affect the local, regional and national dialogue. As our state’s highest office holder, there is no one more relevant to Ohio’s collective economic and social future than Governor DeWine. We are honored to welcome the Governor to Canton for the evening,” said Dennis P. Saunier, president and CEO of the Chamber.

At the Annual Dinner, the gavel will be passed from outgoing Board Chairman Jim Porter, CEO/Publisher of GateHouse Media/The Canton Repository, to the 2019 Board Chairman Rick McQueen, recently retired President/CEO of the Akron-Canton Airport. The Chamber will recognize and thank the outgoing board members and usher in new members for its 105th year.

The evening will begin with a cocktail reception at 5:15 p.m. followed by dinner and the program. Registrations can be made online at CantonChamber.org or by calling 330.458.2070.

Tickets for the event are $100, and tables of eight are available. This event is open to both Chamber members and non-members. All registration payments must be received in advance and reservations must be received by April 19. Register now; space is limited.

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BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the 2019 winners of the Business Excellence Awards.

This year’s Business Excellence Award winners are:

Agile Networks
Coastal Pet Products Inc.
Eckinger Construction Company
GBS Corp.
Robertson Heating Supply Co.
The M. Conley Company

The Business Excellence Awards salute companies that have distinguished themselves in areas such as entrepreneurship, longevity, growth, innovation, capital improvements, and consistent involvement in the community.

Winners of the Business Excellence Awards will be honored on Tuesday, May 7, at a ceremony and dinner at the Kent State University at Stark Conference Center (6000 Frank Ave. NW, North Canton, OH 44720). Tickets are $65, and tables of 10 or 12 are available.

The eighth annual Business Excellence Scholarship Award, presented by Day Ketterer and the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, will also be presented at the event. The scholarship will be awarded to a local student who writes the winning essay.

Tickets are on sale now! RSVP online at CantonChamber.org/bea-2019 or contact Monique Thompson at (330) 458-2070 to register by April 24.

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AULTCARE QuickConnect Luncheon

Grow Your Network - Meet New Contacts - Be Inspired

Join us for the AULTCARE QuickConnect Networking Luncheon on April 17 with Lorrie Goodnight, Business Consultant, Ohio BWC. Lorrie will discuss medical marijuana laws impact on the BWC including:

- Why do you need a drug-free workplace?
- Sobering Statics
- What is a DFWP and benefits?
- Medical Marijuana

Wednesday, Apr. 17
11:30 am – 1:00 pm (Registration begins at 11:00 am) at La Pizzaria
3656 Dressler Rd. NW, Canton 44718
$18/members, $25/non-members
Register by Apr. 15 at CantonChamber.org

Entrée of the month: Chicken Parmesan and Penne Pasta with a Side Salad or Chicken Chef

AULTCARE Quick Connect attendees can obtain business leads through enjoyable networking activities, hear a compelling speaker, meet new business contacts and enjoy a delicious meal. Plus, when you bring a door prize valued at $15 or more, you’ll receive 30 seconds at the microphone to promote your business.

About our speaker:
As a BWC business consultant, Lorrie partners with the Akron and Ashland area Governor’s Economic Development representative, local chambers of commerce and business associations to resolve issues affecting business expansion or retention. Her duties also include working with employers in Medina, Portage, Summit, Stark and Wayne counties to implement proven risk-management strategies through various cost-control programs.

Lorrie's background and experience are in personnel and benefits administration. She joined BWC in 1994 as a regional administrative manager, responsible for human resources, fiscal, claims, automation, and labor and real estate functions in the Northeast Region. Lorrie is a graduate of Kent State University with majors in both business administration and personnel management and industrial relations.
Education Initiatives Update

Below are a few highlights regarding collaborative Education Initiatives through the Chamber and Education Committee:

1. A new database tool is ready to launch through Ohio Means Jobs and Strengthening Stark. The tool collates all real-time job and intern postings in Stark County. The tool also identifies job types that have the most openings, job projections to 2025, minimum education requirements for each job, the name of the company posting the opening, and much more data and graphs. Once rolled-out, this tool will be used by many stakeholders, including businesses, counselors, students and parents. This data tool for Stark County is a pilot project that the state, through Ohio Means Jobs and the Stark County Auditor’s Office, has developed. This user-friendly dashboard will help connect education programs with local business needs in building Stark County’s talent pipeline.

