DEVELOP NEW LEADS AT THE 2018 BUSINESS EXPO

Join the Canton Regional Chamber on March 1 for the 2018 Business Expo Presented by AultCare!

This annual event, held at the Kent State University at Stark Conference Center, has grown to include over 100 exhibitors, complimentary tasty treats from local restaurants as part of our “Taste of Stark,” plus several hundred attendees!

Exhibitors can expect to develop business leads, network with local businesses as well as the public, gain invaluable connections and be part of an ever-growing event.

Attendees can expect to network while visiting exhibitor booths and enjoying delicious local food samples.

Come out for one of the best networking opportunities of the year, on March 1 from 4-8 pm at the Kent State University at Stark Conference Center.

Exhibitor booths are $175 and include a 9’ x 9’ booth space, two chairs, 8’ table and pipe and drape. Booth space is extremely limited!

Exhibitors (to date):

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ALCO Chemical
American Cancer Society
Angry Barbeque
The Ashley Group
AultCare
AultComp MCO
Baja West Coast Kitchen
Better Business Bureau
Boggs Chiropractic
Bubbas 33
Buffalo Wild Wings
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SAVE THE DATE
FOR UTICA MIDSTREAM

April 4, 2018
7:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
Barrette Center, Walsh University

Learn what you need to know about the present and the future of Utica oil and gas exploration at Utica Midstream presented by Kenexis, a production of the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Shale Directories, an oil and gas business development company.

Since 2012, shale oil and gas industry experts have come to Canton at our invitation to make presentations about the latest developments in Utica upstream, midstream and downstream. These speakers have attracted a diverse business audience from throughout Ohio, western Pennsylvania and northwest West Virginia. Audience members have networked with speakers and each other and frequently have discovered their Utica business opportunities.

Utica Midstream will provide valuable information about exploration and production, oil and gas public policy, midstream development, and infrastructure development.

The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce is proud to be the only chamber of commerce in Ohio that consistently offers these highly informative oil and gas education programs that businesses in Utica Shale country need to understand because it will transform Ohio’s economy for decades to come. Join us on April 4th by registering today at www.uticacapital.com or www.uticasummit.com. For questions call Melissa Elsfelder at 330.458.2073. For sponsorship information, contact Chris Gumpp at 330.458.2055.

ALSO SAVE THE DATE OR REGISTER NOW:

UTICA SUMMIT VI
October 10, 2018

Focusing on pipelines and processing plants, and getting energy to market.
New event series begins March 6 with a county-wide panel of elected officials

The Canton Regional Chamber, along with our ystark! and Leadership Stark County departments, are bringing our community a new quarterly event: Stark Forum: Inspiring Our Future presented by AultCare.

Stark Forum will address a wide range of issues that affect our community, including workforce, health care, education, economic development, tourism, innovation, public policy and more. With the help of our distinguished invited guests and moderator, our goal is to take an in-depth look at how current issues may shape Stark County’s future, and what we can do moving forward:

- How can we accelerate and encourage economic growth?
- How can we think differently and more boldly about Canton/Stark County’s future?
- How can we identify opportunities for positive change?

At our first Stark Forum, you’ll get a “peek behind the curtain” as the Mayors of Canton, Alliance, Massillon, and North Canton, as well as the President of the Jackson Township Trustees join us as panelists, adding their unique perspective to current community conversations and initiatives. Hear their ideas on job growth and retention, increased county collaboration, and “where Stark goes from here.”

**Todd Porter**, Special Projects Editor for The Canton Repository, will moderate this event and future events, and will allow time for Q&A.

Join us as we inspire a vibrant future for Stark County!

**Tuesday, March 6**  
11:30 am – 1:00 pm  
La Pizzeria  
3656 Dressler Road, Canton, OH 44718  
Cost: $25 per person, includes a plated lunch  
Register at www.cantonchamber.org
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 1 awards dinner that will begin with a cocktail reception at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner and the awards presentations at 6:30 pm at the Kent State University at Stark Conference Center. Tickets are $60 per person. Register online at www.cantonchamber.org/awards.

