Northeast Ohio’s premier free blues festival, Canton Blues Fest, will be rocking Market Square in downtown Canton for the 17th straight year on June 8 and 9! VIP tickets are on sale now, giving blues enthusiasts up-close access and fantastic food and drinks.

Headlining the event Friday is Toronzo Cannon at 8:30 p.m., with opening act Selwyn Birchwood at 6:30 p.m. Saturday’s headliner is Tab Benoit at 8:30 p.m., with opening act John Primer and The Real Deal Blues Band at 6:30 p.m.

Also returning for the fifth year is the “Back Porch” acoustic stage, featuring live music in between sets on the main stage.

Our VIP PASSES are the best deal in town! Passes include up-close stage views plus free food and beverages after 5:00 pm. Purchase a one-day pass for $50, or both days for $80.

Go online to www.cantonbluesfest.com for complete event information or to purchase VIP tickets.
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Twenty under 40! Celebrates Young Professionals on June 19
Be among the first to experience the all new Hercules Apartments in downtown Canton

Join us for 11th Annual Twenty under 40! Soiree produced by ystark! and The Repository.

Twenty under 40! awards recognize Stark County’s younger leaders who have demonstrated dynamic leadership and social responsibility. These are the people who are committed to making a difference in our community. This year, we will welcome our 11th Class of deserving and dedicated class of community leaders.

We are thrilled to announce that this year’s event takes place at Canton’s newest option for chic and stylish downtown living: Hercules Apartments. You’ll have the opportunity to take a brief guided tour at the event. Formerly the iconic home of Hercules Engine Co., this revitalized downtown landmark seamlessly blends the building’s historic significance with the brand-new finishes you expect of luxury apartment living.

Purchase tickets at ystark.org or by calling 330.458.2070.

Attire: business professional or business casual
Twenty under 40! is presented by ystark! and The Repository, and supported by Aultman Health Foundation; Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths & Dougherty Co., L.P.A.; Robert J. - Events & Catering; and The Timken Company.

Tuesday, June 19
6:30 – 9:00 pm
Hercules Apartments
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Canton, OH 44707
Tickets: $60
RSVP at www.ystark.org
Want to grow your contacts and leads? Join us each month for the AultCare QuickConnect Networking Luncheon where you 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.

**June AultCare QuickConnect Networking Luncheon**

“COWBOY UP: ROUND UP YOUR UNTAPPED POTENTIAL”

Join us for the AultCare QuickConnect Networking Luncheon on June 20 with Leslie G. Ungar, President, Electric Impulse Communications, Inc.

**TOPIC:** You can’t lead a horse if you’re not clear where you are going. You can’t lead a team if you don’t know where you are going either.

HorseTalk - Lessons in Leadership will teach you how to:
- Heighten awareness of your leadership style
- Learn “no” when you mean no & “yes” when you mean yes
- Uncover behaviors that negatively impact your clients & employees
- Earn trust more quickly by aligning what you do & what you say
- Try new leadership styles, communication methods and relationship-building tactics in a safe environment and with 4-legged teammates

*If you can get a horse to trust and follow you, you can do the same with people!*

Wednesday, June 20
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 June 18 at www.cantonchamber.org

Featured Entree of the Month: Ham & Cheese Stromboli & Apple Sauce

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**EAT LOCAL, BUY LOCAL** at the Canton Farmers’ Market

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

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 runs every Saturday through October 6. 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 more readily available by offering WIC and senior nutrition (contact the City of Canton for more information.)

For sponsorship opportunities contact Chris Gumpp at chrisg@cantonchamber.org or (330) 458-2055. Learn more about the Canton Farmers’ Market at www.cantonfarmersmarket.com.
Simple Steps Academy is part of the Canton Regional Chamber Small Business Events Series Presented by AultCare

The Small Business Growth Network, a resource for small businesses brought to you by the Canton Regional Chamber and Canton Regional SCORE Chapter, has introduced a program targeted to small businesses: SIMPLE STEPS ACADEMY.