2. An “Intern Toolbox” for use by small businesses is being developed. The tool box is a collection of best practices in order to develop a successful internship program. The tool box highlights the return on investment and benefits for businesses in hiring either high school or college interns. In addition, the toolbox will include contact information and links to our local college career services personnel and high school career tech programs. The Chamber consortium will assist in promoting internships and use of the toolbox.

3. Plans are being made to develop and launch a communications and marketing campaign targeted at high school students, those in colleges and universities in Stark County and those students from Stark County attending colleges outside of Stark County. The message we want to promote is “Work Play Stay” .... in Stark County of course! This is just one initiative to connect our students to the Stark County community.

4. I was asked by the Stark Education Partnership to co-host with Judge Michael Howard, the unveiling of a documentary, “No Small Matter,” presented by Stark County’s Early Childhood Collaborative on April 30 at the Cultural Center. The event is scheduled for 4:30-6:30 and only 150 seats are available.

5. The Education Committee meetings are very well attended. A legislative and policy subcommittee is being formed that will collaborate with the Chamber Legislative committee and other agencies that have similar education attainment goals.

These are just a few highlights. I am discovering many gems in our education systems through meetings with many in the community. Stay tuned next month for more highlights!

Barbara Hammontree Bennett
Director of Education Initiatives

Chamber Golf Series Presented by Huntington Bank Tees Off May 31

Join us for the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce Golf Series Presented by Huntington Bank. The GOLF CLASSIC on Friday, May 31 at The Quarry Golf Club is the first in a two-part golf series presented by Huntington Bank in 2019.

Each Golf Classic registration of $135/person includes:
- 18 holes, greens fees & cart
- Contests and prizes
- Delicious lunch and beverages
- A “come back and play free” certificate
- Networking opportunities
- Tons of fun on a great course

Golfers will have the chance to win a number of valuable prizes including (but not limited to) Enshrinement Festival ticket packages, restaurant gift cards, cash prizes and more!

Register now at CantonChamber.org or call 330.458.2070. Sponsorship opportunities are available by contacting Chris Gumpp at 330.458.2055

Sponsors to date:
Our Chamber had the opportunity to meet recently with Karine Hray of the Common Sense Initiative (CSI) under Lt. Gov. Jon Husted. Read about the initiative here and how you can get involved.

Are there rules or regulations that are hindering you from growing your business? Do you want to change Ohio’s regulatory framework to help spur innovation and job creation? The Ohio Common Sense Initiative (CSI) needs your help.

CSI’s mission is to look at state regulations from the perspective of job creators in order to make Ohio a better place to do business. CSI is tasked with reviewing Ohio’s regulatory system to eliminate excessive and duplicative regulations that hinder job creation.

While regulations play an important role in ensuring fair competition and protecting public health and safety, regulations also should facilitate economic growth. Ohio’s regulatory process should be built on transparency, accountability, and performance, and should hold state agencies accountable to those foundations as they develop and renew regulations that impact business.

Since the program was launched, CSI has reviewed nearly 15,000 state agency regulations, and has identified 60 percent of those regulations as potential obstacles to job creation and economic growth. Those regulations were amended or rescinded thanks to more than 7,200 comments from businesses and other stakeholders. The effect this public input had on changing Ohio’s regulatory framework illustrates the ability of the CSI rule review process to engage industry stakeholders in the development of more effective regulations.

Go online to business.ohio.gov to subscribe to receive alerts from the agencies that effect your industry and be a part of the conversation by submitting comments through the Business Impact Analysis.

You can also help identify areas where government hinders your ability to create jobs by submitting your solutions to CSIOhio@governor.ohio.gov or by calling 1-855-821-8898.

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At a recent Chamber Tip Club meeting, a SCORE member was describing the Canton Regional Chapter’s mentoring services and lineup of workshops. When he finished, a Tip Club member said, her surprise evident, “I thought SCORE only worked with start-ups. I didn’t know SCORE also worked with existing businesses.”

In the next instant two other Tip Club participants echoed that surprising reaction. It seemed a myth had been keeping some small businesses from seeking counseling from SCORE.

The reality? SCORE’s charter calls for its 340 chapters nationwide to serve both start-ups and existing businesses. In addition to serving for-profit businesses, that charter calls for SCORE to provide assistance to non-profit organizations.

