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- NEO Outlook | Dr. Iryna Lendel, Research Associate Professor and Director of the Center for Economic Development, Cleveland State University
- Plastics Packaging Recycling 100% by 2030? | American Chemistry Council

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The Chamber Golf Par-Tee will be a scramble format, with a shotgun start. The cost is $115 per golfer which includes:

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AULTCARE QuickConnect Luncheon

GROW YOUR NETWORK - MEET NEW CONTACTS - BE INSPIRED

Join us for the AultCare QuickConnect Networking Luncheon on July 17 with Judge Craig R. Baldwin, Fifth District Court of Appeals. Judge Baldwin will present an overview of the Ohio Court System. Learn how the hierarchy and jurisdiction of the Ohio Court System relates to you, citizens and businesses in our communities.

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

Entrée of the month:
Beef Stroganoff with Pasta and Side Salad or Chicken Chef

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Education Initiatives Update

What do businesses want in their workforce and new hires? They want reliable, intelligent individuals who can learn their systems and programs. And yes, they want their new hires to show up. With unemployment rates at record low levels not seen for twenty years, finding the right workforce is not as easy as it seems.

I am convinced many of our employers need to think differently. Maybe instead of hiring for a position, present the opportunity to hire for a career. Show a prospective hire there are opportunities to advance at your company. Heck, why not start even earlier. ... introduce your company to the future workforce through the many programs our Stark County school systems offer. Name recognition and familiarity with the services or products you offer will give your company a better chance of getting a second look by our local students compared to the countless jobs available on a nationwide basis that our students can access through the click of a button.

Here are some suggestions in regards to establishing relationships with our local school systems and a means to cultivate and create a talent pipeline for your business:

**K-12 Suggestions for Business Engagement**
- Contact your local Superintendent and become a member of their business advisory council
- Visit your local school or career tech program
- Offer a day of job shadowing
- Offer to present your business at a career day in the classroom
- Participate in job fairs
- Offer part-time or summer employment
- Establish Internships

**College Level Suggestions for Business Engagement**
- Become familiar with the 6 universities and colleges in Stark County to find a program that fits your business needs
- Contact the career services at the higher education establishment to become aware of opportunities
- Visit the college or University and get to know the Professors in the programs that connect to your business
- Participate in career fairs
- Participate in mock interviews and networking events
- Offer internships, part-time and/or summer employment
- Participate in industry day and career fairs
- Become a preferred partner with a university by offering career paths and advancement opportunities to your new hires

These are just a few suggestions on ways to tap into the talent we have right here in Stark County through our wonderful K-12 and higher education school systems. After all... Education Means Business!

By Barbara Hammontree Bennett, PE, PS, LEED-AP

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The idea of being your own boss has incredible allure. Many people choose to work for themselves so they can find fulfillment, set their own schedule, or simply have more control over their careers. The fact is that solopreneur businesses have taken off in the last decade. Being your own boss has its rewards, but it can also feel lonely if you’re a solopreneur. To weather the ups and downs of being a solopreneur, here are some powerful tips:

**PACE YOURSELF**

You have to remember that starting and growing a business is a marathon, not a sprint. Especially in the early days, it’s all too easy to put in very long hours with no end in sight. Just remember that finding work-life balance will make you more productive, not less. So, instead of turning into a work robot, make sure to find time also to do enjoyable things that energize and inspire you.

**FIND A SUPPORT SYSTEM**

Flying solo requires a strong support system. One is to find a mentor or a coach. A mentor can help by offering their advice to guide a solopreneur in the right direction. Canton SCORE provides free business mentoring and education. While mentoring tends to be more long-term and development driven, coaching tends to be more short-term and performance driven. Mastermind groups are also a great way to find that support needed by a solopreneur. They allow you to be a part of an exclusive community where you can collaborate with others who may be experiencing similar challenges. Finally, consider forming a small advisory board. This option allows you to benefit from the collective brainpower of a select group chosen by you.

**CELEBRATE SMALL WINS**

If you don’t celebrate small milestones along the way, you are going to lose the motivation to continue. One way to track your progress is by creating done lists. Most people are familiar with to-do lists, but few are familiar with done lists. A done list is a diary of your accomplishments that gives you a sense of progress, heightens positive emotions and helps you to stay motivated.

**REMEMBER YOUR WHY**

You’re bound to encounter challenges and setbacks along the way. To stay motivated, it’s essential for you to remember your “why.” Why did you start this business in the first place? Was it because you craved more freedom, flexibility or control over your career? Getting in touch with this big-picture view will not only keep you focused but will provide you with the perspective to make wise decisions.

Remember: just because you start small, don’t forget to think big! For free business mentoring advice, contact SCORE at CantonSCORE.org or 330.244.3280.
ystark! Update: YPS ARE MORE THAN THE YOUNGEST PERSON IN THE ROOM

“Give the social media responsibilities to the youngest person in the room.”