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/2018-business-excellence-scholarship-award

SPONSORS: Thanks to our event sponsors to date, including Day Ketterer, Stark State College, Westfield Bank Medical Mutual, and The Canton Repository.

For sponsorship information, contact Chris Gumpp, director of Community Events & Sponsorships at chrisg@cantonchamber.org or 330.458.2055. For questions concerning the Business Excellence Awards, contact Melissa Elsfelder, event manager, at melissae@cantonchamber.org or 330.458.2073.

Our Canton-Area Business Counts on CareWorksComp to Help Us Improve Safety and Control Our Ohio Workers’ Compensation Costs

The Canton Regional Chamber sponsors an Ohio workers’ comp program to help its members significantly lower their Ohio BWC premium.

Our results-oriented approach fully integrates accident prevention, risk control and claims management while delivering a significant return on your investment.

For a no-cost, no-obligation analysis of your potential group rating savings, please visit www.careworkscomp.com/groupratingapplication/Canton and complete our Temporary Authorization to Review Information form.

For employers who don’t qualify for group rating, CareWorksComp can still evaluate your best premium discount options.

For more information, contact CareWorksComp’s Robert Nicoll at 1-800-837-3200, Ext. 58595 or email robert.nicoll@careworkscomp.com.

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On Feb. 15, help us welcome our new members while you enjoy complimentary appetizers, networking with new and established members. ALL Chamber members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Our New Member Reception will be conveniently located at the Holiday Inn in Belden Village. This event is FREE for Chamber members, but registration is required. Non-members can attend for $5.

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Join Us at Our AultCare QuickConnect Luncheon Featuring Diane Helbig, Business Growth Expert

Want to grow your contacts and leads? Join us each month for the AultCare QuickConnect Networking Luncheon, at its NEW location for 2018 at La Pizzaria in Jackson Township!

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.

NEW for 2018! New location at La Pizzeria, along with the ability to have a choice of entrees.

February AultCare QuickConnect Networking Luncheon
Join us for the AultCare QuickConnect Networking Luncheon on February 21 with Diane Helbig, President, Seize this Day, for ENSURING TRADESHOW SUCCESS.

Exhibiting at a tradeshow is a great opportunity to connect with prospective clients. How you prepare, engage, and follow up determines how successful you are. Diane will explain how to capture and nurture leads during a tradeshow. Topics include:

• Pre-show planning ideas
• Effective booth setup and practices
• Follow up processes

You will leave with specific actionable ideas you can implement during any tradeshow or expo to maximize your investment.

Wednesday, Feb. 21
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 Feb. 19 at
www.cantonchamber.org

Featured Entree of the Month: Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce & Salad

Diane Helbig is an award winning speaker, international business and leadership change agent, author, podcast host, and internet TV show host. As president of Seize This Day, Diane helps businesses and organizations operate more constructively and profitably.

As a speaker and workshop facilitator Diane merges energy and enthusiasm with rich content. Her goal is to leave her audience with actionable steps as well as the excitement to implement those steps.

Diane is the author of Lemonade Stand Selling and Expert Insights, and the host of Accelerate Your Business Growth podcast. She is the host of Business Growth Acceleration internet TV show and is the founder of Business Opportunity Network, a group coaching/referral sharing program.

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ystark! is currently seeking nominees for the 10th ANNUAL TWENTY UNDER 40! awards. These awards recognize 20 incredible young leaders who are actively making a positive impact in the county across various sectors of the business, civic, government, arts, education and non-profit communities, including consideration in the following areas:

• Arts/Entertainment • Business • Community Services/Non-Profit • Corporate • Education • Financial Services • Government • Hospitality & Tourism • Legal Services • Manufacturing • Medical & Health Care Services • Other • PR/Advertising/Marketing • Real Estate • Retail • Social Service • Students (College) • Technology

Nominees are selected based on career acumen, community service and trusteeship, and personal and professional achievements. The Twenty under 40! selection committee is comprised of diverse business and community leaders representing a range of industry sectors from around Stark County. 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 https://www.cantonchamber.org/twenty-under-40

Online submissions due by 11:59 p.m. on February 12, 2018; no exceptions.

