Canton Blues Fest Set to Rock Downtown THIS WEEKEND

Northeast Ohio’s premier free blues festival, Canton Blues Fest, will be rocking Market Square in downtown Canton for the 18th straight year this Friday and Saturday! VIP tickets are on sale now, giving blues enthusiasts up-close access and fantastic food and drinks.

Headlining the event Friday is Tinsley Ellis at 8:30 p.m., with opening act Low Society at 6:30 p.m. Saturday’s headliner is Kenny Neal at 8:30 p.m., with opening act Andy T. Featuring Alabama Mike & Anson Funderburgh at 6:30 p.m.

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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. VIP tickets will be available for purchase at the merchandise tent.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH MAIN STAGE:
12 - 2 PM: JEFF POULOS BLUES JAM
2:30 - 4 PM: COLIN DUSSAULT’S BLUES PROJECT
4:30 - 6 PM: NATAVILLE STAMPER AND THE ONE SHOE HIGHWAY
6:30 PM: OPENER: LOW SOCIETY
8:30 PM: HEADLINER: TINSLEY ELLIS

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH MAIN STAGE:
12 - 2 PM: DEEP SOUTH AKRON ALL-STARS
2:30 - 4 PM: BREAKING BLUE
4:30 - 6 PM: PAM TAYLOR
6:30 PM: OPENER: ANDY T. FT. ALABAMA MIKE & ANSON FUNDERBURGH
8:30 PM: HEADLINER: KENNY NEAL
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Join us for the 12th Annual Twenty under 40! Celebration 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 12th Class of deserving and dedicated community leaders.

Dr. Brian Ash - John Bikis
Daniel J. Boyer - Kaitlyn M. Cook
Elizabeth Hand - Mike Hearn
Rachel Hosler - Chad Isler
Andrea Lee - Jason Moyer
Jacqueline M. Oprean - Chase Senk
Mike Stull - Mike Sturdivant
Ke’Aunte Tynette - Clifford Varion
Howard L. Wernow - Collin Wise
Beth Yoak - Lauren Zink

Purchase tickets at ystark.org or by calling 330.458.2070. Heavy appetizers and drink ticket are included. Attire: business professional or business casual

Twenty under 40! is presented by ystark! and The Repository, and supported by Aultman Health Foundation; Employers Health; Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths & Dougherty Co., L.P.A.; and The M. Conley Company.

Tuesday, June 18
5:30 – 8:30 pm
Royal Docks Brewhouse & Cannery
5646 Wales Ave. NW
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Tickets: $62
RSVP by June 14 at www.CantonChamber.org
The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce and AultCare have partnered together to offer a healthcare plan for the small business community through a Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement (MEWA). The MEWA was developed to provide additional options and to help control the costs of healthcare benefits. Medically underwritten MEWA rates may provide a less expensive option than a smaller community rated plan obtained under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). This plan is available for small group employers with less than 50 employees.

For Chamber Membership information call 330-456-7253. For healthcare or health fund information, contact your independent Broker or your AultCare Representative. All AultCare health plan quote proposals include commission, unless otherwise specified.

Join us for the AultCare QuickConnect Networking Luncheon on June 19 with Sue Ramsey, Head Coach for the Ashland University Women’s Basketball Team.

Sue's life experiences have afforded her the opportunity to learn, grow and experience a great deal. Her message focuses on essential elements of quality leadership, positive team culture and excellence in our everyday interactions.

Team transcends all areas of our lives. In her “GREAT TEAMS HAVE GREAT TEAMMATES” presentation she will identify 5 essential components she believes are necessary to being a great “teammate.”

Throughout her presentation she will draw upon the experiences afforded her through 35 years in the coaching profession.

Wednesday, June 19
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
www.CantonChamber.org

Register by June 17 at CantonChamber.org
Entrée of the month: Cheese Pizza with Side Salad or Chicken Chef

AultCare QuickConnect 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.

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Business Excellence Awards | WRAP UP

On May 7, a capacity crowd of nearly 400 business and community leaders celebrated the accomplishments of the six honorees.