Join our team of seasoned business pros for our final class of the six-class “semester” on June 15 on Managing Operations. All sessions will be held from 8:00-10:00 am at our Jackson office: 5735 Wales Ave. NW, Massillon, OH 44646. Register at www.cantonchamber.org/simplesteps

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BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS WRAP UP

On May 1st, a capacity crowd of 400 business and community leaders celebrated the accomplishments of the seven honorees.

(LEFT PHOTO) Front Left to right: Craig Sanders-Progressive Auto Group, Kristy Pero-Pero Dairy Farms, Randy Pero-Pero Dairy Farms Middle Left to right: Donald DeVille-DeVille Apartments & Builders Inc., Tim Sanders-Progressive Auto Group, Katherine Gessner-MCTV Top Left to right: Robert Vitale-Midwest Industrial Supply, Inc., Michael Conny-MAC Trailer Enterprises, Inc., Mike Kappel-Patriot Software Company, Mike Wheeler-Patriot Software Company

(RIGHT PHOTO) Robert E. Roland and Abbey Anderson, winner of the 7th Annual Scholarship Award presented by Day Ketterer and the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce.
In 2018, the Pro Football Hall of Fame and Enshrinement Festival will proudly mark 55 years of honoring the legends of professional football. The world-renowned Enshrinement Festival celebrates the annual Enshrinement of football players, coaches and contributors. With the addition of this year’s class, the Enshrinees in the Pro Football Hall of Fame total 318.

A complete schedule for this “Celebration of Excellence” can be found in the 2018 “official schedule of events” of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival. Individuals, area businesses and organizations are encouraged to pick up a supply of this handy rack-sized card at the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce to distribute to family, friends, customers and clients. It is also available throughout the community at:

- Pro Football Hall of Fame Museum
- Canton and Massillon Auto Clubs
- Visitors’ Information Center at Akron-Canton Airport

In addition, full event and ticket information can be found at www.ProFootballHOFEF.com.

Continuing a tradition first started in 1977, the 2018 commemorative pins will be available after June 14th. This year’s pin is only $5 and can be purchased at the following area businesses: Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, Aultman Hospital Gift Shop, Davies Drugs, Heggy’s Nut Shop, and Mercy Medical Gift Shop.

The current and many past years’ pins can be purchased at the Enshrinement Festival office at the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, 222 Market Avenue North. Pins, along with a variety of other souvenirs and gift items including golf shirts, t-shirts, and ball caps will also be available for purchase at all Enshrinement Festival events.

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Imani Bush, 22, of Canton, Ohio, was crowned the 2018 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Queen on Wednesday, May 16, at The Canton Palace Theatre in downtown Canton. Contestants were judged on the basis of personality, poise, beauty, communication skills, academic achievement and service to community.

Imani is the daughter of Michael and Beverly Bush. She is a graduate of Canton South High School and Wayne State University. She looks forward to joining with the five Royal Ambassadors in gaining insight into the worlds and networks of the numerous organizations in the community as they spend time this summer serving as positive role models and goodwill ambassadors.

The five Royal Ambassadors selected are:

- **Reilly Dittemore**, 18, of North Canton. Daughter of Troy and Dorothy Dittemore. Graduate of Canton Central Catholic High School and currently attends the University of Toledo.

Kayleigh Kriss, mid-day personality Mix 94.1, and Ron Ponder, owner of Ron Ponder Productions, were masters of ceremonies, and Nicole Wohlheter was choreographer. The Larry Pindel Trio provided music throughout the Pageant, and special performances were presented by EDGE Dance Company-Jackson School for the Arts, and McKenzie Mack.

Judges for the event included Patty Carpenter, Owner, Gold-N-Gallery; Rodney Reasonover, CEO, Stark County Community Action Agency; and Dorothy Schweitzer, Vice President, Mary Ann Donut Shoppe, Inc. Participating in crowning of the new Queen and five Royal Ambassadors were Barb Schloneger and Sherri Mosnot, Queen Committee chairman and vice chairman respectively.