Winners of the 2017 award will be toasted at the 11th Annual Twenty Under 40! Gala this summer – stay tuned for more details coming soon.

CHOCOLATE AND NETWORKING GO TOGETHER LIKE PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY!

While our YPs network throughout the candy-filled space, a few musketeers will be behind the bar raising tips for our annual Fund Drive; specifically towards our YP mentoring activities. Our guest bartenders:

Lauren Bing, Latoya Dickens, Justin Garner Elissa Prazer, Aimee Schlenzitauer

Which will raise the most money and win the golden ticket prize? Whether you’re coming to network or to support your favorite YP, don’t miss this fun, themed night at That Chocolate Bar.

All 2018 Monthly Meet-Ups will be presented by Express Employment Professionals.

Wednesday, Feb. 21
5 - 8 p.m.
That Christmas Bar
2234 W Tuscarawas St, Canton
Cost: FREE - Registration is required

2018 BUSINESS EXPO EXHIBITORS (continued from cover)

Grifols USA
Habitat for Humanity East
Harris, Miller & Finkelstein CPAS, LLP
Henderson Roofing & Construction
Holiday Inn Canton Twenty/20 Taphouse
Holistic Family Chiropractic
HoneyBeeBase.com
Huntington National Bank
Innovative Autocare
Jackson Township Rotary Club
Jackson Township Fire Department
Jackson Township Police Department
Katy’s Kreations
KeyBank
Kitchen Saver
Koala Kruizers
Kozmo’s Grille
Mann Marketing
The Massillon Plaque Company
Mata Mediterranean Grill, Inc.
Mathnasium of Belden Village
Medical Mutual of Ohio
Meritech
Ohio Restoration Solutions & Constructions, Inc.
Old Carolina Barbecue Co.
Pro Football Hall of Fame Marathon
Pure Water Technology
Rice’s Landscapes Redefined
Sanctuary Golf Club
Sara Stucky Saymer
Schoeppner Tile & Construction, LLC
SCORE – Canton Regional
Seifert Technologies
Sheez Inc.
Skyland Pines Golf Club and Banquet Facility
Smoke the Burger Joint
Stark Area Regional Transit Authority
Stark County District Library
StarkJobs.com
Stumpy the Stump Grinder LLC
Sully’s Tool & Party Rentals
Sunset Hills Burial Park
Synchrony Financial
TL Worldwide Transportation
TMI Hospitality
Toth Buick – GMC Truck
True Hire LLC
USA Quickprint
Walsh University
Wayne Savings Community Bank
Wells Fargo Commercial Banking
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The Pro Football Hall of Fame and the annual Enshrinement Festival will be celebrating 55 years of excellence in 2018, with the first event being the Queen & Royal Ambassadors Pageant on Wednesday, May 16.

This year’s Pageant brings with it several notable changes. The title of “Court member” will be changed to “Royal Ambassador” to better reflect the duties of these young ladies who will spend the summer serving as goodwill ambassadors and role models throughout the community. Additionally, the pageant will be held on a Wednesday evening instead of the traditional Thursday evening, and will take place a little later in May in the hopes of better accommodating high school and college exam and graduation dates.

Applications are available online at www.ProFootballHOF.com beginning Feb. 12. The deadline to submit the application and a $70 fee is Monday, March 19, 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.

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 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning Monday, Feb. 12.

While not mandatory, all potential candidates are invited and encouraged to attend the seventh annual “Queen & Royal Ambassadors Pageant Informational Session” which will take place Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce from 9 to 11 am. This session will help prospective participants 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 2017 Queen Pageant DVD which includes footage of the ambassador opportunities, 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 & Royal Ambassadors Pageant on Wednesday, May 16 will begin at 7 p.m. at The Canton Palace Theatre. All seats are reserved at $22 each, and tickets can be purchased at the Canton Regional Chamber, and online at www.ProFootballHOF.com/QueenPageant.