(TOP PHOTO) Robert E. Roland and Matthew S. Ripple, senior at Jackson High School and winner of the 8th Annual Scholarship Award presented by Day Ketterer and the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce.

(BOTTOM PHOTO) Front Row L to R: Jeff Merriman, Executive Vice President, GBS Corp.; Robert Stewart Ill, Chief Executive Officer, The M. Conley Company; Tom Eckinger, CEO, Eckinger Construction Company; Scott Robertson, President, Robertson Heating Supply Co. Back Row L to R: Jim Stout, Chairman, Coastal Pet Products; Kyle Quillen, Founder and CEO, Agile Networks.

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The Canton Regional Chapter of SCORE is known widely for its mentoring services. Less known is the reality that SCORE’s charter includes an educational component.

That educational mission is fulfilled largely through the workshops that the chapter offers.

The relative newness of its workshop offerings explains why they are less known. As recently as 2010 the chapter didn’t offer workshops. The chief reason was the smallish chapter membership. Only about 20 counselors were staffing the chapter, and their time was being consumed by mentoring a growing number of clients.

Then as the chapter challenged itself to grow membership - now totaling 53 counselors - simultaneously came the impetus to begin a workshop program. The starting point had four chapter members driving to Akron to sit in on one of that chapter’s workshops. They thought well of both the content and presentation as well as the attendance.

Those four members returned to the chapter’s office in the Conference Center on the campus of Kent State University at Stark, determined to begin structuring and conducting workshops. The effort got an early and significant boost when the chapter teamed with Stark Community Foundation to begin offering workshops for non-profits. Foundation president Mark Samolczyk believed such workshops would help non-profits learn to operate more like for-profit businesses and thus help assure sustainability. In short order, the chapter created the content for such workshops, and the foundation provided funding for marketing them. That partnership continues, and today’s menu features workshops that are aimed at benefiting both for-profits and non-profits.

Today? If you own a small business or lead a non-profit and if you still have a yen for continuing education - exposure to facts and insights that could increase your business’s or non-profit’s success - there exists a strong likelihood that the chapter is offering one or more workshops that you might find appealing. A sampling of workshop topics: strategic business planning, assessment and goal setting, marketing planning, social media marketing, search engine optimization, sales, financial matters, funding and next steps, cash management, quick books, cyber security, grant writing, franchising, HR management, operations management, intellectual property, valuing and selling a business, succession planning and more.

The chapter’s designated territory covers five counties - Stark, Tuscarawas, Holmes, Carroll and Harrison - and it conducts workshops in Canton, North Canton, Massillon, Canal Fulton, New Philadelphia, Alliance and Carrollton. Occasionally the Canton Regional Chapter jointly puts on workshops with the Akron Chapter; a recent example was one that featured an FBI agent leading a workshop on cyber security in Green.

As can be seen, if your appetite for learning remains strong, SCORE’s workshop menu can be satisfying.

If you are in the Canton Regional Chapter’s database, you are receiving emailed alerts on upcoming workshops. If you aren’t in the database and would like to be, you need only send an email to cantonscore@gmail.com. And in any case, you check on upcoming workshops by logging on to www.canton.score.org and clicking on Local Workshops.

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The Chamber’s programs are a key element in combating the report that states Stark County is getting poorer, smaller and older. Efforts through both the Chamber’s education initiatives and through the Chamber’s leadership programs are closely collaborating to augment efforts to elevate our community and address parts of these issues.

New programs have been launched to address what the community knows as the “brain drain” and include the following.

1. The initiation and successful completion of the first year of the Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) under the direction of Stephanie Werren. The first class included 2 sophomore students from every high school in Stark County who met once a month during the school year.

The program mirrored a condensed version of the spotlight Leadership Stark County program and proved to be a huge success based on the comments and enthusiasm of the participating students who are now aware of the great assets and opportunities found throughout Stark County. These same students will continue monthly training and education as juniors as a new class of sophomores enters the program in the fall.