A wide range of existing businesses come to SCORE for counseling. Some recent examples:

- For eight years a husband-wife team have been successfully operating a business that designs and produces logo’d apparel. A long-time customer had emailed an order for 120 logo’d hoodies. They were produced. Only afterward did the customer realize she had erred. She really wanted only 12. The client’s quandary put to SCORE: “How can we work things out with this valued customer so that we don’t absorb a big hit and possibly lose the customer? And how can we prevent future such errors?”

- The owner of another existing business came to SCORE and said, “I’ve been treating marketing as a series of ad hoc tactics. Can you help me create a strategic marketing plan?”

- Another recent SCORE client has been successfully running a dog grooming business. She was experiencing difficulties with one of her employees. She was seeking counseling on HR matters including interviewing techniques and creating an employee handbook.

- Within the past week, an area chamber of commerce asked the SCORE chapter if it would facilitate a session in which member businesses would begin the process of developing a community marketing plan.

During the Canton Regional Chapter’s 2018 fiscal year, chapter members conducted more than 800 counseling sessions. Many if not most were with existing businesses.

- Some clients saw a need for writing a strategic business plan.

- Others asked for help in strengthening money management.

- The owner of an IT service firm has been a SCORE client for five years. He meets with a counselor monthly to review matters ranging from writing proposals to improving customer relations practices to creating an identity system.

- And on and on...

Does SCORE serve existing businesses? Let that myth be forever unmade.

Editor’s note: New for 2019 is a monthly column from SCORE’s Canton chapter. The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce and SCORE work in partnership to bring the members the Small Business Growth Network, which includes free business counseling, as well as workshops for a nominal fee. Learn more at canton.score.org

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Tickets Available QUEEN & ROYAL AMBASSADORS PAGEANT

The Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Queen & Royal Ambassadors Pageant will take place Thursday, May 9, beginning at 7 p.m. at The Canton Palace Theatre with 26 outstanding contestants. All seats are reserved at $22 each (subject to additional processing fee and handling charge). For tickets, please visit profootballhofef.com or call 330.458.2048.

At the conclusion of the Pageant, a Queen and five Royal Ambassadors will have been selected on the basis of personality, poise, beauty, communication skills, academic achievement and service to community. The Queen and Royal Ambassadors will serve as role models and goodwill ambassadors throughout the community, while also promoting the importance and rewards of volunteerism.

The Queen Committee, under the leadership of chairman Barb Schloneger, is responsible for working with Enshrinement Festival staff in coordinating all activities relating to the Enshrinement Festival Queen and Royal Ambassadors and serving as chaperones during their community service activities and official event appearances.

For more information about the event or sponsorship opportunities, contact Kathy Lindenberger at (330) 458-2056 or visit the Enshrinement Festival Web site at www.profootballhofef.com.
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THURSDAY, MAY 9
7:00 p.m. QUEEN & ROYAL AMBASSADORS PAGEANT

SUNDAY, JULY 21
2:30 p.m. COMMUNITY PARADE

FRIDAY, JULY 26
4:00 p.m. BALLOON CLASSIC & NIGHT GLOW

SATURDAY, JULY 27
6:30 a.m. BALLOON CLASSIC
8:00 a.m. UP, UP & AWAY 5K and KIDS FUN RUN
4:00 p.m. BALLOON CLASSIC & FIREWORKS

SUNDAY, JULY 28
6:30 a.m. BALLOON CLASSIC

ENSHRINEMENT WEEK

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31
10:00 a.m. PLAY FOOTBALL FIRST PLAY
6:00 p.m. PLAY FOOTBALL SKILLS CAMP

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1
Noon HOF FUN FEST & BEER FEST
3:30 p.m. CLASS OF 2019 AUTOGRAPH SESSION PRESENTED BY PANINI
8:00 p.m. HALL OF FAME GAME: DENVER BRONCOS VS. ATLANTA FALCONS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2
11:15 a.m. GOLD JACKET PHOTO OP
11:30 a.m. FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON
Noon HOF FUN FEST & BEER FEST
5:00 p.m. ENSHRINEES' GOLD JACKET DINNER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3
8:00 a.m. THE CANTON REPOSITORY GRAND PARADE
Noon RETURNING GOLD JACKETS AUTOGRAPH SESSION PRESENTED BY PANINI
Noon HOF FUN FEST & BEER FEST
7:00 p.m. ENSHRINEMENT CEREMONY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4
Noon HOF FUN FEST & BEER FEST
12:30 p.m. ENSHRINEES' ROUNDTABLE
8:00 p.m. CONCERT FOR LEGENDS
FEATURING IMAGINE DRAGONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 5
7:00 p.m. DRUM CORPS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION | TOUR OF CHAMPIONS

Schedule as of March 2019.
Dates and times are subject to change.
NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

JOIN US AS WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST CHAMBER MEMBERS

Tuesday, April 23, 2019
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hyatt Place
5421 Whipple Ave. NW, Canton, OH 44720

Cost: Chamber Members - FREE | Non-Members - $5.00

All Chamber Members, New and Established, Are Invited!