At the conclusion of the Pageant, a Queen and five Royal Ambassadors will have been selected on the basis of personality, poise, beauty, communication skills, academic achievement and service to community.

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.ProFootballHOF.com.
Spotlight for young professionals or Signature Program for in-depth engagement?

Leadership Stark County is now taking applications for two different programs that will show you your strengths and how to develop them, familiarize you with six key leadership competencies, educate you on community assets and issues, and increase your resolve to positively impact Stark County.

SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM

Spotlight for Young Professionals (for those in their 20s-early 30s) uses six sessions to cultivate leadership potential and expose young professionals to leadership competencies. You'll be using the Gallup CliftonStrengths assessment to learn your top strengths and how you can use them to live your best life at work and elsewhere. The sessions will also introduce the six key Leadership Stark County competencies: Collaboration, Strategic Agility, Innovation and Technology, Effective Communication, Relationship Building, and Service to Others. Sessions will cover economic improvement, current social issues, personal development, the arts, and more.

The Spotlight program begins Tuesday, February 27 and applications are being accepted now until the class is full. The cost is $550 for six sessions; applications and more information are available on www.LeadershipStarkCounty.org

SIGNATURE PROGRAM

The Signature Program is our flagship program where over the course of ten months you'll delve deeply into topics that affect the vitality of our community. You'll use the CliftonStrengths assessment to learn your strengths, how to develop them, and how to use them to enhance teams. You'll have many opportunities to see the key competencies at work and learn how they can work for you.

The Signature Program consists of an Opening Retreat, an all-encompassing Stark County expedition, and individual monthly sessions covering economic development, social services, community building, education, diversity competency, the arts, the justice system and safety forces, non-profit board governance, and citizenship. Additional in-depth tours are offered to complement each topic.

Applications are now being accepted for the September 2018 to June 2019 session and are due on Monday, April 16. Participants are selected based on the online application, a letter of recommendation and group interview. Our goal is a diverse class: professionally, geographically, and culturally.

Tuition is $2,850 all-inclusive and tuition assistance is available for non-profit or small business participants. Apply Now at LeadershipStarkCounty.org or call our office at 330-458-2095 for more information

LEADERSHIP COACHING

One-on-one Leadership Coaching is a unique opportunity to expand and extend learning beyond our traditional "program days," increase personal and professional development, and improve overall leadership competencies. Coaching packages are available for participants of either program.

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The Building Better Boards seminar is excellent for anyone who works or volunteers for Stark County non-profit organizations, government entities, schools, or community organizations. Energize your non-profit organization with the latest trends, best practices, and techniques. Want to get more done, run more efficient meetings, and think strategically?

Attend the Building Better Boards seminar and start 2018 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:

- Legal Responsibilities of Board Service, Randy Snow, Black McCuskey Law Firm
- Board Basics, Rich Geib, SCORE, Executive Director, Leadership Tuscarawas
- Lisa Codispoti, Chief HR Officer, Outsourcing Solutions, Inc.

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

Thursday, March 1
8:00-11:30 a.m.
North Canton Medical Foundation
Education Building
6046 Whipple Ave NW, North Canton
Cost: $35 per person, $105 for 4 from same agency

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STARK COUNTY SAFETY COUNCIL

CRIME PREVENTION BREAKFAST
SET FOR FEBRUARY 20

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 personally attending or purchasing additional seats to help cover the cost of those being recognized. Your donation helps honor these officers and allows officers from Stark County law enforcement agencies to receive a complimentary breakfast.

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018
8:00 am–9:30 am (7:30 am registration)
Tozzi’s Restaurant on 12th St.
4210 12th St. NW, Canton OH 44708
Cost: $12/person
Register at www.StarkCountySC.com

STARK COUNTY SAFETY COUNCIL

29TH ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT LAW SEMINAR

The Opioid Crisis
Honorable Frank G. Forchione | Sheriff George T. Maier
Richard J. Reichert, M.D.

