NEW YEAR, NEW WEBSITE!
Welcome to the Redesigned CantonChamber.org

We are proud to announce the launch of our newly redesigned website, CantonChamber.org! Immediately, visitors will be greeted with striking visuals, easy navigation, and clean, uncluttered design. (continued on page four)

Message from Incoming Chairman Brian S. Belden

2016 begins another exciting year for the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce. We have several initiatives in place that we will be focused on in the months ahead. We will continue down the path of executing our strategic plan, and with the excellent leadership of Dennis Saunier, I’m confident we will accomplish these goals to provide the best possible service to our 1,600 members and expand our reach in the region. I need to thank past Chairman William Shivers for his spirited leadership in 2015 and for laying the groundwork for these important goals.

The Chamber is currently studying our membership and has created a task force to recommend a possible new membership structure which will enhance the value companies receive for their membership.

The task force consists of several existing chamber members and current staff along with some volunteers and business owners that are not currently part of the Chamber. We have received (continued on next page)
INCOMING MESSAGE

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Brian S. Belden
2016 Chairman of the Board
Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce

Look for us online!

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February Oil and Gas News

With two months to go before the Utica Upstream conference on April 6, our speakers lineup is nearly compete.

We are proud to announce that Maria Cortez of Houston, Texas, will speak, She is an upstream analyst with Wood Mackenzie. Based in Edinburgh, Scotland, Wood Mackenzie is a global energy, metals and mining research and consultancy group with a reputation for comprehensive data, written analysis and advice to clients.

Specifically, Cortez concentrates on Northeast and Rockies unconventional oil and gas production. Prior to joining Wood Mackenzie, she was a project manager for well site infrastructure development in North Dakota for GE Oil & Gas Artificial Lift.

We also will be pleased to welcome Callum Streeter, chief operating officer at EdgeMarc Energy. EdgeMarc developed a top-10 gas producing well in Ohio during the third quarter of 2015 when its Merlin well in Washington County yielded 260.3 million cubic feet of gas.

Streeter, educated in New Zealand and Australia, is president of the Appalachian Chapter of the American Association of Drilling Engineers.

Returning for his second Utica Upstream conference in Canton is Rick Simmers, chief of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources’ Division of Oil and Gas Resource Management. He is responsible for enforcing Ohio’s laws and regulations on drilling, production and other aspects of oil and gas extraction. A career employee of ODNR, Simmers became chief of oil and gas in 2011.

Also speaking at Utica Upstream will be Jackie Stewart, state director for Energy in Depth, a research, education and public outreach campaign focused on getting the facts out about the promise and potential of responsibly developing America’s onshore energy resource base – especially abundant sources of oil and natural gas from shale and other “tight” formations across the country.

Last month, we announced that Dr. Iryna Lendel of Cleveland State University, will present research on the potential of economic growth from the Utica Shale. She is an economist who has been a key member of the Cleveland State team that has led Ohio’s public universities in scholarly research into the economics of shale oil and gas, including workforce needs, supply chain opportunities and manufacturing growth.

Followers of our Utica Capital series of oil and gas business development seminars will remember Lendel’s popular presentation at Utica Summit II in October 2014.

We are happy to have the Pro Football Hall of Fame as our site for all of our Utica Capital seminars this year. Registration for Utica Upstream on April 6 is available at www.uticaportal.com.

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Save the date | April 6
8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Pro Football Hall of Fame
Learn what you need to know about the present and the future of Utica oil and gas exploration at Utica Upstream, a production of the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce and Shale Directories.

We are entering our fifth year of oil and gas business development programming. We lead off with a conference where experts — among them a business analyst, a university economist, a state regulator and an oil and gas producer — look at what you can expect from the business in this second year of low commodity prices.