2. The Chamber has initiated a communications campaign to focus on the amazing young talent who ARE in Stark County. We are telling their story of why they choose to #workplaystay (for those over forty that is a hashtag and not a pound or number sign). Look for print features in the ACTION Newsletter, About Magazine and Canton Repository along with social media video snippets on Facebook, LinkedIn and the medium of choice of the younger generation, Instagram. Look for our travelling video phone asking the question, “What do you love about Stark County?” And, feel free to send the link to anyone under 40 who has an interesting story to tell why they work, play and stay in Stark County. https://www.cantonchamber.org/yp-profile

Additional programs to engage and communicate with our college bound student leaders are also being developed. Our goal is to make sure our young talent know WE WANT THEM and this is a great community to work, play and stay!

Barbara Hammontree Bennett, PE, PS, LEED-AP
Director of Education Initiatives

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Canton Farmers’ Market
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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. starting June 15.

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 Sept. 28. 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.

Join the Canton Regional Chamber and GoShred for our June Business After Hours at 1899 Indoor Golf. You’ll enjoy an evening of delectable snacks, networking and a cash bar, all while perfecting your summer golf swing! This event is free, but advanced reservations are required.

Thursday, June 27
5:00-7:00 pm
1899 Indoor Golf
Cost: free, cash bar
Register at www.CantonChamber.org

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The Canton office, located at 4675 Dressler Rd NW is currently accepting applications.

All 2019 Business After Hours events are presented by Express Employment Professionals.

For more information, visit www.expresspros.com/cantonoh.

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This event is free but registration is required.
Limited seating. Maximum 3 attendees per Chamber membership. Lunch will be provided.
RSVP Deadline: Monday, June 24
Thursday, June 27
11:30 am -1:00 pm
Pro Football Hall of Fame Event Center
Cost: FREE but registration by June 24 is required
REGISTER AT WWW.CANTONCHAMBER.ORG

Cure what “ales” you at our June ystark! Meet-up at the Shale Brewing Company in North Canton! Grab some friends, hang out on the patio, and network with your fellow YPs! Enjoy special Happy Hour pricing until 6 p.m. This event is FREE but registration is required. A cash bar will be available.

Thursday, June 20
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• MEET our diverse panel of young professionals from different industries and career paths who are choosing to work, play and stay in Stark County.

• LEARN what’s keeping them in the region, where they’ve found success and challenges, and how we can attract and retain even more regional talent.

• HEAR their unique perspectives on issues facing our community and workplaces, and how those perspectives will shape the workforce of the future.

MEET OUR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS:
From Top:
John Bikas, Owner, Royal Docks Brewery
Angel Evans, Young Adult Specialist, OhioMeansJobs
Kevin Hall, Canton City Councilman; Electrician, Abbott Electric
Mike Wheeler, Chief Legal Officer, Patriot Software
Whitney Willits-Monroe, Associate, Black McCuskey

Moderated by Stephanie Werren, Director of Leadership Stark County

WHEN & WHERE
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Emma Kirkbride, was crowned the 2019 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Queen on Thursday, May 9, 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.

Emma is the daughter of Eric and Kelly Kirkbride. 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:

- **Maya Polen**, 18, of Canton. Daughter of Beth and Todd Polen. Graduate of Perry High School.

Judges for the event included Kristen Hiltz, interior design consultant and owner of Kreative Designs; Dr. Robert Powell, Director of Health and Wellness at Powell Chiropractic; and Janelle Lee, Economic Development Consultant at Strengthening Stark. Participating in crowning of the new Queen and five Royal Ambassadors were Barb Schloneger and Sherri Mosnot, Queen Committee chairman and vice chairman respectively, as well as 2018 Queen Imani Bush.

Members of the Queen 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 21 through August 5.

Kayleigh Kriss, mid-day personality of WHBC 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, and members of the Perry High School ROTC served as escorts throughout the Pageant. Special performances showcased talented youth from our community, including singers Isabel Gill from Northwest High School and Simon Bailey and Lauren Burwell from Perry High School, as well as young hip-hop dancers Hudson Rich and Layla Moran from Candy Apples Dance Center.
In 2019, the Pro Football Hall of Fame and Enshrinement Festival will proudly mark 56 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 326.