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HYATT PLACE
CALLING ALL GREEN THUMBS & Urban Gardeners!

It may not look like it now but spring is coming soon, and gardeners in the Downtown Canton Community Garden are ready! Located at the corner of 5th & High NW in the Summit Neighborhood, this community garden started in 2009 with a mission of providing residents of the downtown area a peaceful and safe location to grow their own food, interact with other residents and strengthen their community.

Since then, it has grown to over 75 plots with many of the original gardeners still gardening today. Plots are 10’ x 10’ with double plots available. The cost of renting a plot for the year (April to March) is $10 per 10’ x 10’ and $20 for a 10’ x 20’. The location offers water on-site, a garden shed with shared tools, a compost pile, and a waste pile. It also offers a lighted, fenced-in space with locked gates.

For more information or to be added to the waiting list, please contact Project REBUILD at 330-588-3205, ext 115.

The downtown Summit Neighborhood Community Garden is presented by the Downtown Canton Special Improvement District and sponsored by Project REBUILD, J.P. Morgan, The Chase Foundation and the Stark Community Foundation.

Eat Local, Shop Local at Canton Farmers’ Market

Named one of About Magazine “Local Faves” for Favorite Farmers’ Market, our very own Canton Farmers’ Market is indeed a downtown favorite, and we’re looking forward to its return in June! Along with local produce, the market offers baked goods, herbs and flowers, honey, cheese, eggs, grass-fed meats, and much more.

Now in its 16th year, the market opens on June 15 and runs every Saturday through Sept. 28 from 8-11:30 am at Fourth St. NW and McKinley Ave. NW in the Nadine McIlwain Administrative Building parking lot. Plenty of on-site parking is available.

With something “extra” happening most every weekend, you’ll enjoy nutrition and health education from Aultman Hospital, cooking demonstrations, live music, organic gardening tips, children’s activities, and more! There’s always something NEW at the Canton Farmers’ Market. With over 25 vendors, along with activities for the whole family, the market is the best way to kick off your weekend. Come down rain or shine!

The market is managed by the Downtown Canton Special Improvement District and supported by Aultman, The Canton Repository, Mix 94.1 and News-Talk 1480 WHBC AM, the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Canton.

Visit CantonFarmersMarket.com for vendor application information, as well as a complete listing of vendors and weekly events.
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Uncork & Unwind at Vintage Canton

The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Vintage Canton event on Thursday, May 23, from 4:30 to 9:30 pm along Central Plaza North in downtown Canton. Tickets are available for purchase at VintageCanton.org.

This year’s event will feature some of the finest quality wines from area wineries and abroad; hand-picked wine selections from distributors and retailers will also be available. The popular Beer Garden will return with a diverse offering of craft beers from Canton Brewing Company.

In addition to wine and craft beer, guests can enjoy small tasting plates for a nominal charge from downtown restaurants and Stark County favorites.

Tickets for Vintage Canton are $30 if purchased prior to 5:00 pm on May 22, and $40 after that time and at the event. Special group-rate pricing is available for groups of 20 or more at $25 per ticket. The ticket price includes eight wine or craft beer tastings, collectible wine glass, and a variety of breads and cheeses. Nontasting tickets (no wine or beer) are available for $10.

To purchase tickets, please visit VintageCanton.org or call 330.458.2070. For sponsorship information, contact Chris Gumpp at 330.458.2055 or chrisg@cantonchamber.org. The event will be held rain or shine.

Sponsors to date:

This spring, on Saturdays April 20-May 11, you can shop and save in Downtown Canton! Shop Small Saturdays is a promotional campaign created by the Downtown Canton Special Improvement District, in affiliation with the Canton Regional Chamber, designed to encourage shoppers to discover retailers in downtown Canton.