If you have attended in the past, you know that we produce highly informative regional conferences on subjects that businesses in Utica Shale country need to understand. The Canton Regional Chamber is proud to be the only chamber of commerce in Ohio that consistently offers these oil and gas education programs, and we typically draw an audience from throughout Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Won’t you join us?
You can register today at www.uticaportal.com.
NEW WEBSITE

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The site has been built with our members’ needs in mind, which include easy access to our member directory, events registration area, Chamber news and Chamber information. The new site is mobile-friendly, making it easy to access Chamber information, such as event registration, from any device or location.

Some key improvements include:

Homepage – In addition to attractive visuals and uncluttered navigation, the homepage features “Quick Links” on the far right to the most popular sections our site: Chamber News, Upcoming Events, Member Directory, and Join the Chamber. (See image at right.)

Mobile – The new CantonChamber.org has a responsive design, meaning it’s easy to view and navigate on any phone, tablet, laptop, or desktop computer.

News – Now you can find Chamber news all in one place! We rolled ChamberNews.org and CantonBusinessNews.com into the new CantonChamber.org, requiring just one stop for Chamber News information.

What else can you do on CantonChamber.org?

Learn more about our five departments. Just click their logos on the homepage and begin exploring.

Head to the all-new About the Chamber section, and meet our Staff, read about our Vision and Goals, see News & Publications, or volunteer for an event.

Discover one of our 70+ Chamber events, and register for them from any device!

Explore our new Downtown Canton section (click the Canton Development Partnership logo on the homepage) to access information about our downtown events, downtown living, a directory of downtown businesses and much more!

We will be adding more content and features throughout 2016, so stay tuned for additional website updates. We encourage you to bookmark our site and visit often for the latest Chamber and community news, events and information.

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Nominations are in for the Business Excellence Awards, Stark County’s most prestigious business awards! Winners will be notified in March and will subsequently be recognized during the May 3 awards dinner that will begin with a cocktail reception at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner and the awards presentations at 6:30 pm. Tickets are $60 per person. Register online at CantonChamber.org.

An additional highlight at the event will be a $2,000 scholarship awarded by the law firm Day Ketterer. Applicants must be a Stark County high school senior or currently enrolled as a Stark County university or college student. For complete eligibility criteria and how to apply go to: dayketterer.com/2016-business-excellence-scholarship-award

SPONSORS: Thanks to our event sponsors to date, including Day Ketterer, Stark State College, and Westfield Bank. If interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Chris Gumpp, Director of Community Events and Sponsorships, via e-mail at chrisg@cantonchamber.org or by phone at (330) 458.2055.

For questions concerning the Business Excellence Awards, please contact Melissa Elsfelder, events manager, e-mail at melissae@cantonchamber.org or by phone at (330) 458-2073.

Business Excellence Awards Ceremony Set for May 3

February Stir After Hours: Canton Chamber, ystark! and About Magazine

Want to meet the new class of Stark County’s most eligible singles….and do a bit of networking while you’re at it? Join the Canton Regional Chamber, ystark! and About Magazine for the first STIR After Hours of 2016 at The Crush House on Tuesday, February 16. Enjoy delicious hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar, make business contacts, and perhaps most exciting, meet About Magazine’s Most Eligible Singles!

Tuesday, Feb. 16 | 5:30-7:30 pm
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On November 3, 2015, residents of the City of Canton elected a new Mayor, Tom Bernabei. At our February Fast Break Breakfast, we are honored to be joined by Mayor Bernabei and invite you to “Meet the Mayor” and learn more about his agenda for the City of Canton.

Whether you live in the City or a surrounding community, the strength of our county seat, Canton, plays an important role in the strength of the larger region. We encourage you to attend what promises to be an insightful morning about Mayor’s plan for the City moving forward.

Friday, Feb. 12
7 am registration
7:30 am program
Courtyard by Marriott
4375 Metro Circle in North Canton
Cost: $18 members
$25 non-members
RSVP by Feb. 10

About Mayor Bernabei: Thomas M. Bernabei is Mayor of the City of Canton, Ohio. He was elected in 2015 and is currently in his first term.