Members of the Queen & Royal Ambassadors Committee will work with Enshrinement Festival staff to coordinate all activities relating to the Queen and Royal Ambassadors during their service as goodwill ambassadors and positive role models throughout the summer via participation in a wide range of community service projects. Further, the Queen and Royal Ambassadors will represent the community at all Enshrinement Festival activities, happening from July 22 through August 6.
The Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival is proud to present the 2nd annual “UP, UP & AWAY 5K” to be held on Saturday, July 28, in tandem with the annual Balloon Classic event on the Kent State University at Stark campus. Last year’s inaugural race attracted nearly 800 participants, and numbers are expected to grow this year. Register now at: http://bit.ly/hofef-5k

Scheduled to start at 8 AM, participants can enjoy a 5K course looping the beautiful campus while being surrounded by the excitement of the potential for hot air balloons to both 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 runners who enter with the goal of winning and, therefore, consider it a true “race” are very important to the event. However, we also welcome people who will enter either as recreational runners or walkers who are proud simply to cross the finish line, regardless of their personal time achieved.

Spectators will be cheering participants on by ringing “spirit bells” sponsored by Love, Andrew Autism Foundation.

There will be prizes, and the top three male and top three female runners will each receive two 10,000 mile travel vouchers from Spirit Airlines.

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 a cold beverage, along with family fun including inflatables for the kids. The fun will conclude with a Donut Eating Contest spearheaded by Mary Ann Donuts.

NEW to this year’s race event will be a FREE KIDS FUN RUN, sponsored by Schumacher Homes. Kids ages 8 and under, will enjoy a course specified for them, amid the post-race activities. T-shirts and medals will be given to participants, but to be guaranteed specific shirt size and medal, you must register by July 1, 2018. Waiver must be completed by parent/guardian.

More information on registering for the Donut Eating Contest and Kids Fun Run coming soon to: www.profootballhofef.com

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2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16
7:00 p.m. QUEEN PAGEANT

SUNDAY, JULY 22
2:30 p.m. COMMUNITY PARADE

FRIDAY, JULY 27
4:00 p.m. BALLOON CLASSIC & NIGHT GLOW

SATURDAY, JULY 28
6:30 a.m. BALLOON CLASSIC
8:00 a.m. UP, UP & AWAY 5K
4:00 p.m. BALLOON CLASSIC & FIREWORKS

SUNDAY, JULY 29
6:30 a.m. BALLOON CLASSIC

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1
10:00 a.m. PLAY FOOTBALL FIRST PLAY
6:00 p.m. PLAY FOOTBALL SKILLS CAMP (TILL 8:00 PM)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2
Noon HOF FUN FEST & BEER FEST (TILL 7:00 PM)
3:30 p.m. CLASS OF 2018 AUTOGRAPH SESSION PRESENTED BY PANINI
8:00 p.m. HALL OF FAME GAME: CHICAGO BEARS VS. BALTIMORE RAVENS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3
11:15 a.m. GOLD JACKET PHOTO OP
11:30 a.m. FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON
Noon HOF FUN FEST & BEER FEST (TILL 4:00 PM)
5:00 p.m. ENSHRIEES’ GOLD JACKET DINNER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4
8:00 a.m. THE CANTON REPOSITORY GRAND PARADE
Noon RETURNING GOLD JACKET AUTOGRAPH SESSION PRESENTED BY PANINI
Noon HOF FUN FEST & BEER FEST (TILL 6:00 PM)
7:00 p.m. ENSHRIEEMENT CEREMONY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5
Noon HOF FUN FEST & BEER FEST (TILL 7:00 PM)
12:30 p.m. ENSHRIEES’ ROUNDTABLE
8:00 p.m. CONCERT FOR LEGENDS FEATURING MAROON 5

MONDAY, AUGUST 6
7:30 p.m. DRUM CORPS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION TOUR OF CHAMPIONS

Dates and times are subject to change.
On Tuesday, June 5, Leadership Stark County will celebrate the 31st Signature Program Class graduates in the opulent surroundings of the Palace Theatre. Last year’s 30th Year Anniversary Celebration was such a success that we’re keeping the momentum going by offering a fun event again this year. In addition, we’ll be celebrating the achievements of the 31st class by unveiling the results of the first-ever Civic Ideation Sprint.