I kid you not—this is a phrase I have heard countless times in organizations. There isn’t enough time in the day for me to explain everything that is wrong with this. If THIS is the type of value an organization places on its young professionals, both “old” and “young” professionals of the organization should run fast.

Young professionals are growing at an incredible rate in today’s workplace, and they will be the leaders of most before long. It is all of our responsibility to take an active role in engaging and retaining them here in Stark County. We don’t do that by giving them stereotypical millennial tasks like taking care of social media in their spare time. We engage and retain them by providing professional development opportunities, encouraging networking amongst their peers and outside of their peer groups and by allowing them space for civic engagement.

Harnessing their leadership potential can be done organically in the workplace by offering trainings and leadership opportunities. It can also be done by seeking out and participating in structured leadership programs like Leadership Stark County’s Spotlight program for young professionals. Facilitating networking opportunities can be as simple as company get-togethers or conferences. It can also be done by engaging in more formal networking opportunities like the monthly Meet-ups with ystark! Finally, civic engagement is a driving force behind young professionals today. What makes them tick? What causes drive them personally and professionally? Learn some of these and allow them time and space to get involved and find meaning.

All three of these—leadership, networking and civic engagement—will contribute to young professionals’ decision to ultimately choose to work, play and stay in Stark County. If you employ YPs, are you doing your part? If you are a YP, are you taking an active role in fulfilling your three cups?

We are more than the “youngest person in the room,” and it’s all of our responsibility to make sure everyone understands how important that is to our community as a whole.
Summer is Canton’s time to shine in the national spotlight, and this year is no exception! The 2019 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival, including Enshrinement Week Powered by Johnson Controls, will take place in Canton, Ohio this July and August for the 56th consecutive year as our community welcomes the newest Class of Enshrinees, many returning Gold Jacket Hall of Famers, and football fans from across the country.

While nearly 29,000 men have played in at least one National Football League game, there are only 318 members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. That number will increase to 326 on August 3 as the Class of 2019 Enshrinees is inducted: Champ Bailey, (the late) Pat Bowlen, Gil Brandt, Tony Gonzalez, Ty Law, Kevin Mawae, Ed Reed, and Johnny Robinson.

Progress continues on the Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village, an $899 million mixed-use development of the Pro Football Hall of Fame’s campus. Fans can already enjoy the new, state-of-the-art Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium, which includes all the features you would find in an NFL stadium, including luxury suites, a permanent stage and HD LED screens.

The annual Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival including Enshrinement Week Powered by Johnson Controls, a collaborative effort between the Pro Football Hall of Fame and the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, has expanded to more than 17 diverse events enjoyed by nearly 700,000 people and producing an economic impact of approximately $40 million for the Canton/Stark County area and nearly $65 million for the State of Ohio.

In addition, millions of people across the country and world experience televised Enshrinement Festival events on NFL Network and ESPN.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

QUEEN AND ROYAL AMBASSADORS PAGEANT On May 9, the 2019 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Queen and five Royal Ambassadors were selected on the basis of personality, poise, beauty, communication skills, academic achievement and service to the community. They will help welcome the current Class of Enshrinees, and serve as role models and goodwill ambassadors throughout the community, while also promoting the importance and rewards of volunteerism.

COMMUNITY PARADE Who doesn’t love a parade? More than 100 diverse parade units including community youth groups, marching bands, the walking flag, antique vehicles, specialty units, and a giant helium balloon will participate in this spirit-filled Community Parade. Free event no ticket necessary. Sunday, July 21 | 2:30-4:30pm | Downtown Canton

BALLOON CLASSIC More than 130,000 spectators gather each year to view over 50 hot-air balloons take flight! This free event offers skydivers, an exciting Night Glow on Friday night, and a fireworks extravaganza on Saturday. There will be dozens of food and beverage vendors, musical entertainment, mobile tours, children’s activities, a donut eating contest on Friday and large scale kites featuring stunt flyers. Free event no ticket necessary. Friday-Sunday, July 26, 27 and 28 | 4:00–10:30 pm Kent State University at Stark Campus

UP, UP & AWAY 5K Start your morning at the beautiful Kent State University at Stark State campuses for a 5K looping course with the potential for hot air balloons to both launch and fly over campus! Part of the Ohio Challenge Series, both serious runners and recreational runners/walkers are all welcome! Register by July 1 and be guaranteed a commemorative shirt and finisher’s medal. Post-race party activities include snacks, beverages, inflatables for the kids, and a free kids fun run. 5K Run/Walk Registration Fee: $30, Kids Fun Run Ages 8 and under: Free Saturday, July 27 | 8:00 am | Kent State University at Stark and Stark State Campuses

PLAY FOOTBALL FIRST PLAY For the 20th straight year, the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Week Powered by Johnson Controls has begun with Play Football First Play during which 3,000 children form a human chain and pass a football along a three-mile route from the location in downtown Canton where the National Football League was founded to the front steps of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Contact the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Wednesday, July 31 | 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. | Canton