Mayor Bernabei is a lifelong resident of Stark County and lives in Canton, Ohio. He is a 1964 graduate of Canton Lehman High School. He graduated from Brown University in 1968 and the Ohio State University School College of Law in 1975. Between college and law school, Mayor Bernabei served four years in the United States Army, including one tour of duty in Vietnam.

Mayor Bernabei entered public service as Assistant Prosecutor in Massillon Municipal Court. He later served as an Assistant Law Director in Canton and was elected Canton Law Director in 1989. After retiring from the Law Department in 2000, Mayor Bernabei was elected to Canton City Council and served one term as Councilman at-Large. He subsequently worked as Director of Public Service in Canton from 2008 to 2009 and as SARTA’s interim Executive Director in 2009. Mayor Bernabei was elected Stark County Commissioner and served from 2010 – 2015.

Mayor Bernabei proudly practiced law with his father, Joseph, from 1975 to 1989. He is married to Bebe, a Canton Central Catholic High School graduate. They have three daughters and five grandchildren.
The Pro Football Hall of Fame and the annual Enshrinement Festival will be celebrating 53 years of excellence in 2016, with the first event being the Queen Pageant on May 5. Applications and tickets will be available at the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, Enshrinement Festival department, 222 Market Ave. N., in downtown Canton, weekdays from 8:30 am to 5 pm beginning Monday, Feb. 8.

In addition, applications are available on-line at www.ProFootballHOFEF.com. The deadline to submit the application and a $70 fee is Monday, March 7, by 5 p.m. Candidates cannot be younger than a high school senior and 18 years old by May 1 or more than 23 years of age before Sept. 1. Candidates must reside and, if employed, work within a 30-mile radius of Stark County.

While not mandatory, all potential candidates are invited and encouraged to attend the sixth annual “Queen Pageant Informational Session” which will take place Saturday, Feb. 20 at the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce from 9 to 11 a.m. This session will help young ladies decide if they would like to enter the Pageant, and to give them a better idea of what to expect if they do. Participants will have the opportunity to review the 2015 Queen Pageant DVD, learn about the judging experience from past years’ judges, hear from a past queen who will share her memories, and ask questions about the process. This informative, casual session is FREE, but reservations must be made in advance by calling Kathy Lindenberger at (330) 458-2056 or e-mailing her at: kathyl@cantonchamber.org.

The Queen Pageant on Thursday, May 5 will begin at 7 p.m. at The Canton Palace Theatre. All seats are reserved at $20 each, and tickets can be purchased at the Canton Regional Chamber, and online at www.ProFootballHOFEF.com/QueenPageant.

At the conclusion of the Pageant, a Queen and five court members will have been selected on the basis of personality, poise, beauty, communication skills, academic achievement and service to community. The Queen and her court will serve as role models and goodwill ambassadors throughout the community.

For more information regarding applications, tickets or sponsorship opportunities, contact Kathy Lindenberger at (330) 458-2056 or visit the Enshrinement Festival Web site at www.ProFootballHOFEF.com.

ABOUT THE ENSHRINEMENT FESTIVAL

While nearly 25,000 men have played in at least one National Football League game, there are only 295 members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame; this number will be increased by not more than eight when the Class of 2016 is announced February 6 during Super Bowl weekend. The central focus and highlight of the festivities will be the induction ceremony for the Class of 2016 Enshrinees at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium. Enjoying great success for the past 52 years, the Enshrinement Festival is a true celebration of excellence.
Leadership Stark County is celebrating its 30th year of training leaders for Stark County. We are proud of our longevity and invite you to be a part of the celebration by applying for the 30th Signature class. There will be a number of special opportunities presented in honor of the 30th year. Apply online at LeadershipStarkCounty.org now through April 22, 2016.

Who Should Apply for the Signature Program?
The Signature Program is ideal for business and community leaders who are ready to take their careers and community involvement to the next level.

How does it work?
Each year, a limited number of participants are selected through an application & interview process. Our goal is a diverse class: professionally, geographically, and culturally.

What's the time commitment?
The Program is 10 months, beginning with a 2 & 1/2 day Opening Retreat, followed by day-long programs once per month on a range of topics.