The Civic Ideation Sprint was a one-day immersion built on the varied experiences that the 31st Class participants have had throughout the year, culminating in a day-long plunge into creating meaningful solutions to community challenges. Join us as the Signature Program class members reveal tangible, actionable ideas that will include next steps, resources, and a timeline for Strengthening Stark County!

31st Class Graduates:
John Abbott, Beaver Excavating
Brian Ash, Dentist
Ray Bertka, Design Restoration & Reconstruction Inc.
Daniel Boyer, Schauer Group, Inc.
Diane L. Conner, FedEx Custom Critical
Michelle Cordova, Stark County Prosecutor’s Office
Cheli Curran, Domestic Violence Project Inc.
Christopher Cutter, Mountain Ethos
Michelle Dorfmueller, Marathon Petroleum Company
Brad Floom, Diebold/Nixdorf Inc.
Lori Ann Flowers, Stark County Court of Common Pleas
Damon Gallucci, Jackson Township Fire Department
Bryan S. Gerber, Stark State College
Yago Gonzalez, Bank of America
Merrill Lynch
Brook Harless, Retired, U.S. Army
John T. Harris II, AWP Inc.
Keith Hochadel, CommQuest Services, Inc.
Zachary Hostetler, Employers Health
Alison Jacob, Stark County Court of Common Pleas
Jennifer P. Keaton, Stark County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery
Kimberly A. Kenney, Wm. McKinley Presidential Library & Museum
Gayle Kimbrough, Plain Local School District
Stephanie Knori-Kootz, Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank
Korinne Kowell-Hull, Huntington
Scott Lawrence II, Consumers National Bank
Vincent J. Lindsey, Massillon City School District
Melissa Sliman Lombardi, Aultman Health Foundation
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Rod A. Moore, Black Mcuskey Souers & Arbaugh, LPA
Amanda E. Ott, TimkenSteel Corporation
Paul Palomba, Canton Professional Educators Association
Hoby Randrianasolo, Hendrickson Trailer Commercial Vehicle Systems
Patience Moody Rush, Stark County Educational Service Center
Kathy Smithberger, Mercy Medical Center
Jennifer Stamp, The Timken Company
Michelle D. Studer, Akron Zoo
Brandon Trent, Day Ketterer Ltd.
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Patrick Wyatt, Nationwide Insurance
Patrice Yacko, Ohio Department of Transportation
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At any given moment across America, over 480,000 drivers are using cell phones while driving. Each day in the United States, approximately nine people are killed and more than 1,000 injured in crashes that involve a distracted driver. At our June luncheon, Major CJ Stantz of the Stark County Sheriff’s office will explain the types of distracted driving, the law and all of the lives it touches.

Thursday, Jun. 14
11:30 am-1:00 pm
Alex D. Krassas Event Center
251 25th St. NW, Canton
$17 per person
Register at www.starkcountysc.com

About our speaker: Major CJ Stantz has over 22 years of Law Enforcement experience with the Stark County Sheriff’s Office. He has held many positions within the Stark County Sheriff’s Office as he worked through the Jail, Civil, Detective and Operations Divisions. He is currently the Operations Commander. Major Stantz has received many awards including Deputy of the Year, 20 year safe driving award, Sheriff’s Commendation award, Buckeye State Sheriff’s Association CLEM Award, and the Stark County Sheriff’s Office Citation Award. In December 2016 Major Stantz graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico Virginia.

Stark County Safety Council Season Passes
July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019
The Safety Council FY18
Season pass luncheon tickets are now available! The cost for each pass booklet is $170. By purchasing a season pass, you get 12 luncheon tickets for the price of 10. The luncheon tickets will be mailed to you prior to the July luncheon. **The passes are good for the regular monthly luncheons only.** Season pass holders do not need to register each month. Purchase your pass online at cantonchamber.org/scsc-season-pass.

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To earn a safety council rebate, employers must meet rebate eligibility requirements in one of 82 BWC-sponsored safety councils. The following is a breakdown of potential rebates when an employer is an active member of a safety council.