PLAY FOOTBALL SKILLS CAMP The Play Football “Skills Camp,” for children ages 11-14, featured football activities designed for all skill levels. Gold Jackets will be on field to assist and encourage camp participants. Contact the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Wednesday, July 31 | 6:00–8:00 pm | Youth Sports Complex, Pro Football Hall of Fame

HOF FUN FEST & BEER FEST HOF Fun Fest is free and open to the public Aug. 1-4! Fans will enjoy DJs, live bands, Gold Jacket Chalk Talks, special guest appearances, inflatables, games and contests every day. Beer Fest features the latest trends in ice cold beverages. Contact the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Thursday-Sunday, August 1-4 | Times Vary by Day Pro Football Hall of Fame Campus

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME AUTOGRAPH SESSION PRESENTED BY PANINI Preserve your football memories with autographs from members of the Class of 2019 as they visit Canton for the 2019 Enshrinement Week Powered by Johnson Controls. Contact the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Thursday, August 1 | 3:00 pm | Pro Football Hall of Fame Event Center
HALL OF FAME GAME Unlike other NFL games, the Hall of Fame Game is played at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium, a state-of-the-art, NFL-quality stadium right here in Canton, Ohio. Enthusiastic fans will cheer on the Atlanta Falcons vs. Denver Broncos! If you’ve never experienced seeing an NFL game up this close, you won’t want to miss out.

Contact the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Thursday, August 1 | 8:00 pm | Hall of Fame Field at Tom Benson Stadium

GOLD JACKET PHOTO OP Fans will have the special opportunity to witness a gathering of the game’s immortals to celebrate excellence at this photo op on the front steps of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. The public is invited to this free event, and encouraged to capture the moment and share their pictures on social media. Contact the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Friday, August 2 | 11:15 am | Pro Football Hall of Fame

FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON Guests will enjoy delicious wine, lunch and a decadent dessert, followed by a show featuring fashions from casual to dressy and everything in between. The season’s hottest fashions will be provided by local and regional stores, and showcase both male and female models. Lots of fun and lively entertainment will be enjoyed as well! Tickets starting at $72.

Friday, August 2 | 11:30 am | Memorial Civic Center and Cultural Center

ENSHRIEES’ GOLD JACKET DINNER Guests at the 2019 event will witness the Class of 2019 Enshrinees receive their gold jackets, one of three iconic symbols of induction -- the other two being the bronze bust and the ring. The evening will begin with a cocktail party and delicious dinner prior to the crowd offering warm congratulations to the Class of 2019, along with many Gold Jackets in town to celebrate and to welcome the newest members. Truly a night to remember, the Enshrinees’ Gold Jacket Dinner is a fantastic event! Tickets are $145.

Friday, August 2 | 5:00 pm | Memorial Civic Center and Cultural Center

THE CANTON REPOSITORY GRAND PARADE More than 200,000 spectators will gather along a 2.2 mile stretch of Cleveland Avenue to welcome members of the Class of 2019 Enshrinees and many returning Gold Jackets. Specialty units, giant helium balloons, fabulous floats and marching bands will also dazzle the crowd! Reserved Bleachers, Chairs, and Disabled seating: $10/seat. All other seating is free to the public. Saturday, August 3 | 8:00 am | Downtown Canton

RETURNING GOLD JACKETS AUTOGRAPH SESSION PRESENTED BY PANINI Preserve your football memories with autographs from Hall of Fame legends as they return to Canton for the 2019 Enshrinement Week Powered by Johnson Controls. Contact the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Saturday, August 3 | 12:00 Noon | Pro Football Hall of Fame

ENSHRIEEMENT CEREMONY The apex of the entire celebration is the emotional Enshrinement Ceremony where the newest Hall of Fame members, the Class of 2019 assume their rightful place among pro football’s elite. At Tom Benson Hall of Fame Field on August 3, fans will witness the induction of the Class of 2019. Contact the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Saturday, August 3 | 7:00 p.m. | Hall of Fame Field at Tom Benson Stadium

ENSHRIEES’ ROUNDTABLE At this unscripted and up-close-and-personal event, Enshrinees share stories and memories of their careers. An NFL Network broadcaster will host the festivities as an entertaining emcee. Enjoy a delicious lunch followed by epic stories from your favorite Enshrinees. Once you attend this fan favorite, you’ll never want to miss it again! Tickets starting at $68.