If selected, what kinds of things will I get to do?
Your Signature experience includes opportunities to:

- Find your personal leadership style and learn how to make it work for you
- Take a whirlwind tour of Stark County, exploring the cultural, economic, and historic features of our community
- Take on-site tours and small-group interactions with CEOs
- Go on a cruiser ride with police or sheriff’s department, jail tour, and lunch with judges in their chambers
- Attend a seminar on board governance, have a chance to be matched with a non-profit for board service
- Take part in a poverty simulation, share a meal at a local nutrition center, tour a homeless shelter
- Discuss local issues with political and civic leaders, meet with judges in their chambers, learn what it takes to run for office or join a commission
- Meet with school superintendents, tour alternative and traditional schools with principals, hear from school board members
- And many more experiences to expand your knowledge and awareness

How much?
Tuition is $2,650 including meals, lodging, and materials. Tuition assistance is available for non-profit or small business participants.

When do I start?
Our next Signature Program runs September 2016 through June 2017. The selection process is completed by the end of June 2016.
Leadership Stark County Presents Building Better Boards Seminar

Want to get more done, run more efficient meetings, and think strategically? Energize your non-profit organization with the latest trends, best practices, and techniques.

Attend the Building Better Boards seminar and start 2016 moving smoothly toward your organizational goals. Members of local non-profit boards, agency staff, and interested community members are encouraged to attend. The seminar is being offered to ensure that non-profit agencies and their board members have access to best practices and current trends.

The seminar includes these sessions:

- The Role of the Board, Sara Strattan, executive director, Community Legal Aid

- Legal Responsibilities of Board Service, Randy Snow, Black McCuskey Law Firm

- Communicate Effectively in Difficult Situations, Julia Dick, president, MOLA Productions and Paula Mastroianni, chief development and marketing director, Western Reserve Public Media

Register online at LeadershipStarkCounty.org or call 330-458-2095 for more information.

Thursday, March 3
8:00-11:30 am
Aultman North Canton Medical Group,
Education Building
6046 Whipple Ave NW,
North Canton
Cost: $35 per person,
$105 for 4 from same agency
You're invited to the Learn about Leadership Breakfast for Prospective Applicants on Wednesday, Mar. 16.

The free, no-obligation Learn about Leadership breakfast provides applicants, prospective candidates, and employers, answers to:

• What are the programs offered by Leadership Stark County?
• What is the Signature Program and how does it work?
• How will Leadership Stark County participation benefit me or my company?
• How much time will it take to participate?
• How do I apply?

Join us and discover the answers to these and any other questions you may have. There is no cost to attend, however, reservations are requested by Monday, Mar. 16. All are welcome. Make your reservation by calling 330-458-2095 or online at LeadershipStarkCounty.org

Wednesday, Mar. 16
8:00-9:00 am
Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce
222 Market Ave. N.
Downtown Canton
Cost: FREE

Stark County Crime Prevention Breakfast
Set for February 16

Join us as we honor the Canton City Police Officer of the Year, Stark County Deputy of the Year and Community Police Officer of the Year.

In addition, the Crime Prevention Citizen of the Year will be presented with an award. This award goes to a citizen who goes beyond the call of duty in preventing a crime or provides the police department with information that leads to an arrest and conviction of a criminal offender.

The Crime Prevention Breakfast is a special opportunity to show our appreciation for the hard work and dedication by Stark County law enforcement agencies.

You can support and honor these individuals by purchasing tickets for the breakfast, either for yourself, or for distribution to the various law enforcement agencies. Your donation helps honor these officers and allows officers from Stark County law enforcement agencies to receive a complimentary breakfast.

Tuesday, Feb. 16
8:00 am–9:30 am (7:30 am registration)
Tozzi’s Restaurant
4210 12th St. NW
Canton OH 44708
Cost: $11/person
Register at www.starkcountysafetycouncil.org
We’ve all heard the stories…an employee makes a poor decision regarding social media, such as posting an inappropriate picture or complaining about work, and word gets back to the employer. What are an employer’s options? Unfortunately, available options are not clear in many instances.