Sex, Lies & Video Tapes and Everyday Employment Mistakes

Legislative Update: OSHA, NLRB, FSLA & More

Wednesday, March 7, 2018
Registration: 1:30 to 2:00 p.m.
Seminar: 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Kent State University
at Stark Conference Center
6000 Frank Ave. NW, Canton, OH 44720

Business Reception Follows

Register online at: BMSA.COM

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Featured Speaker: Kurt Kollar, Emergency Response, On-Scene Coordinator, Ohio EPA

Kurt Kollar will share his vast knowledge of Release Reporting, Cleanup & Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention that spans his 25 years of experience with the Ohio EPA.

You’ll learn about non-regulatory programs that help Ohio businesses and organizations comply with environmental regulations, prevent pollution, develop and achieve sustainability goals, and finance recycling and litter prevention efforts.

Thursday, Feb. 8
11:30 am-1:00 pm
Alex D. Krassas Event Center
251 25th St. NW, Canton

Cost: $17 per person
RSVP at www.cantonchamber.org by Feb. 5

Reservations are required unless you are a season pass holder. All attendees will have a chance to win a door prize provided by our spotlight company.

SPOTLIGHT COMPANY:

About our speaker:
Kurt Kollar has worked for the Ohio EPA’s Division of Environmental Response, Investigation and Enforcement (DERIE) for 25 years with prior experience working for environmental remediation firms.

Kurt has a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science. His work spanned multiple disciplines within the division. Kurt is the project manager for the Formerly Utilized Sites Remediation Program which entails the cleanup of radioactive contaminated sites associated with the country’s WW II nuclear weapons development initiative. He is the agency’s lead person for radiological dose assessment/plume modeling at the county Emergency Operations Center during a release from a nuclear power plant accident.

He is also a member of the State of Ohio’s Radiation Assessment Team. He is trained in the National Incident Management System and is a member of the Ohio EPA’s Strike Team for responding to state wide environmental emergencies.
NEW MEMBERS

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) 458-2051.

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Kent State University at Stark Conference Center  
Free admission with a business card |
| 6 | Stark Forum: Inspiring Our Future  
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Stark Forum will address a wide range of issues that affect local businesses, including workforce, health care, education, economic development, tourism, innovation, public policy and more. With the help of our distinguished invited guests and moderator, our goal is to take an in-depth look at how current issues may shape Stark County’s future, and what we can do moving forward.  
Tuesday, March 6  
11:30 am-1:00 pm  
La Pizzeria  
$25 per person |
This Valentine’s Day SARTA would LOVE for you to take a ride! Ohio’s Transit Agencies are celebrating “Ohio Loves Transit” by providing either free rides, giveaways or promoting the need for public transit in their communities. SARTA encourages you to join us for a ride and “give some love” to public transit. Join the over 3 million workers, seniors, disabled individuals, veterans and students who depend on Ohio's transit agencies every day and take a ride on public transit February 14th. SARTA provides safe, reliable, affordable and convenient transportation when and where people need it. So grab your sweetheart and take a ride... public transit can get you there! Ohio Loves Transit! www.SARTAonline.com or www.ohioneedstransit.org

Connie Collings, of Jackson Township, has been elected as president of the Ohio Real Estate Investors Association (OREIA). Her two-year term began on January 1, 2018. OREIA is a non-profit business league dedicated to uniting and supporting over 1,500 real estate investors, landlords, and entrepreneurs. Connie will continue to serve as President of the local chapter: Stark County Real Estate Investors Association as well.

Join the Aultman Women’s Board for a safari through the plains of Africa during the 2018 Angel Auction, “Splendors of the Serengeti.” Stark County’s premier charitable auction and event will be held Friday, May 11, at the Canton Civic Center. All proceeds from the 49th annual gala will benefit the current Women’s Board pledge of $900,000 for two important hospital projects. One is integrating state-of-the-art infection control technology throughout the Aultman campus, and the second is renovating the Aultman orthopaedic unit. Jennifer Clark of Jackson Township and Ann McCabe of North Canton are leading the efforts for the event this year as auction co-chairs.