- **Employers meeting all safety council rebate eligibility requirements that are not enrolled in a group-rating program will earn a 2-percent participation rebate on their premium and the potential of an additional 2-percent performance bonus.**

- **Employers meeting all safety council rebate eligibility requirements that are also enrolled in a group-experience-rating program have the potential to earn a 2-percent performance bonus.**

- **Employers meeting all safety council rebate eligibility requirements that are also enrolled in a group-retrospective-rating program will earn a 2-percent participation rebate.**

To qualify for the BWC Safety Council rebate, you must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Join your local safety council by July 31, 2018;
- Attend 10 safety council meetings;
- Send a qualified senior-level manager to a safety council sponsored meeting;
- Submit semiannual workplace accident reports for the 2018 calendar year.

For more information contact Connie Cerny at conniec@cantonchamber.org or 330.458.2061.
The Stark County Safety Council (SCSC), a program of the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, is pleased to announce it has been named the top-rated safety council in the state of Ohio for 2017 by the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation (BWC).

The SCSC received the number-one spot out of 83 safety councils statewide for its exemplary performance including member events, community involvement, communication, safety training programming and employer participation. This is the fourth time in the last 12 years that the SCSC has earned the top spot, and the 12th consecutive year in the top five.

Dennis P. Saunier, president and CEO of the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, added, “The Stark County Safety Council works year-round to bring outstanding programming to its nearly 300 members on workplace safety and hygiene. Congratulations to the Safety Council staff, volunteer steering committee, and council members, not only for this well-deserved award, but for their performance as one of Ohio’s top safety councils year after year.”

Mark Cush, SCSC 2017 Chair and Safety Director for Young Truck Sales in Canton, added, “Our Steering Committee represents the backbone of the Council. The committee is comprised of all walks of life and industries, including the medical field, manufacturing, safety, construction, sales, and more. These people work behind the scenes, tirelessly preparing luncheon events, programs, and seminars. I am proud and humbled to be associated with the SCSC and look forward to its continued success.”

Throughout the year, the SCSC sponsored monthly safety-focused luncheons, a health and wellness fair, industry-specific seminars, and annual CEO, Fire Prevention and Crime Prevention breakfasts. In addition, they participated in community charitable events including Wishes Can Happen, Harvest for Hunger, Toys for Tots, and a hat and mitten drive. In 2017, the SCSC was the winner of the Safety Council Stand-Down Challenge hosted by the BWC Canton/Cambridge in honor of OSHA’s “National Stand-down to Prevent Falls” campaign.

For more information on the Stark County Safety Council, visit www.starkcountysc.com.

L to R – Mark Cush, 2017 SCSC Chairman and Safety Director for Young Truck Sales; Connie Cerny, Stark County Safety Council Program Manager; Randy Martin, SCSC Vice Chairman and Safety Director for Beaver Excavating
**IT'S PAR TEE TIME**

Join the Canton Regional Chamber, along with our Leadership Stark County (LSC) and ystark! departments, for the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce Golf Par-Tee presented by Huntington Bank at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course.

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

- Featuring: 18 holes of play with cart
- Contests and prizes
- Golf course refreshments
- A full lunch at the conclusion of play
- A “come back and play” certificate for a round of 18 holes including cart

For more information: CantonChamber.org
Leadership Stark County
31st Class Graduation and Civic Ideation Unveiling
www.leadershipstarkcounty.org

Be one of the first to see the results of the 31st Class Civic Ideation project, congratulate the class, and enjoy a gathering of Leadership alumni with food, music, and a cash bar in the opulent surroundings of the Palace Theatre.

June 5
(Registration CLOSED)
5:30-8:00pm
Canton Palace Theatre

Stark Forum
www.cantonforum.org

Innovation is reshaping our workplaces and homes. Hear from the people who are helping lead innovation initiatives here in Ohio and around the world.

June 6
(Registration CLOSED)
11:30am-1:00pm
Pro Football Hall of Fame Event Center

Canton Blues Fest
www.cantonbluesfest.com

Our annual free blues festival, now in its 17th year, features headliners Toronzo Cannon and Tab Benoit.