At our February luncheon, attorney Gust Callas will review recent rulings by the National Labor Relations Board and discuss ways employers can navigate the ever-changing social media landscape.

Thursday, Feb. 11
11:30 am – 1 pm
Meyer’s Lake Ballroom
3218 Parkway St. NW
Cost: $16
RSVP by Jan. 11
www.starkcountysafetycouncil.org

About the Speaker:
Gust Callas, partner, currently serves as coordinator for the Labor and Employment Practice Area of Black McCuskey Souers & Arbaugh, LPA. He is also a member of the Firm’s Litigation and Workers’ Compensation Service Groups. Gust has extensive experience in litigation and particular specialty in the defense and counseling of clients in employment-related matters. He has successfully argued cases before the Ohio Supreme Court, as well as the United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Gust received both his law degree and undergraduate degree in accounting from the University of Akron, receiving both degrees with the highest honors. Combining both degrees has assisted him in commercial litigation as well as advising several corporations as general counsel. Gust served as past President and Board Member of the University of Akron, School of Law, Law Alumni Association. Gust is recognized by his peers as one of the preeminent lawyers in his field, having received an AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell®, and has been recognized as an Ohio Super Lawyer from 2004 to 2016.
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Starting in March: Collaborative, Interactive Professional Development Available

ystark! and Leadership Stark County, departments of the Chamber, are teaming up in 2016 to tackle workforce initiatives for our business community. **Wellspring unSpeaker Series** is reimagined for your new young professional hires or anyone on staff who you’d like to arm with professional development building blocks.

Topics include but are not limited to:

- Delivering & receiving feedback on a team
- Emotional intelligence in a dynamic workplace culture
- Branding to be bold

Sessions, which are quarterly, are packaged for a convenient $100 series, with a group and non-profit discount available. **Our first session is March 9th at 7:30 am.**

Class spaces are limited; visit [www.ystark.org](http://www.ystark.org) for more information or to enroll before March 4th.

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Nominate Stark County’s Top Young Leaders!

ystark! is currently seeking nominees for the ninth annual **TWENTY UNDER 40! awards**. These awards recognize 20 incredible young leaders who are actively making a positive impact in the county.

**Who are we looking for?** Eligible young professionals are between 21 and 40 years old, who work in all career industries, and live or work in Stark County. Full eligibility information is available at [ystark.org](http://www.ystark.org).

**Who makes an outstanding nominee?** We are looking for the region’s top young professionals. Twenty under 40! winners are working to make Stark County the destination for young professionals to live, work and play though their work in the business community and the community at large. In short, they excel in both their careers and in community service.

**What’s the easiest way to nominate?** Online! Visit [ystark.org](http://www.ystark.org) and complete the nomination form or download a hardcopy.

**What’s the deadline?** We need all nominations by **Monday, Feb. 29**.

**How will winners be recognized?** Winners of the 2016 award will be toasted at an eclectic gala award event this summer – stay tuned for more details coming soon.

The recognition of these deserving area young professionals is made possible by **ystark! and The Repository**, and sponsored (to date) by Aultman Health Foundation, Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths & Dougherty Co., LPA, Robert J. Events & Catering, and The Timken Company.
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WELCOME to our newest members, who joined Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce in December. 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) 458-2067.

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Over the last decade dollars raised through the Annual Arts Campaign have increased by a whopping 85% and made ArtsinStark’s united arts fund drive the only one in America to ever make goal for ten years in a row. The list of community leaders who have chaired is impressive: Bob Timken, Tom Cecconi, Ed Roth, Tim Timken, Linda DeHoff, Karen Belden, Joy Timken, Janet Weir Creighton, Steve Perry, Dennis Nash, and Bob DeHoff. And now, in 2016 Jim Porter, CEO/Publisher of The Repository will become the chair and, from March 9 through May 25, lead 100 volunteers in raising $1.7 million for the arts. “I am thrilled to chair this year’s Annual Arts Campaign and to be a part of the continued growth and impact ArtsinStark makes on our great community,” said Jim. “There is no doubt that this campaign and all facets of the arts increase the quality of our area and its vitality.”