Gervasi Vineyard will be expanding Gervasi Village with the addition of a luxury boutique hotel and distillery on the 55-acre estate. The construction of this two-building expansion will begin this spring. From the concept as a winery in 2010, the large 55-acre estate has grown considerably over the past eight years. “The addition of a boutique hotel and distillery further exemplifies Gervasi Vineyard as a destination resort,” said Ted Swaldo, Owner/Proprietor of GV Destinations. “To grow strategically, our objective is to listen to our guests and align our business accordingly.” The hotel and distillery will be built together just across from The Crush House Wine Bar & Eatery on open land currently located on the large estate, specifically on the southwest quadrant. The two new venues will boast a Tuscan-mission style motif and wrap around a European landscaped courtyard to complement the Italian design of the Tuscan-inspired winery and estate. “We are proud to have grown the Gervasi brand and continue to build Gervasi Village from our Italian heritage,” said Swaldo.

3-D Business Accelerator, an entrepreneurial resource center customized to Develop, Diversify, and Dynamize your company, has announced the successful transition of Angry Barbeque to Executive Chef and Partner, William Boyd. Angry Barbeque is an independently owned, and operated barbecue restaurant located in Canton, Ohio. 3-D Business Accelerator acquired Angry Barbeque in 2014. At that time, Angry Barbeque was in business for one year and looking to grow their business with a focus on their catering service. 3-D Business Accelerator saw exciting potential in this restaurant with their enthusiasm to succeed and incorporate their consulting platform of Develop, Diversify, and Dynamize. In June of 2014, William Boyd joined their team and became the executive chef of Angry Barbeque. Boyd aimed to improve the overall customer experience while enhancing cleanliness, fresh products, and professional management and achieved all the above. He then became a partner of Angry Barbeque in 2016. “We are confident that Angry Barbeque will continue to succeed using the foundation that 3-D Business Accelerator provided,” says Bernie DeWees, Founder and CEO of 3-D Business Accelerator.

Progressive Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram held its 3rd Annual Progress4TheCure event on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, bringing area businesses and organizations together to raise money and awareness for the Cancer Centers at Aultman Hospital and Mercy Medical Center. The 2017 year’s event raised $13,111.42, split evenly between Mercy Medical Center and Aultman. This amount represented at 30% increase in donations over their 2016 total amount.

A Game for Life Academy, an online training platform is being launched by the Pro Football Hall of Fame after extensive research and development. It is a model that will impact and positively influence millions of children across the world. The cutting-edge product will debut at the annual USA Football National Conference as part of 2018 Pro Bowl festivities in Orlando, Florida. A Game for Life Academy is a key component of A Game for Life™ that is an overall philosophy and programming designed to inspire coaches who, in turn, will influence youth players and parents by examining the values learned from the Game. The foundation for A Game for Life is the Hall of Fame’s core values – commitment, integrity, courage, respect and excellence – that apply to all areas of life. The Pro Football Hall of Fame’s online training platform, developed through the support of the National Football League, features Hall of Famers and other NFL legends who instruct coaches, students and parents on the values of the game aimed to encourage lives of virtue and positive community impact.

Walsh University has appointed longtime member of the Cavalier coaching staff John Fankhauser as its new Football Head Coach. Coach Fankhauser brings nearly 20 years of Walsh coaching experience to this position, most recently serving as Associate Head Coach/Co-Defensive Coordinator, handling all aspects of the Cavs’ special teams and the defensive line. Hired under Walsh’s first football head coach, Jim Dennison, Fankhauser has coached both offensive and defensive positions as well as serving as the program’s longtime special teams’ coordinator.

The National Association of Professional Background Screeners (NAPBS®) Background Screening Credentialing Council (BSCC) announced today that True Hire has successfully demonstrated compliance with the Background Screening Agency Accreditation Program (BSAAP) and will now be formally recognized as BSCC-Accredited. “True Hire is truly honored to obtain Accreditation,” said Stephanie Froelich, CEO at True Hire. “We have focused on bettering our processes to ensure compliance, and the True Hire team has worked diligently to achieve this recognition.”