June 8-9
Noon-10:30pm, daily
Market Square, downtown Canton
Free general admission; VIP tickets also available

Stark County Safety Council
June Luncheon
www.cantonchamber.org

June topic: Driven to Distraction! Get Your Head Out of Your App!

Thursday, June 14
11:30 am-1:00 pm
Alex D. Krassas Event Center
$17 per person

Small Business Growth Network Simple Steps Academy
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Join our team of business experts for a series of courses that will help your business step up to its full growth potential.

June 15
8:00-10:00 am
Canton Regional Chamber
JACKSON OFFICE
$12 per session for Chamber members

Canton Farmers’ Market
www.cantonfarmersmarket.com

Every Saturday, June 16-October 6 in downtown Canton! Fresh veggies, fruit, herbs, flowers, jams, baked goods, pet treats and more!

Begins June 16
8:00-11:30am
Fourth Street NW and McKinley Ave. NW

ystark! Twenty under 40! Awards Soiree
www.ystark.org

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Stark County Safety Council: OSHA Requirements for Small Businesses | www.starkcountysc.com
Are you a small business? Better understand OSHA and how it operates!

Thursday, June 21 | 8:00-10:00 am | Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce | $10 per person

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WELCOME to our newest members, who joined Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce in April. 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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**NEW MEMBERS**
Home Savings recently donated a check for $2,500 to the Jackson Township Rotary Foundation. The funds will be used to sponsor 3 events that will benefit the Jackson Township Rotary Foundation: Vintage Jackson, Field of Heroes/Field of Honor and the Jackson Community Celebration. “We are committed to volunteering our time and resources to help support specific civic and community needs within the Jackson Township and Stark County area,” said Tiffany Rockstroh, President, Jackson Township Rotary Foundation. “Our main objective is service—in the community, in the workplace and around the globe.” “We are proud to support the Jackson Township Rotary Foundation and their dedication to serve the community of Jackson Township, building fellowship among its members, supporting each other professionally and learning from each other,” said Trish Gelsomino, Home Savings.

John Gallagher joins WRL Advertising as the newest member of the organization’s communications department. Gallagher will handle creative copywriting for clientele, identifying marketing insights, revising web copy and optimizing keyword campaigns. Gallagher graduated cum laude from Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio with a B.A. in English, concentrated in writing, and a minor in theology. Gallagher’s writing experience includes university newspaper and athletic department work, together with copy contributions to travel agency Trip101, marketing enterprise Rushcube, and hospitality venture Icona Management. He also managed social media platforms for New Jersey’s three top-rated resorts.

United Way of Greater Stark County’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program celebrated their best tax season ever on April 26th with a celebration that included recognition of volunteers and an awards presentation. In 2018, United Way of Greater Stark County’s VITA program and its volunteers helped income tax clients in local communities collect over $3.2 million in tax credits and refunds. 112 local volunteers donated 2,114 hours of their time and helped complete 4,656 Federal and State returns so far. Tax returns will continue to be processed through October due to extensions and amendments.

The Ohio Small Business Development Center at Kent State University is sponsoring an information session for individuals interested in starting a small business or those who are in the early stages of business formation. The information session will be held on Monday, July 30, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Kent State University at Stark Conference Center, 6000 Frank Avenue NW in Jackson Township.

It was fitting that the site for a jubilant ArtsinStark victory lunch was the new Hercules apartments at 1000 Market Street South. President and CEO of Beaver Excavating Mark Sterling, who chaired this year’s Annual Arts Campaign, began by praising the arts for bringing downtown living back to Canton and communities across Stark County. “I’ve watched the Arts District absolutely transform this downtown, and seen what the arts are doing in Minerva, Alliance, Louisville, Massillon and other places,” said Sterling. “That’s the first reason why I agreed to chair this campaign.” The tradition is that, before announcing how much the campaign has raised, the chair has to do something artsy. To the delight of the crowd, Sterling tried his hand at playing drums with students and staff from ENRICHMENT. Then, following his debut performance, Sterling shared the news that the campaign had raised just over $1,660,000 to make goal for an historic 13th year in a row.