Sunday, August 4 | 12:30 p.m. | Memorial Civic Center and Cultural Center

Concert for Legends Now in its fifth year, the 2019 Pro Football Hall of Fame Concert for Legends will feature Imagine Dragons! Contact the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Sunday, August 4 | 8:00 p.m. | Hall of Fame Field at Tom Benson Stadium

DRUM CORPS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION TOUR OF CHAMPIONS The Tour of Champions event series is an exciting live entertainment format featuring top World Class corps. Spectators will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the drum corps experience with exclusive fan-member interaction, pre-show and intermission entertainment and more! New location at Akron’s InfoCision Stadium. Tickets range from $25-$50.

Monday, August 5 | 7:30 p.m. | Akron InfoCision Stadium
Cash prizes will be awarded in the 2019 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival’s 31st annual Photo Contest. Snapshot enthusiast or professional photographer? All are invited to enter by taking photos at any of the outdoor Enshrinement Festival events beginning July 21 through August 5. Awards will be given in both the professional and non-professional categories, and some of the winning photos may be used in future Enshrinement Festival publications.

Due to the generous support of the Western Reserve Group, cash prizes for the contest total $1,800, and $100 prizes may be awarded to each of the five first place photos chosen from professional and non-professional divisions in the following categories: Community Parade, Balloon Classic, Drum Corps International Competition Tour of Champions, The Canton Repository Grand Parade, and Up, Up & Away 5K. Multiple honorable mention awards in the amount of $25 may also be given in each category. A Best of Show winner will be selected from all entries and will receive $250.

Up to 10 photos can be submitted for a single entry fee of $10. If you have more than 10 great photos to submit, multiple entry fees are welcomed. Entry forms are available at the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce and on the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival website at www.ProFootballHOFEF.com. The complete Enshrinement Festival schedule of events is also available on the website.

All entries must be mailed or delivered to: Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, 222 Market Ave. N., Canton, OH 44702. The deadline for receiving photos is 5 p.m. on August 21. The winning photos will be on display at the Joseph Saxton Gallery of Photography at 520 Cleveland Avenue North in downtown Canton, and on the Enshrinement Festival’s Web site.

For more information, contact Erin Adcock at (330) 458-2053 or erina@cantonchamber.org.

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The Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival is proud to present the 3rd annual “UP, UP & AWAY 5K” to be held on Saturday, July 27, in tandem with the annual Balloon Classic event on the Kent State University at Stark and Stark State campuses. Last year’s race attracted nearly 700 participants, and numbers are expected to grow this year. Register now at www.hofef5k.com.

Participants can enjoy a 5K course looping the beautiful campus while being surrounded by the potential for hot air balloons to launch from and fly over the campus. This 5K is possible through the generosity of OMNI Orthopaedics and is part of the Ohio Challenge Series, so serious and recreational runners alike are welcome. Spectators will cheer on the runners and walkers with spirit bells sponsored by the Love Andrew Foundation.

Each participant who registers by July 1 will be guaranteed to receive a commemorative shirt (in their size, and choice of short or long sleeves) and a finisher’s medal. While waiting for the awards ceremony, participants can enjoy refreshments, along with family fun including inflatables for the kids.

The top three male and top three female runners will receive American Airline travel vouchers sponsored by the Akron-Canton Airport. And a four-pack admissions to the Pro Football Hall of Fame sponsored by Constellation. Additionally, there will be age category prizes sponsored by Schumacher Homes.

Schumacher Homes is also sponsor of the FREE Kids Fun Run, a non-competitive run for children age eight and under. Each participant will receive a Kids Fun Run medal and tee shirt. In order to be guaranteed specific shirt size and medal, you must register by July 1, 2019. Waiver must be completed by parent/guardian.
For the past 56 years, the Pro Football Hall of Fame and Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce have partnered to produce the annual festivities celebrating the induction of a new Class into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Both organizations rely heavily on a team of more than 4,500 extraordinary community volunteers who work year-round with the professional staffs to plan the events. General Chairman Doug Froelich and General Vice Chairman Todd Stover lead that team, with the strong support and dedication of the following committee chairmen:

**NAME & COMMITTEE:**

Doug Froelich, General Chairman  
Todd Stover, General Vice Chairman  
Nate Mayle, Balloon Classic  
Paulette Bersaglini, Enshrinees’ Gold Jacket Dinner  
David Fisher, Up, Up & Away 5K  
Chris Bresson, Community Parade  
Ron Dougherty, Safety Management  
Drew Felberg, The Canton Repository Grand Parade  
Adam Harding, Security & Logistics  
Jill Hetrick, Fashion Show Luncheon  
Denny Kinkead, Food  
George Krusel, Staging  
Marilyn Nave, Drum Corps International  
Sue Palomba, Special Services  
Dave Cemate, Enshrinees’ Roundtable Patience Rush, Appreciation Party  
Ann Marie Early, Souvenirs  
Barb Schloneger, Queen & Royal Ambassadors  
Donna Shadle, Communications  
Gina Bannevich and Tim Jones, Co-Chairmen, Fan Experience Parties  
Kim Davenport, Hostesses  
Terry Coyne, Enshrinement  
Laura Felberg, Guest Services  
Agatha Johnson, Hotel Ambassadors  
Dennis Manzella, Concert for Legends  
Steve Neisel, Corporate Hosts  
Frank Leopold, Autographs  
Maureen Schmucker, Volunteer Services  
Joel Chenevey and Dan Michel, Co-Chairmen Security  
Traci Tsai, Hall of Fame Game  
Bob Vero, Transportation  
Evan and Kristin Hannon, Co-Chairmen First Play
We hope you’ve purchased your tickets for the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Fashion Show Luncheon (Friday, August 2); Enshrinees’ Gold Jacket Dinner (Friday, August 2); and/or Enshrinees’ Roundtable (Sunday, August 4). If not, there’s still time: 330.458.2048 or www.ProFootballHOFEF.com.