A complete schedule for this “Celebration of Excellence” can be found in the 2019 “official schedule of events” of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival including Enshrinement Week Powered by Johnson Controls. 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
- VisitCanton

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

Continuing a tradition first started in 1977, the 2019 commemorative pins will be available after June 10th. 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.
Celebrating EXCELLENCE

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2019 ENSHRINNEES!

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Fashion Show Luncheon - Friday, August 2
Enshrinees’ Gold Jacket Dinner - Friday, August 2
The Canton Repository Grand Parade - Saturday, August 3
Enshrinees’ Roundtable - Sunday, August 4

For more ticket & event information: ProFootballHOFEDF.com or call 330.458.2048
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 campuses at Kent State University at Stark and Stark State College. Last year’s race attracted nearly 700 participants, and numbers are expected to grow this year. Register now at www.hofef5k.com

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 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. 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. This race is all about fun and friends while teaching them the importance of exercise and fitness! 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.
On Tuesday, June 4, more than 150 community members gathered at the Canton Palace Theatre to congratulate the 32nd Class on their graduation from the Signature Program and to see the results of the 32nd Class Civic Ideation project.

The Civic Ideation Sprint is a one-day Idea generating sprint, challenging 32nd Class participants to take the knowledge and perspective they have gained throughout the program year and leverage it to develop and grow ideas that help strengthen Stark County. The revealed result focused on the identified downtown Canton Opportunity Zone and pitched ideas to transform two vacant buildings into multi-use developments that will increase tourism, improve downtown livability, and eliminate the “food desert.”

After the presentation the 41 graduates and their guests enjoyed a lively reception sponsored by Huntington in the Palace Theatre balcony where they sipped Leader-tinis and an abundant appetizer and dessert buffet.

THE GRADUATES:

Kelly Joseph, Marketing Manager, Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway
Corianne Kocarek, Executive Assistant, Stark County Park District
Jamie Mandeville, Human Resources Manager, Marathon Petroleum
Alison Matas, Project Manager, Williams
Peter Mittas, Sales Account Leader, FedEx Supply Chain
David Oates, Principal, Central Catholic High School
Joseph Pasquarella, Attorney, Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths & Dougherty Co., L.P.A.
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Kaitlyn M. Ray, Managed Print Services Manager, ComDoc, A Xerox Company
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Nicole Russ, Vice President-Colleague Relations, Alliance Community Hospital - an affiliate of Aultman Health Foundation
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Lisa Slogick, VP Remediation Program Office, Synchrony

Jeff Solosky, Senior Business Analyst, DieboldNixdorf Inc.
Betsy Sterling, VP Talent & Development, Beaver Excavating
Sara Stone, Assistant Director of Admissions, Archbishop Hoban High School
Jamie Thiessen, Branch Manager/VP, Huntington Bank
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Jeric Whittaker, Senior Director-Financial Reporting & Tax, The Kenan Advantage Group
Lisa M. Williams, Honor Court Director, Stark County Court Of Common Pleas
Jarred Zapolnik, Principal-Massillon Intermediate School, Massillon City Schools
Lauren Zollinger, Director-Solution Development and Delivery, The ABIS Group
Kelly Piero Named New ystark! Director

The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that Kelly Piero has been named the new director of ystark!, Stark County’s premier young professional program and a department of the Chamber.

Kelly will lead the organization in its mission of attracting, retaining and engaging Stark County young professionals. Her work will include managing social/networking events, talent development efforts, service and volunteer opportunities, along with expanding the role of ystark! in leadership development of young professionals.

Kelly will also coordinate and lead all aspects of Leadership Stark County’s Spotlight Program, a six-week course offered twice a year for young professionals interested in cultivating greater leadership potential.