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.
The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) begins the year with exciting health care news for small businesses in Stark, Carroll, Holmes, Tuscarawas and Wayne counties.

The Chamber is proud to bring an affordable health care coverage option administered by AultCare to the small business community called the Canton Regional Chamber Health Fund. This is a self-funded plan made possible through a Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement (MEWA) and is designed to offer small businesses a competitive option in the health care marketplace.

The Canton Regional Chamber Health Fund offers medically underwritten rates for small group employers with two to 50 employees that may be less expensive than a community rated plan through the Affordable Care Act. This provides the Chamber an opportunity to not only offer a health care coverage option to existing and potential members, but “keep it local.” The plan utilizes AultCare’s provider network, and all benefits are administered by AultCare.

“AultCare has always been proud to help support and strengthen our community. We are happy to partner with the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce on this initiative, which gives small businesses more options when it comes to quality health care plans,” added Rick Haines, president & CEO of AultCare.

Nine plans are currently available, ranging from traditional co-pay plans to health saving account-compatible plans. Ancillary products including dental and vision are available.

To obtain health care coverage through the Canton Regional Chamber Health Fund, businesses must be a member in good standing with the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, which includes being up-to-date on membership dues. The Health Fund is exclusive to Canton Regional Chamber members. To become a member, contact the Chamber at 330.456.7253.

For additional product and eligibility information, please visit www.aultcare.com/mewa or call AultCare at 330.363.6390.

If you are interested in receiving a quote on the Canton Regional Health Fund, contact your Independent Broker or AultCare Representative.
The story of Biery Cheese is really four different stories written by each Biery who has led the company. Ben’s great-grandfather, Norman, started making Swiss cheese on his Louisville, Ohio, dairy farm in 1929. The second story was written by Ben’s grandfather, Harold, who expanded distribution and continued making cheese. The third generation is where most companies stumble, but Ben’s father, Dennis, turned the business into a private label manufacturer making major equipment investments and adding a smoke room in the process. The company grew from 9 to 80 employees.

So far, the fourth Biery Cheese story has been the most dynamic because the times have re-quired it. When Ben Biery (sort of) gave up his dream to play professional baseball and rejoined the company in 2001, the company supplied private labeled cheese to grocery chains. These grocers were under pressure to innovate their operations as convenience became more important to modern consumers. The ongoing revolution in consumer habits challenged every food supplier. At the same time, the popularity of string cheese showed cheese could be packaged in convenience products.

As he got to know more Biery customers, Ben realized many put the company in a box and didn’t know their true capabilities. He also knew Biery Cheese had to ensure growing customers they could keep pace.

Ben’s father always taught him to challenge himself. Now he had to challenge his team to work together finding ways to move the company forward. "I needed to figure out how to step back, give people the tools they need and watch them flourish.” As team members flourished, he ex-pected the company would, as well.

Ben challenged the team to focus on three things. First was product safety, always important in food manufacturing. Second was innovation, because customers wanted more convenience products, requiring more innovative packaging ideas. Third was employee engagement, because the more people took ownership of their jobs, the faster opportunities would turn into answers.

Today, Biery produces over 150 varieties of cheese while innovating more leading-edge snacking and convenience options, including cheese with meat and crackers. Plans are also underway to grow their Biery-branded product line, first introduced in 2015. At the same time, they’ve almost doubled the size of their Louisville plant and acquired a Wisconsin company while maintaining an outstanding food safety record. To promote employee engagement, communications teams have been formed to amplify everyone’s voice.

This is certainly not the same Biery Cheese Company Ben’s great-grandfather, grandfather and father led, but the same traditional values and integrity remain. 88 years after Norman Biery first began making cheese, over 750 people are now working together to build on the foundation he laid.

A company doesn’t ever have to lose its entrepreneurial edge. Biery Cheese shows how team-work and innovation can keep the edge cheese-cutter sharp, even after four generations.

Go to www.neobrightestlights.com to learn about the other nominees!
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**Complete list of accepted plans:** cantonmercy.org/insurance-information