Progressive Chevrolet is partnering with the Northwest Schools-Canal Fulton in Massillon. Progressive Chevrolet has joined forces with the national Chevrolet Youth Baseball program to provide new equipment, invitations to FREE instructional clinics, and an opportunity for community members to earn donations for their league via a Test Drive fundraiser. Progressive Chevrolet will present an equipment kit that includes useful items such as bat packs, scorebooks, industrial-strength batting tees, ball buckets and T-shirts. The sponsorship also includes youth clinics featuring current and former MLB/MILB players and coaches, or instructors from Ripken Baseball.

The Aultman Health Foundation and Pomerene Hospital have signed a letter of intent designed to pave the way for Pomerene Hospital to become affiliated with the Aultman Health Foundation. The affiliation, expected to take effect in early 2019, will unite the Holmes County community hospital with a regional health care center, providing a continuum of care for the residents of Holmes County and beyond. Once completed, the agreement will bring together Aultman Health Foundation, with its tertiary medical center and its nationally recognized health care plan AultCare, with Aultman College, Aultman Orrville Hospital, Alliance Community Hospital and Pomerene Hospital.

The Canton Museum of Art (CMA) and the Akron Zoo are offering a special discount to their memberships through July 22, 2018. Canton Museum of Art members will receive a BOGO general admission into the Akron Zoo and Akron Zoo members will receive a BOGO general admission into the Museum. To redeem the discount, members are encouraged to show their membership cards when purchasing tickets at the organization’s box office.

Have business news you’d like to share via Biz Bitz? Send your news release to Collyn Floyd, director of marketing, at collynf@can tonchamber.org.
Chris Paxos can barely remember a day he wasn’t working. When other kids were hanging with friends after school, Chris was working in the tiny Massillon restaurant owned by his Greek immigrant father. At 16 he left the restaurant to spend nights cleaning the 30th Street Giant Eagle.

By the time Chris was ready to start his own company in 2003, he had a wealth of experience at every level of the commercial cleaning business, from swinging a mop to making sales calls. What he didn’t have in the beginning was a lot of money. The Stark County Library became his personal business incubator. He used their free computers to prepare quotes when he wasn’t knocking on doors. Nights were spent cleaning his customer’s facilities using a mop bucket provided by his father and a vacuum from his sister.

It was hard for others to see when he first started, but Chris was already creating the business model that has brought his company to the brink of major expansion. The model leverages (1) Knowledge of commercial cleaning; (2) Customized cleaning solutions; (3) Hard work; (4) Unique customer service programs; and (5) Innovative programs to find and retain talented employees.

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Since winning that first major contract, A-Quality has grown into a 200+ employee company. Along the way Chris Paxos has refined his business model, making it scalable to accommodate aggressive plans for future expansion. Tweaks to the model have helped A-Quality bring new levels of service to medical, industrial education and headquarters facilities.

Looking back, Chris sees success as a squiggly line rather than straight. Along the way there have been plateaus requiring evolution. Every time there’s been a plateau or set-back, Chris has tweaked the model to make it more robust and customer-focused. When muddy communications created problems, Chris instituted regular “Voice of the Customer” Performance Reviews to make sure customer expectations were aligned with A-Quality performance. Few, if any, commercial cleaning companies incorporate this level of customer service into their standard, every-day business practices.

Learning how to develop a team also became a key part of the business model. Perhaps because he grew up hard, Chris has made it his mission to create ladders of opportunity for employees raised in poverty. As part of this mission, A-Quality’s business model was improved to open promotion paths and align bonus compensation to overall company success.

Less than fifteen years after Chris Paxos used the Stark County Library as his office and cleaned customer facilities at night, he leads a rapidly growing commercial cleaning company with an established, scalable business model. The man who started with a bucket, a mop and some big ideas now takes joy in watching others move up the same ladder he climbed, from work crew to management to corporate leader. It’s all part of the plan and the plan is working.
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