In compliance with standard security measures for large, high profile events (similar to requirements at NFL stadiums), the following PROCEDURES WILL APPLY for those three events:

• **NO PARKING** in the on-site parking deck WITHOUT A PRE-PURCHASED PARKING PERMIT
  
  - Deck parking is limited, so permits MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE at a cost of $15 per event, per vehicle (first come, first served)

- You are able to purchase permits online at: [www.profootballhoffestival.com/purchases](http://www.profootballhoffestival.com/purchases) or call 330.458.2048

- The pre-paid parking permit will be mailed in early July, along with your event ticket(s)

• **NO ACCESS** to the property or the event WITHOUT PRESENTING AN EVENT TICKET

• **ALL GUESTS** will go through a security screening device (allow extra time for this process)

• These areas will be CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC: the driveway between the Civic and Cultural Centers and Market Avenue North from 9th to 12th Streets

Thank you for your compliance with these procedures which are being implemented to assure guest safety and enjoyment of the events.
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CLASS OF 2019

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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 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 a.m.  PLAY FOOTBALL SKILLS CAMP

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1
Noon  HOF FUN FEST & BEER FEST
3:00 p.m.  PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME 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
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The Downtown Canton Special Improvement District (SID) is pleased to announce a new enhancement to our existing DORA in downtown Canton. As a result of recent legislation, the SID has entered into a partnership with Superior Beverage/Labatt, beginning June 3, 2019. The benefits to the DORA are:

- Superior Beverage/Labatt will supply new DORA cups with the Labatt logo.
- Permit holders (bars and restaurants in the DORA) will receive these cups at no cost.
- Permit holders will no longer charge $1.00 to patrons for the DORA cup.
- Superior Beverage/Labatt will provide marketing assistance for the DORA and for permit holders in the DORA.

All remaining aspects of the DORA program will remain the same.

- The Canton Police Department will continue to enforce the use of the official DORA cups for outside consumption.
- SID/Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce will continue to supply cups to permit holders and track distribution of cups to all permit holders. Your previous history will be taken into consideration when placing your next order. Permit holders are not to use these cups for any other use, other than the purpose of the DORA.
- The DORA will continue to use the current official DORA cup until the new cups are supplied by Superior Beverage/Labatt.

Since its inception in 2016, the SID has managed the DORA operation on behalf of the City of Canton. Our DORA has been very successful because of the support and commitment by our permit holders and DORA cup users. Since 2016, 47,944 patrons have enjoyed the freedom of open containers in our downtown.

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The Canton Farmers’ Market is back for its 16th year of providing locally grown produce, fun entertainment, and the freshest food around on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. June 15 - Sept. 28.

The Canton Farmers’ Market is a producers-only market that offers fresh, quality products at reasonable prices directly from local growers in Northeast Ohio. Along with fresh local produce, the market offers baked goods, flowers, honey, cheese, eggs and meat, and much more! The Market is located at Fourth St. NW and McKinley Ave. NW. The site is perfectly suited with green grass, trees and tons of parking!

On any given weekend, the Canton Farmers’ Market offers community resources, nutrition and health education from Aultman Hospital, cooking demonstrations, live music, live radio broadcasts, organic gardening tips, children’s activities and art projects for people of all ages. The market will be making fresh food available more readily available by offering WIC and senior nutrition (contact the City of Canton for more information.)

The market is managed by the Downtown Canton Special Improvement District and is thankful for its supporters: Aultman Health Foundation, The Canton Repository, Mix 94.1 & News-Talk 1480 WHBC AM, the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Canton.

Learn more about the Canton Farmers’ Market at CantonFarmersMarket.com.

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Eat Local, Buy Local at Canton Farmers’ Market
Don’t miss CHALK THE WALK at First Friday on July 5 or GAME TIME at First Friday on August 2! On July 5, these streets are made for chalkin’ and that’s just what they’ll do at Chalk the Walk. Check out professional chalk art from over 20 artists, or draw your own masterpiece! In August, get your head in the game at one of the biggest First Fridays of the year during Enshrinement Week Powered by Johnson Controls.