Wendy’s celebrated the opening of the new restaurant at 1301 30th St. NW last week with a $1,000 donation to Stark County Hunger Task Force. Tim Wade, owner of Wendy’s S-Group Inc., presented the donation to Amy Weisbrod, executive director of SCHTF as the eatery opened its doors. The donation will provide up to 7,000 pounds of food for the hungry of Stark County through the organization’s network of more than 30 free-food pantries.

William D. Griffing, president of Greenport Financial Advisers Inc., has announced that Denise Sutton Downard has joined Greenport and will primarily serve clients in the eastern Stark County markets, including Minerva and Alliance, and Carroll and Columbiana counties. “We are pleased to welcome Denise to Greenport,” said William. “She is a lifelong Stark County resident and has extensive knowledge and experience as a financial advisor. We opened a regional office in Minerva in early 2014 and Denise joining the firm is the next step in our strategic plan for serving the investment needs of people in those areas.” Denise has been in the financial services business for the last seven years and prior to that had nine years of experience in the Human Resources and Employee Benefits areas. She has numerous professional licenses and designations.

Voices of Canton, Inc., has promoted Carol Olson to executive director of the 76-year-old choral music organization. A native of Indiana, Olson received her Bachelor of Science degree in Music (Vocal Performance) at Indiana State University, and her Masters of Music Study in Vocal Performance at Indiana University. Also an accomplished violinist, Olson’s previous professional affiliations include the position of section violinist with the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Terre Haute Symphony. She has been employed at VOCI for two years. “We feel blessed to have Carol Olson on staff at VOCI. She has great passion for the arts, and it’s reflected in everything she does for VOCI,” said Sue Motts, VOCI Board Chairman. Olson and her family reside in Green, Ohio.

Allay Senior Care Of Meyers Lake is proud to announce their selection as a 2016 Best of Assisted Living Award Winner on SeniorAdvisor.com, the largest ratings and reviews site for senior care and services in North America. The award is only given to communities and agencies, like Allay Senior Care, that have received outstanding online feedback from their families through the SeniorAdvisor.com site. To qualify for inclusion in the Best of 2016 Awards, Allay maintained an average overall rating of at least 4.5 stars while receiving three or more new reviews in 2015. Of the nearly 100,000 providers across the United States currently listed on SeniorAdvisor.com, only 879 were recognized with this award. This exclusive designation places Allay in the top one percent of senior care providers according to those who matter most - the families.

Allay Senior Care will also be sponsoring an education program by the Alzheimer’s Association on Effective Communications Strategies for those with Alzheimer’s disease. The program is on Tuesday, February 16, at 6:00 pm a the Stark County District Library, McKinley Room (715 Market Ave. N, Downtown Canton).

Malone University Head Football Coach Eric Hehman has resigned to accept the head coach position at Olivet Nazarene University. Hehman had served as the Pioneers’ head coach for the past six seasons, guiding the football program during Malone’s transition to NCAA Division II membership. Malone University Director of Athletics Charlie Grimes has announced that longtime Walsh University defensive coordinator and veteran Stark County coach Fred Thomas has been appointed head coach of the Pioneers. In addition to his 16 seasons at Walsh, Thomas’ extensive coaching resume also includes time as the defensive coordinator at Youngstown State University and as the head coach at Girard, Alliance, and GlenOak High Schools. Thomas was a member of the Malone coaching staff during the 2015 season, serving as a defensive assistant.