Kelly joins ystark! from Kent State University at Stark, where she served as special event coordinator. She was responsible for coordinating high profile events, including but not limited to the esteemed, “Featured Speakers Series” and community events “Boo U” and “Earth Day Celebration.” She began her career as promotions coordinator for Clear Channel Radio before joining Shannon English Marketing as director of event marketing.

She is an active community steward and has served as a ystark! committee co-chair, completed the Leadership Stark County Spotlight Program, and volunteers for numerous special events and projects. Kelly earned a master’s degree in public relations from Kent State University.

Kelly moved to Canton from Cleveland in 2004 and is proud to be one of many young professionals choosing to work, play and stay in Stark County. She and her husband, Steve, live in Perry Township and have one daughter, Veda.

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The Safety Council FY20

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GET TO KNOW THE 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 STARK COUNTY!

Meet ystark! YP: Anthony P. Pizzino

Age: 22

Occupation/Title/Place of work: Point of Sale Manager Buehler’s Fresh Foods Jackson Township

Why are you interested in Stark County’s Young Professionals initiative? I have lived in Jackson Township all of my life, and plan to stay here in Stark County. As a resident of this county, I would like to see other young professionals remain here to continue to allow our community to grow and prosper.

What would you share to encourage other people to join? I would inform them of the benefits involved in this initiative. If they plan on remaining in Stark County, I would make them aware of the importance young professionals have on the future growth and success of our community.

Did you grow up in Stark? If so, where? If not, where did you move from and why? Yes, Jackson Township.

Why do you stay in Stark County, from both a personal and professional point of view? I believe the community we live in is exceptional and has a lot to offer to local residents. I enjoy working in this area, because I want to see our community succeed, and I am glad to be a part of the growth of our area.

What do you like MOST about Stark County? The people that reside in this area. The residents that live in Stark County are friendly, helpful, and motivated to make our community a better place to live and work.

What would you change about Stark County if you could? I would like to see our county continue to grow and develop. We have a lot to offer here, and I would like to see more young professionals move to Stark County.

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? With Stark County being home of the Pro-Football Hall of Fame, there is a lot of opportunity for individuals to get involved in the community. Stark County has a lot of room for growth and development for young professionals, like myself. The culture that has been established here is exceptional. There are many locations to visit for recreation, dining, and shopping.

What would attract more YPs to Stark County? The continued growth of our community would allow for more young professionals to decide to move to Stark County.

What do you do in the evenings or on the weekends for fun in Stark County or NE Ohio? There is always something to do here. I enjoy going golfing and having dinner at one of the many restaurants that are located in our community.

Could you see yourself spending your lifetime in Stark County and if not, what would cause you to leave? Yes, I believe that Stark County is a great place to raise a family. The education that is offered through our public school system is exceptional.

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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, 2019;

• Attend 10 safety council meetings**;

• Send a qualified senior-level manager to a safety council sponsored meeting;

• Submit semiannual workplace accident reports for the 2019 calendar year.

For more information contact Connie Cerny at conniec@cantonchamber.org or 330.458.2061.

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Stark County Safety Council (SCSC), a program of the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, is pleased to announce it has been ranked the second highest safety council in the state of Ohio for 2018 by the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation (BWC).

The SCSC received the number-two spot out of 83 safety councils statewide for its exemplary performance. This is the SCSC’s 14th consecutive year in the top five.

One of the safety council’s biggest successes last year was hosting a trenching seminar featuring all four Ohio OSHA Area Directors.

Throughout the year, the SCSC also 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. For more information on the Stark County Safety Council, visit StarkCountySC.com.

L to R – Bernie Silkowski BWC Interim Superintendent; Randy Martin 2018 SCSC Chairman and Safety Director for Beaver Excavating; Connie Cerny, Stark County Safety Council Program Manager; Troy Manion SCSC Vice Chairman and Safety and Safety Director Hilscher-Clarke; Stephanie McCloud BWC Administrator/CEO.
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#### Canton Blues Fest
**www.cantonbluesfest.com**
Join us for this FREE festival in downtown Canton featuring 17 acts on two stages!