Want more First Friday action this summer? Every Friday through Aug. 2, ArtsinStark is hosting Friday Night Live in downtown Canton featuring a free concert at 201 Cleveland Ave. NW. Concerts begin at 7 pm.

Kendall and Blue is the newest addition to downtown’s retail scene, who prides themselves on finding gorgeous, yet fabulously comfortable clothing. This shop offers womens and girls clothing, shoes, jewelry and athletic apparel. 217 2nd Street NW, Canton, OH 44702. Visit them online at kendallandblue.com.

Around the corner from Kendall and Blue is the Angry Avocado, coming soon to the former Street Side restaurant space. Two local restaurateurs, Matt Fischer and Tony Ly, are teaming up to open a fun, high-energy mod-Mex eatery with 14 taco options. The Angry Avocado plans to open in July at 217 Market Ave. N.

Awaiting you at the Downtown Canton Flea are more than 75 vendors, offering art, crafts, antiques, handmade goods, vintage finds, farm fare and specialty foods, collectibles and all kinds of crazy other stuff you won’t find anywhere else. It’s all for sale, all for you, all in one place. It’s all happening the third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Canton Cultural Center for the Arts.
Leadership Stark County Graduates Inaugural Youth Leadership Academy Class

The inaugural year of the Youth Leadership Academy of Stark County (YLA) came to a celebratory conclusion at the end of the school year. Similar to the Signature program, the high school sophomores met once a month September through March for interactive learning on a variety of community themes.

YLA was created to develop leadership and community stewardship in our youth to help address some of the issues brought forward by the Strengthening Stark report published by the Stark Community Foundation. These include: Regional collaboration, Job preparation, Educational attainment, Population aging and retention, and Sense of connection to the community.

Some of the highlights of the year’s learning include:

• Sharing assets and challenges of their community
• Learning how students from other schools are alike or different
• Learning to see the world through different perspectives
• Discovering their personal strengths and learning to use them in teams
• Tours of downtown Canton, the Arts District, Pro Football HOF and Tom Benson Stadium, the Timken Company, Claredale Farm in Jackson Township, Aultman Hospital and College, Massillon Museum, Stark County Courthouse, Canton City Council, and more
• QPR suicide prevention training with Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Board, 5 ways to manage stress
• Hearing from Diane Robinson of the Stark County Urban League and learning how to define diversity and the value of inclusion.

• Participating in a mock trial at the courthouse and mock City Council meeting.

The program is continuing and expanding for the 2019-2020 school year. A new group of sophomores has already been chosen by their schools. In addition, last year’s group will participate as juniors in YLA II. Meeting four times through the school year, YLA II builds on the concepts learned in YLA and will include student-led community building projects, visits to local businesses and non-profits along with college tours.

Our hope is that having completed YLA II, the students will then help facilitate the YLA I & YLA II programs during their senior year. We believe that facilitation and mentorship will build their leadership capabilities. At the conclusion of their senior year, the students will have had three years to build friendships, networks, community relationships, and understand county assets. Our goal is that because of the interaction and learning gained in YLA programs, the students will think seriously about attending a local university and be more likely to stay or return to the community after college.

Sponsorships are available to organizations who want to give this program a vote of confidence and invest in our county’s youth.
Get to know the young professionals who will shape the future of Stark County! Each month, we'll introduce you to a YP who is living or working, but most importantly, thriving in Stark County!

Meet ystark! YP: Andrea Hartman
Name: Andrea Hartman
Age: 28

Occupation/Title/Place of work: Event Manager, Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce Events Department

Why are you interested in Stark County’s Young Professionals initiative? The Canton community is very unique because of the many leaders that take pride into making Canton even better. As young professionals we will one day be charged to make the Canton community better for others. We need to enhance and maintain the amazing talent that is already in Stark County!

What would you share to encourage other people to join ystark? ystark is a great organization to join not only to get involved in the community but to meet some amazing professionals. There is so much talent in Stark County especially within the ystark! organization. It is a great way to meet others and earn some valuable advice when it comes to the community and workforce.

Did you grow up in Stark? If so, where? If not, where did you move from and why? I grew up in Stark County. I graduated from Jackson High School and went to Pennsylvania State University where I received a bachelor’s degree in Public Relations. I took a real interest to Penn State’s athletic programs and knew I wanted to continue a career in athletics or professional sports. I realized to accomplish this goal of mine, moving back to Canton was going to be the right choice for me.

Why do you stay in Stark County, from both a personal and professional point of view? I decided to come back to Stark County for a few reasons. First and foremost, my family was still in Stark County. I am very close to my family and knew that was an important factor for me. Also, my friends were all making their way back to Stark after college. When I am not with my family I am enjoying time with my close friends. Last but not least, when I graduated and started looking for a job I found out about the event manager position for the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce with its Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival. Joanne Murray and Chris Gumpp took a huge chance on me, and I am so thankful. My career choice has been one that has been very rewarding to me. I have met amazing individuals and community partners that I value everyday when I come to work.