Specialty retailers are offering a special discount of 20% off a single item. Simply download your coupon from ShopDowntownCanton.com or trim from print ads and redeem at each individual store. You’ll save on the most unique fashion, art, handmade goods, gifts, jewelry, personal care items, furniture and furnishings, vintage goods, books and more, every Saturday.

Coupon rules are simple: the promotion may not be combined with any other offer, but the coupon may be used at multiple retailers each Saturday (but only one time per store per day per customer).

The shops are wonderfully walkable, the parking is free and the deals await! Visit ShopDowntownCanton.com for the coupon and a full list of retailers.
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Our flagship Signature Program is a 10-month intensive experience that will change the way you think about leading and affecting positive change in Stark County.

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A great tool for maximizing employee talent, engagement, and retention, the Signature experience includes opportunities to:

- Discover your innate talents and use them to improve individual and team success
- Be an active innovator during the Civic Ideation Sprint
- Develop an intensive network of community leaders who share your passion for Strengthening Stark County
- Build proficiency in the six Leadership Stark County core competencies: Strategic Agility, Innovation & Technology, Collaboration, Service to Others, Effective Communication, and Relationship Building.

Each year, a limited number of participants are selected through an application & interview process. Our goal is a diverse class: professionally, geographically, and culturally. The program begins with a 2 ½ day retreat and meets for 10 full day sessions once per month. Tuition is $2,900 all-inclusive and tuition assistance is available for non-profit or small business participants.

Applications are due April 15. Application and more information are at LeadershipStarkCounty.org.

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Swing Into Spring at April YP Meetup

Join ystark! at Canton’s newest gathering spot, 1899 Indoor Golf. Whether you want to perfect your swing or enjoy the snacks, this evening will be loaded with fun! Interactive games using the golf simulator are included, as well as use of the VIP Room and drink specials.

Thursday, Apr. 18 • 5:00-7:00 pm
1899 Indoor Golf • 4800 Everhard Rd. NW 44718
Space is limited, register soon at CantonChamber.org
Cost: Free to attend - Drink specials available!
Get to know the diverse young professionals who will shape the future of Canton/Stark County! Each month, we’ll introduce you to a YP who is living or working, but most importantly, thriving in our community.

Meet ystark! YP: Jordan Knapp
Age: 24
Occupation/Title/Place of work: Staff Accountant Hall, Kistler & Company

Why are you interested in Stark County’s Young Professionals initiative? I am very passionate about the initiative to bring more young professionals into the Stark County area because I do notice a shortage. I try to attend as many Canton Chamber events as my schedule allows, and often times I am one of the youngest at the event by a number of years. This does not bother me in the least bit because I love the opportunity to network but I would love to see more young professionals get involved. There are a substantial amount of opportunities to grow as a professional in the Stark County and Downtown Canton areas.

What would you share to encourage other people to join? I attended The Canton Chamber’s Stark Forum in December 2018, at The Pro Football Hall of Fame where the plans for the future of the HOF Village and Downtown Canton were discussed by Lisa Brown of Johnson Controls. The main message I got was that there was a $30 billion a year company with 120,000 employees that was focused on improving Stark County, with the “Strengthening Stark Initiative”. So I would share that, with the plans to make Stark County into a ‘smart community’ and with what the future has in store, this is where you will want to be.

Where did you grow up, if Stark County what kept you here, if not, where did you live and what encouraged you move to Stark County? I grew up in Hartville and have spent my whole life in Stark County. From going to Marlington High School to graduating from Walsh University, I have never had the desire to move away. In my opinion, Stark County has always had everything I needed.

What do you like MOST about Stark County? Oh boy, there are so many things I love about the area so this is going to be tough to narrow it down to one. Personally, I am a very big golfer during the summer and I cannot speak enough to the amount of quality golf courses in Stark County and Northeast Ohio. Just a few of my favorites being Sable Creek, The Quarry, Skyland Pines and The Alliance Country Club but I could go on and on.

What would you change about Stark County if you could? The one thing I would say is the lack of knowledge that I believe is present at the surrounding Universities of what Downtown Canton brings to the table. There are so many amazing and interesting aspects and places to go in the Downtown area, and I really believe that a lot of college students have very little to no knowledge of this.