- **June 7-8**
- Noon-10:30 pm, daily
- Market Square, downtown Canton
- Free general admission; VIP tickets also available

#### Stark County Safety Council June Luncheon
**www.cantonchamber.org**
Marijuana and its effect on the workplace at the next SCSC Luncheon.

- **Thursday, June 13**
- 11:30 am-1:00 pm
- Alex D. Krassas
- Event Center
- $17 per person

#### Canton Farmers’ Market
**www.cantonfarmersmarket.com**
Every Saturday, 8:00-11:30am, beginning June 15!

- **June 15 - Sept. 28**
- 8:00-11:30 am
- Nadine McIlwain
- Administrative Building

#### ystark! Twenty under 40! Celebration
**www.cantonchamber.org**
Celebrating 20 outstanding young leaders who have demonstrated dynamic leadership and social responsibility.

- **Tuesday, June 18**
- 5:30-8:30 pm
- Royal Docks Brewhouse & Cannery
- $62 per person

#### June Aultcare QuickConnect Luncheon
**www.cantonchamber.org**
Join us for the AultCare QuickConnect Luncheon with Sue Ramsey, Head Coach, Ashland University Women’s Basketball Team.

- **Wednesday, June 19**
- 11:30 am-1:00 pm
- La Pizzaria
- $18 members, $25 non-members

#### ystark! Monthly Meet-Up at Shale Brewing Company
**www.cantonchamber.org**
Join ystark! at the Shale Brewing Company. Network with your fellow YPs and enjoy special Happy Hour pricing until 6 p.m.

- **Thursday, June 20**
- 5:00-7:00 pm
- Shale Brewing Company
- Free, but reservations are required

#### Stark Forum Luncheon
**www.cantonchamber.org**
Featuring a panel of local, diverse young talent & hiring professionals.

- **Tuesday, June 25**
- 11:30 am-1:00 pm
- La Pizzaria
- $30 per person, lunch included

#### Energy Market Trends and Their Impact on Your Business
**www.cantonchamber.org**
Join Constellation and the Canton Regional Chamber to learn valuable insights on managing your energy expenses.

- **Thursday, June 27**
- 11:30 am-1:00 pm
- Pro Football Hall of Fame Event Center
- Free, but reservations are required (no more than three attendees per business)

#### Business After Hours
**www.cantonchamber.org**
Enjoy an evening of delectable snacks, networking and cash bar hosted by 1899 Indoor Golf and GoShred.

- **Thursday, June 27**
- 5:00-7:00 pm
- Location: 1899 Indoor Golf
- Free to attend, cash bar available
**NEW MEMBERS**

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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First Friday has the blues this month with the CANTON BLUES! Come on down and enjoy the festivities of First Friday alongside the thrill of the Canton Blues Fest. Live music will be filling the streets as you walk through the various shops, galleries, and restaurants. Canton Kindness Coalition will be doing music-themed face painting at Arrowhead Vintage and Handmade Goods while Cantonology salutes the blues with denim and music-themed items for sale. Head on over to Essential Alternatives where you can find your relief for the blues by purchasing a bottle of Tranquility Spray. Also, Carpe Diem Coffee Shop will allow you to ‘seize’ your nitro coffee under the stars in their sidewalk tent! The streets of Downtown Canton will be flooded with live music with two outdoor stages, live street corner musicians and indoor musical acts at Grapes in a Glass, 410 Martini, Avenue Arts Marketplace & Theatre, Joseph Saxton Gallery of Photography, The Auricle, Buzzbin, George’s Lounge, and Makeshift.

Sam Farmer, who is in his 25th year of covering the National Football League and 19th for the Los Angeles Times, has been named the winner of the 2019 Dick McCann Award. The prestigious honor is given by the Professional Football Writers of America (PFWA) to a reporter who has made a long and distinguished contribution to pro football through coverage. Farmer will be honored during the 2019 Enshrinement Week Powered by Johnson Controls that kicks off the NFL’s 100th season. He will be recognized at the Enshrinees’ Gold Jacket Dinner in downtown Canton on Friday, Aug. 2 and presented with the award at the 2019 Enshrinement Ceremony on Saturday, Aug. 3 in Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium.