Black, McCuskey, Souers & Arbaugh, LPA is pleased to announce that nine attorneys have been recognized by Super Lawyers. Attorneys Bruce M. Soares (business/corporate), Randolph L. Snow (litigation), Joel K. Dayton (creditor debtor rights), Gust Callas (labor & employment), Jim P. Kamerer (estate planning & probate), Thomas W. Connors (litigation), and Todd S. Bundy (business/corporate), have been named by Ohio Super Lawyers magazine as top attorneys in Ohio for 2016. No more than 5 percent of the lawyers in the state are selected by the research team at Super Lawyers to receive this honor. Additionally, attorneys Ryan A. Kuchmaner (business/corporate) and Whitney L. Willits (civil litigation: defense) were each named an Ohio Rising Star for 2016.

Bruner Cox LLP is pleased to announce the promotion of Laura A. King, CPA, MT, to tax partner. Laura joined Bruner Cox LLP in 2003. She has more than 15 years of consulting and taxation experience. Laura handles personal and corporate taxation with an extensive expertise serving middle-marketing corporations in the manufacturing and wholesale-distribution industries. She also specializes in expatriate tax matters, assisting international clients with tax planning and compliance. She is a member of the Firm’s Manufacturing and Wholesale-Distribution Services Group. “I am pleased to announce the promotion of Laura,” said Bruner Cox LLP Managing Partner, Steven O. Pittman, CPA, MBA, CGMA. “Laura is a dynamic member of the Bruner Cox LLP team. Her client skills and experience have greatly contributed to the success of our clients and our firm.”

Have business news you’d like to share via Biz Bitz? Send your news release to Collyn Floyd, director of marketing, at colloynf@cantonchamber.org.
February Luncheon: Stark County Safety Council
starkcountysafetycouncil.org
“Social Media and Your Business”
With Gust Callas, partner, Black, McCuskey, Souers, and Arbaugh

February AultCare Fast Break Breakfast
cantonchamber.org
“Meet the Mayor”
With Mayor Tom Bernabei, City of Canton

Stark County Crime Prevention Breakfast
starkcountysafetycouncil.org
Join us as we honor the Canton City Police Officer of the Year, Stark County Deputy of the Year, and Community Police Officer of the Year.

February Stir After Hours with the Canton Chamber, ystark! and About Magazine
cantonchamber.org
Enjoy delicious hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar, make business contacts, and perhaps most exciting, meet About Magazine’s Most Eligible Singles!

Brown Bag Lunch -- What’s Next for Canton: The Comprehensive Plan
cantonchamber.org
Join Leadership Stark County and guest speaker Joel Owens, policy consultant for Community Building Partnership of Stark County, for a Brown Bag Lunch to learn more about the City’s Comprehensive Plan.

ystark! CEO Meet & Eat
ystark.org
Join us for an innovative and 1 Gig speed lunch. Hear from Bob Brick, chairman and CEO of Agile Networks in the hub of Downtown Canton.

Building Better Boards Seminar
leadershipstarkcounty.org
Want to get more done, run more efficient meetings and think strategically? Attend the Building Better Boards seminar to improve your board and achieve your organizational goals.

ALSO IN MARCH/APRIL:
March 9 – Wellspring unSpeaker Series; register at ystark.org
March 16 – Learn About Leadership for Prospective Applicants; register at leadershipstarkcounty.org
April 6 – Utica Upstream; register at uticacapital.com
Work-related accidents happen 24-hours a day. Injured employees need specialized, experienced attention to minimize injuries, speed recovery and return to work. Work Health & Safety Services (WHSS) is open 24/7 through its affiliation with Mercy Medical Center.

• Mercy Health Center of Carroll County
  125 Canton Road, Carrollton, OH | 330-627-7641

• Mercy Health Center of Jackson/Massillon
  7337 Caritas Circle NW, Massillon, OH | 330-966-8689

• Mercy Health Center of North Canton
  6200 Whipple Avenue NW, North Canton, OH | 330-966-8689

• Mercy Health Center of Tuscarawas County
  1031 West High Avenue, New Philadelphia, OH | 330-365-5100

If care is necessary after 9 p.m. - Mercy Medical Center Emergency Department
1320 Mercy Drive N.W., Canton, OH | 330-489-1055 | Daily 24-hour service