What do you see as valuable opportunities for YPs in Stark County when it comes to career opportunities, cultural access, leadership or community involvement opportunities? From growing up in Stark County, to now working in Downtown Canton, I can say that there are no shortage of opportunities, of any kind. Stark County has a countless number of great companies and places to work in all industries. There is also a plethora of cultural access, not only in Stark County but even just on Market Avenue in Downtown. Also, something I personally am very interested in exploring is the Leadership Stark County Spotlight Program. The program not only helps you hone in on your leadership skills but also exposes you to numerous volunteering and community involvement opportunities in Stark County.

What would attract more YPs to Stark County? I would explain the lack of knowledge they may have about the tremendous opportunities we have in Stark County and more in particular in Downtown Canton. Personally I was not exposed to Downtown until my first interview at HK and from that point on I began to love the area. I think there needs to be more of a connection between the Chamber and the numerous surrounding Universities. If there is prior knowledge of the amazing plans for the future and some exposure to the area, I believe this will attract more upcoming graduates to focus their job searches and future plans on the Stark County area.

What do you do in the evenings or on the weekends for fun in Stark County or NE Ohio? I love the time I am able to spend with my family and friends, both after work and on the weekends. More in particular, my friends and I have tried out 1899 Indoor Golf a few times recently and it has been a blast every time. Also, from being involved in the Chamber and ystark! I have been exposed to the numerous and upcoming craft breweries, that there are no shortage of in Stark County.

Could you see yourself spending your lifetime in Stark County and if not, what would cause you to leave? Yes I absolutely could see myself spending my life in Stark County. I say this for many reasons but ultimately it comes down to the countless opportunities there are to succeed both professionally and in your personal life.

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April SCSC LUNCHEON

Join us for the April Safety Council Luncheon, “The ABCs of Fall Protection,” featuring Matt R. Jensen, Fall Protection Specialist, 3M - Ohio & Northeast Kentucky Personal Safety Division, Fall Protection Business.

Falls continue to be one of the top causes of injuries to workers. Any organization whose employees conduct work at heights should attend this important luncheon. Each year there are over 100,000 reported incidents, most resulting in a serious injury.

Thursday, Apr. 11
11:30 am-1:00 pm
Alex D. Krassas Event Center
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Featuring Chris DiLoreto, Superintendent, Jackson Local Schools

Join us at the CEO/Senior Management Breakfast on April 10 with Chris DiLoreto, Superintendent Jackson Local Schools.

DiLoreto will discuss the importance of ensuring safe environments in the schools and the workplace. He will also discuss developing and implementing emergency response plans and procedures, including extensive training in both.

Please note: you don’t need to be a CEO or in senior management to attend. All are welcome. The 2018-2019 rebate program requires your CEO/Senior management representative to attend one safety council event.

Wednesday, April 10
8:00 – 9:30 am; registration begins at 7:30 am
Skyland Pines Golf Club & Event Center
3550 Columbus Rd. NE, Canton
Cost: $20 per person
Register online at CantonChamber.org
Ohio BWC Superintendent to Speak at Banquet

On Tuesday, April 30, the Stark County Safety Council and the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation will honor area companies who are committed to maintaining a safe workplace at the 2019 Safety Awards Banquet at Skyland Pines Banquet Center.

This year’s keynote speaker is John Annarino, Chief Medical and Health Officer, Ohio BWC. John will discuss BWC Medical Initiatives including ECP *Enhanced Care Program, Lumbar Fusion, BYBO *Better You Better Ohio, and Opioids.

Awards from the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation Division of Safety and Hygiene will be presented in the following categories:

- Group Award (for the lowest incident in each group)
- 100 Percent Award (for each company that worked the entire year without a lost-time injury)
- Achievement Award (for each company that decreased its incident rate by at least 25 percent from the previous year)
- Special Award (for each company that has accumulated at least 500,000 hours and operated at least six months without a lost-time injury within a year)