Bart Kohler, Certified Payments Professional and Owner of Allcard USA has been selected to Chair a Government Relations Group for the Electronic Transactions Association in Washington, D.C. The group will inform Financial Institutions about National and State legislation and other Government efforts pertaining to payments, banking, and security through an alert system. This group will raise interest and bring forward good ideas to shape our economy to make a more robust, secure, and fair banking system for industry, business owners, and consumers. Banks, Financial Institutions, and Businesses wishing to participate are encouraged to contact Mr. Kohler.

Avenue Arts Marketplace and Theatre is proud to present its upcoming production of the timeless literary classic, Charlotte’s Web, based on the novel by E.B. White. Directed by Sarah Jane Toy, Charlotte’s Web runs in the Kathleen Howland Theatre in the lower level of Avenue Arts Marketplace & Theatre from June 14 through June 22, 2019. Avenue Arts Marketplace & Theatre is located at 324 Cleveland Ave. NW Canton, Ohio 44702. Tickets for this upcoming production are $15 and can be purchased online at www.avenuearts.org or by calling 234-410-3475 during business hours.

Innis Maggiore has announced two new hires and the promotion of one associate. Kevin Hine has joined the agency as a .NET and Android developer, Morgan Iser has joined the agency as a project manager of web, and Emily Mays was promoted to senior art director. Hine will be the lead developer on several key agency web initiatives. Iser will be project manager of web focusing on improved efficiency across agency departments. Mays joined the agency as a graphic designer in 2012 after working for Kent’s University Libraries Communications Office. “These moves strengthen our team as we focus on differentiating our clients and dramatizing their positions,” said Maggiore.

Meals on Wheels of Stark & Wayne Counties and VANTAGE Aging, which operates Meals on Wheels of Northern Ohio, have agreed to merge their operations, creating a strategic alliance designed to address the growing need for senior services in northeast Ohio. Meals on Wheels operates in virtually every community in America through a network of more than 5,000 independently-run local programs, according to Meals on Wheels America. Meals on Wheels of Stark & Wayne Counties, formed in 1973, has provided home-delivered and congregate meals for over 45 years. VANTAGE Aging offers a host of programs across the state of Ohio and its Meals on Wheels program has served Summit County for over 40 years. Together, the Meals on Wheels program will continue to serve the three contiguous counties and estimates delivery of nearly 600,000 meals each year as well as 48,000 congregate meals being served. Both organizations have the same goals; to help meet the nutritional needs of people who are homebound due to age or disability.

Barbco, Inc., a local capital equipment manufacturer in the horizontal boring, trenchless excavating, and underground manufacturing industries was invited to participate in the National Utility Contractors Association display at the Innovative Housing Showcase to share their world renown expertise in trenchless excavation. On June 1 – 5, 2019, the Department of Housing and Urban Development presented the Innovative Housing Showcase on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. to educate the public and policy makers about new building technologies in the housing industry. The Innovative Housing Showcase is a five-day event featuring new building technologies and housing solutions that are making housing more affordable for American families and homes more resilient during natural disasters. More than 2,500 persons, including policymakers, housing industry representatives, media and the general public, were in attendance.

The Canton Museum of Art (CMA), one of Northeast Ohio’s premier American art museums, is once again offering Summer Art Camp for students ages 6-18. There are three sessions to choose from June 17–June 21, June 24–June 28 and July 8–July 12. Each camp session offers the choice of a morning or (9:30am–12:30pm) afternoon session (1:30pm–4:30pm), or campers can choose both and have an all-day experience. The deadline to register for camp falls two days before the start date of each session. Registration is available on the CMA website at https://www.cantonart.org/event-and-classes/21

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.
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. Hagin, 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 fathers 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.

Visit www.neobrightestlights.com to learn about the other 2019 nominees.