What do you like MOST about Stark County? I like that there is always something to do. Whether it is going out to dinner at the great restaurants we have or coming downtown to catch a movie at the Palace Theater, there is truly something for everyone. Our community is different from others I have seen. We have something to offer for everyone. If you log onto Facebook and check the events happening on any given weekend you will come up with a wide variety of events and activities that appeal to any hobby. Our restaurants and bars are one of a kind and really make Stark County unique. I would be remiss if I did not mention the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival! What other city do you know that can host a wide variety of events within three weeks and attract thousands from across the United States to celebrate football’s greats? That is a huge accomplishment if you ask me!

What would you change about Stark County if you could? I would like to change the sometime negative opinions of Stark County. There are still some naysayers in the community, and I feel that is because of the lack of communication or education to those individuals. With better communication we can demonstrate everything the community has to offer. I also feel there is a lack of volunteerism with young professionals. I would love to see that change with our community.

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? I see a current shift in our companies and organizations as the current leaders are beginning to retire and incorporate their succession plans. This is an opportunity for our youth to begin to learn the values of leadership and training as they enter the next phases of their careers. There are many non-profit and volunteer organizations in our community that offer the opportunity for young professionals to become engaged and leaders of these organizations. There is a current interest in young professionals and the opinions of young professionals has become very important because it is fresh and new ideas that will move the community forward.

What would attract more YPs to Stark County? I think communication about what the County has to offer. Encouraging those who currently live in the County to get out and educate others would be very helpful!

What do you do in the evenings or on the weekends for fun in Stark County or NE Ohio? I enjoy staying healthy and trying new activities to maintain a healthy lifestyle. There are many new gyms, yoga studios, and activities in the community to promote a healthy lifestyle. Yoga Strong, Barrefly, and the Paul and Carol David YMCA are a few of my favorite gyms. I recently joined the Friends of the Children’s Network board. This non-profit organization helps children and families who have been abused. Being a part of this organization has made me appreciate my childhood and challenged me to help those children who are hurting. On the weekends I enjoy going out to dinner with my friends. We enjoy going to Table Six, 91, Willow Bistro, or Gervasi.

Could you see yourself spending your lifetime in Stark County and if not, what would cause you to leave? Yes, I do see myself staying in Stark County for my lifetime. I would like to one day get married and start a family and I think we have some of the best schools in the state of Ohio. Attending a large university, I was well prepared and have to give credit to Jackson High School for preparing me for that next stage of my education. Friends and family are the forefront of Stark County, and that is very important to me. There is so much to do, whether it is with your friends or family including children that there would be no need for me to leave the community.

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COMPASS (Sexual Assault Education, Prevention & Support) (COMPASS), an affiliate of Goodwill Industries, received the Excellence in Advocacy Award this week at the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV) annual conference. This prestigious award is given to agencies and individuals for their contributions to help advance the field of sexual assault awareness. These awards provide an opportunity to celebrate creative programs that are committed to violence prevention and sexual assault advocacy. Each year, OAESV recognizes community programs and/or individuals that demonstrate outstanding efforts to end sexual violence and/or support survivors. For more than 20 years COMPASS has been serving the Stark, Tuscarawas and Carroll county communities by providing education, prevention and support to schools and organizations.

Home Savings recently donated a check for $6,300 to Western Reserve Public Media. The funds will provide program support to help ensure the continued delivery of PBS programs such as Masterpiece, Lidia’s Kitchen and Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood. “We at Western Reserve Public Media are proud to provide a suitable forum for Home Savings to demonstrate its commitment to the communities it serves,” explained Terry Schlosser, Account Executive, Western Reserve Public Media. “Having the Home Savings brand attached to these programs expresses an investment in our collective future and in the children who will one day be our leaders.”

As the business world continues to grow more dynamic and complex, so does the role of the human-resource professional. In response to this challenge, the Corporate University at Kent State University at Stark will hold the 2019 Human Resource Symposium on Thursday, July 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Conference Center, 6000 Frank Ave. NW. Designed for HR professionals, attendees will learn about the latest research on emerging trends and best solutions for dealing with workplace concerns. “Participants will take away useful tools to put into practice and make valuable new connections,” said Faith Sheaffer-Polen, director of the Corporate University. “The symposium is focused on how to prepare yourself and your workforce for the future.”

Black McCuskey continues to invest in a “summer associate” program. The program provides future lawyers with the opportunity to experience working in a law firm while completing their last year of law school. Typically, an extensive interview process is conducted almost a year in advance. Based on those interviews, one or two students are selected to work during the following summer. The summer associate program has been very successful in developing many of the firm’s current attorneys: Jim Wherley, Bob Preston, Robert Murphy, Ryan Kuchmaner, Whitney Willits-Monroe, Rod Moore, Julia Radefeld, Kimberly Rippeth and Ryan Robinson are all past interns. Law school students, Jason Brown and Michael Class, both from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, are working at the firm this summer.