Tuesday, April 30
5:30 pm Cash Bar; 6:00 pm Dinner
Skyland Pines Event Center
3550 Columbus Rd NE
Canton, OH 44705
Cost: $40 per person/$320 table of eight
RSVP April 24 at CantonChamber.org
First Commonwealth Bank has been recognized by Forbes as one of the World's Best Banks for 2019. First Commonwealth is one of 60 banks from the United States receiving this distinction and joining a total of 415 banks, from 23 countries, around the world. In collaboration with analytics firm Statista, Forbes selected the World's Best Banks 2019 winners based on an independent survey of more than 65,000 global bank customers. The surveys were administered using a series of online access panels and sampled bank customers. Participants rated the banks utilizing the following criteria: Customer Services, Digital Services, Financial Advice, Terms & Conditions and Trust.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame, in partnership with the Hall of Fame Marathon announced today that Aultman/AultCare will be the title sponsor of the marathon and race weekend events. The rebranded name of the event will be known as the Hall of Fame Marathon Powered by Aultman/AultCare. In addition to the title sponsorship, the Timken Family Cancer Center project at Aultman Hospital will become a beneficiary of the event. “Aultman Hospital and our colleagues at AultCare have played an important role with the Hall of Fame Marathon since its inception in 2014. We are proud to continue this partnership as the title sponsor and have great plans to create programs that benefit our Cancer Center,” said Jim Harris, vice president at Aultman Health Foundation. The marathon, now in its sixth year, is expected to attract runners from 44 states and seven countries for the 2019 race.

Monday, April 1 marks the 60th anniversary of Crowl Marketing Creative. Founded on that capricious day in 1959 by Ray Crowl, some people thought it was an April Fools’ prank. Sixty years and several name changes later, the advertising agency continues to provide marketing communication services to its portfolio of local, regional, national and even a few international clients. After 13 years as regional sales manager at WHBC, Ray Crowl left his position to open Ray Crowl Advertising in his West Manor home; five years later, he built an office on Harrison Avenue NW. Ray’s first five clients were Mondok the Custom Tailor, Rice Office Supply, Canton Hardware, Lee Stockton Tires and Terminix of Ohio. Soon afterward, Crowl added Schuman Drugs, Eppy’s Chevrolet, Stern & Mann’s, First Federal Savings & Loan and Reed Funeral Home.

As of April 1, Phoenix Rising Behavioral Healthcare & Recovery, Inc. a mental health and addiction recovery agency, has an Alliance office to serve eastern Stark, Columbiana, Mahoning, Carroll, and Portage Counties. Their Alliance office is located at 1218 W. State St, and will be open Monday through Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm. This office will provide psychiatric, counseling, case management, and nursing services. They will treat mental health and alcohol & drug addiction, providing the same services Phoenix Rising’s Canton office. The Alliance office will also offer an Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) for adolescents, adults, and seniors. Additionally, this location will offer Alcohol and other Drug (AoD)-specific programming, aimed at focused, individualized treatment for those struggling with addiction.

Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland and East Central Ohio, Inc. (Goodwill) honored Daniel Baltzly, Aleksandria Nelson and Syndie Kitson for outstanding accomplishments in overcoming barriers to employment at a breakfast event held this morning at the Kent State University at Stark’s Conference Center. Amani Abraham, a reporter at WKYC, gave the keynote address to the crowd. The annual event allows Goodwill to report back to the community what their donations and support enabled the organization to do in 2018. “I appreciate the importance of this event because it allows us to share the successes of our organization with the community but also to celebrate the participants and partners who are truly something to be proud of,” said Anne Richards, President and CEO of Goodwill. During the program, Richards shared that in 2018, more than 580,000 community members donated to Goodwill, which in turn helped impact 14,518 local lives and saved more than 12 million pounds of materials from landfills.

First Friends Church of Canton, Ohio is pleased to welcome Daniel Kamwesa as its Sports Ministry Director effective March 4, 2019. In this role, Kamwesa will have overall responsibility for the church’s youth and adult sports ministries as well as the First Friends Church Arts Academy. Previously, Kamwesa served as the High School Pastor and Missions Coordinator at Granada Heights Friends Church in Granada Heights, Calif. He has also served as a Life Coach with InJoy Life Resources and a Youth Development Professional with Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Kamwesa holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sports Management from Malone University in Canton, Ohio, and a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies with a concentration in youth and family ministry from Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, Calif.

Have business news you’d like to share via Biz Bitz? Send your news release to Collyn Floyd, director of marketing, at collynf@cantonchamber.org.
**NEW MEMBERS**

*WELCOME* to our newest members, who joined Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce in February. We encourage you to patronize their businesses. If you know of other businesses that would benefit from Chamber membership, please contact the Membership Department at (330) 458-2051.

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## April CALENDAR

### April 9
- **Small Business Growth Network**
  - **Simple Steps Academy:** Managing Operations [cantonchamber.org](http://cantonchamber.org)
  - Simple Steps Academy is presented by the Canton Regional Chamber Health Fund.
  - **Tuesday, April 9**
  - 8:00-10:00 am
  - SBDC at Kent State University at Tuscarawas
  - Cost: $10

### April 10
- **Stark County Safety Council CEO/Sr. Management Breakfast** [cantonchamber.org](http://cantonchamber.org)
  - Featuring Chris DiLoreto, Superintendent, Jackson Local Schools.
  - **Wednesday, April 10**
  - 7:30 am-9:30 am
  - Skyland Pines Event Center
  - $20 per person

### April 11
- **Stark County Safety Council April Luncheon** [cantonchamber.org](http://cantonchamber.org)
  - Featuring Fall Prevention Specialist, Matt Jensen.
  - **Thursday, April 11**
  - 11:30 am-1:00 pm
  - Alex D. Krassas Event Center
  - $17 per person

### April 17
- **April Aultcare QuickConnect Luncheon** [cantonchamber.org](http://cantonchamber.org)
  - Join us for the AultCare QuickConnect Luncheon with Lorrie Goodnight, Ohio BWC.
  - **Wednesday, April 17**
  - 11:30 am-1:00 pm
  - La Pizzaria
  - $18 members, $25 non-members

### April 18
- **Stark County Safety Council Workzone Traffic Control & Safety Seminar** [cantonchamber.org](http://cantonchamber.org)
  - This free seminar will review the basic elements and typical applications of roadway work zones for temporary traffic control.
  - **Thursday, April 18**
  - Noon-3:00 pm
  - Local 22 Sheet Metal Workers Union Hall
  - Free, but reservations are required

### April 18
- **ystark! Monthly Meet-Up** [ystark.org](http://ystark.org)
  - Help us swing into spring at 1899 Indoor Golf! Sponsored by Stark Federal Credit Union.
  - **Thursday, April 18**
  - 5:00-7:00 pm
  - 1899 Indoor Golf
  - Free to attend, drink specials available

### April 23
- **New Member Reception** [cantonchamber.org](http://cantonchamber.org)
  - Join us for delicious food and networking as we welcome our newest Chamber members!
  - **Tuesday, April 23**
  - 11:00 am-1:00 pm
  - Hyatt Place
  - Members-Free!
  - Non-members-$5.00

### April 25
- **105th Chamber Annual Dinner**
  - Presented by KeyBank [cantonchamber.org](http://cantonchamber.org)
  - Together, let’s celebrate the continued success of the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce and our members on this special night!
  - **Thursday, April 25**
  - 5:15 pm Cocktail Reception, followed by Dinner/Program
  - Canton Memorial Civic Center | $100 per person

### April 30
- **Stark County Safety Council Awards Banquet** [starkcountysc.com](http://starkcountysc.com)
  - Join the Stark County Safety Council and Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation are they honor area companies who are committed to maintaining a safe workplace.
  - **Tuesday, April 30**
  - 5:30 pm Cash Bar; 6:00 pm Dinner and Program
  - Skyland Pines Banquet Center | $40 per person
Todd Werstler remembered what happened to his father, and he remembered how Wake Forest University found a way to give him enough financial aid so he could attend school there. When he started his own business he wanted to compete with his father’s former employer, but his father had a better idea. Todd went into business manufacturing counter tops out of a different, but similar product. His father and mother put their home on the line to help him get started. When a builder in Michigan asked him to produce 150 dormitory shower stalls from this material, Todd found his One Big Thing. He found a way to produce quantities of shower stalls from Solid Surface material better than anybody else.

Soon, the business grew big enough that Todd could return to Wake Forest University and pay back their kindness by establishing The Werstler Family Scholarship Fund to ease the burden on middle-class kids chasing their Wake Forest dreams. With Todd Werstler, what goes around, comes around. Thankfully.

As the area’s premier distributor of business supplies, we want to see other entrepreneurial companies start with an entrepreneurial glint in their eyes and make Stark County great for the next 100 years.

Sincerely,
Bob Stewart
CEO, The M. Conley Company

Go to www.neobrightestlights.com to learn about the other nominees!
The area’s most experienced cardiovascular specialists (MCI: Mercy Cardiovascular Institute)

Record breaking times from ER door to catheterization (ECPC: Emergency Chest Pain Center)

First local heart center offering non-surgical minimally invasive valve treatment

Accepting most major insurances including AultCare & AultCare’s PrimeTime Health Plan.

Ohio’s FIRST Accredited Cath Lab

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2nd Opinions/Appts: 330-588-4676 or cantonmercy.org/heart