Pegasus Farm Country Store and Gardens invites the community to monthly summer celebrations. The Blueberry Festival and Sunflower Festival are open to the public and are sure to be enjoyable for guests of all ages. As guests experience The Country Store and Gardens, they will learn that this is more than just a store and garden. Run and cared for by adults with disabilities, this is a place of opportunity and growth to learn work skills as well as life skills. The inaugural Blueberry Festival from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on July 20th. Visitors will enjoy fresh blueberry sundaes and cobbler, music, games, animals, and even food trucks. The Sunflower Festival will take place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on August 10th. Guests can look forward to photos, fresh picked bouquets from the garden, food, a sunflower craft, and additional family fun!

The Vasco Group, consisting of Vasco Asphalt, Vasco Sports and Nidy Sports in FL, has successfully grown in business, in employees and in geography since its inception in 1967. Consequently, a new 1,700-square-foot addition – including two conference rooms, a kitchen and 14 workstations – was built on to its existing 4,000-square-foot Massillon location this year. With the contracting help of Scheetz Companies and Sol Harris/Day as the designer, this facility overhaul was crucial because the company needed the extra space to accommodate 25 new hires, for a total of 110 Vasco employees, as well as modernizing its offices to enhance the work environment. Founded in 1967, The Vasco Group has built the top recreational surfaces for work and play and serves as an industry leader in commercial asphalt paving, athletic facility construction, tennis and track surfacing, artificial turf installation and commercial parking lot maintenance.

Canton Ballet has engaged Michael Rizert of Hartville as marketing and development coordinator. He will join the ballet staff on July 15 where he will be responsible for a comprehensive fundraising and marketing program that includes management of the ballet’s social media channels. Rizert holds an M.A. in Arts Administration from the University of Akron. He previously worked with the Cleveland Orchestra as editorial and media relations coordinator. He also has worked for the Aspen Music Festival and School, the American Dance Festival, Playhouse Square and the National Inventors Hall of Fame and Museum.

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NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME to our newest members, who joined Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce in May. 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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When Abner Yoder opened a builder’s trade magazine in 1963 and saw a small advertisement for Gain Nail truss-building machines, the lives of millions of Christians worldwide, thousands of local residents and builders throughout northeast Ohio changed in unimaginable ways. Few of them had any idea what was happening.

Over a long life, Abner Yoder had three great loves: God. Family. Business. The order was important as was the way they intertwined. The marvelous truss machine he leased from Gain Nail/Company cut the time it took to build trusses for a typical home from three days to one, a significant advantage for the local builders he served. He then used the money made from selling trusses to support his family, employees and a growing team of gospel missionaries around the world. Family. Employees. God. Customers. All were served by Abner during a long life. They have continued as the guideposts to success for the Stark Truss Company and Abner’s son, Stephen, who now leads the family enterprise.

Since the beginning Stark Truss has been on the leading edge of both the building business and gospel support. As a business Stark Truss has continually forged new innovations in building products, helping bring about a homebuilding revolution. To ensure a skilled workforce, the company developed “Truss Tech University” to train technicians who joined the company. When standardized truss sizes became a specialty of local lumberyards, Stark Truss found new market niches serving custom builders and architects by solving the toughest truss problems.

However, Abner Yoder’s greatest innovation may have been in the way he served God. When he was starting out in business in the early 1960s it was commonly thought that business and religion did not mix. However, the devout Abner became involved with the Full Gospel Businessmen’s Fellowship. It was here that Abner met Kenneth E. Hagen, and began following his ministry. He learned the pursuit of business success and God’s grace were not mutually exclusive endeavors. By pledging 10% of all profits to support missionaries around the world, the success of Stark Truss began. Company growth became a vehicle to spread the word of God as much as a way to build profits and employ more people.

Today Stark Truss stands as one of the most successful truss builders in the country with operations in ten states. Leading the company is Abner Yoder’s youngest son, Stephen, who shares his father’s vision of a growing company supporting missionaries around the world. Today, company profits support the work of 43 missionaries in countries ranging from Russia to Kenya to Australia and South America. Stephen’s other siblings remain involved, but it is Steve who closely matched his father’s vision for the growth of both company and missionary endeavors.

Closer to home Stephen has overseen a company where the environment for over 800 employees is the leading concern. Beyond the training programs developed by the company, there are the open paths upward that have led so many to journey from the shop floor to management positions.

However, before he could lead the company, Stephen, like his father before him, first had to embark on a journey from pride to humility. As Abner found, a business leader first has to break through the brick wall and learn to manage other people. The key is becoming a servant, and therein lies the secret to the success of the Stark Truss company. It exists to serve. God. Customers. Employees. Family.

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