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Meet our Business Excellence Award recipients

Leadership Stark County Celebrates 30 Years on May 10
BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD

Winners Announced

The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the 2017 winners of the Business Excellence Awards.

This year’s Business Excellence Award winners are:

- 415 GROUP
- BAIR’S POWERSPORTS
- BROOKWOOD MANAGEMENT COMPANY
- INCEPT
- KIKO COMPANY
- STANDARD PLUMBING & HEATING CO.

The Business Excellence Awards salute companies that have distinguished themselves in areas such as entrepreneurship, longevity, growth, innovation, capital improvements, and consistent involvement in the community.

Winners of the Business Excellence Awards will be honored on Tuesday, May 2, at a ceremony and dinner at the Kent State University at Stark Conference Center (6000 Frank Ave. NW, North Canton, OH 44720). Tickets are $60, and tables of 10 are available.

The sixth annual Business Excellence Scholarship Award, presented by Day Ketterer and the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, will also be presented at the event. The scholarship will be awarded to a local student who writes the winning essay entitled: “The reciprocal relationship between business and government and its effect on the development of the United States.”

Tickets are on sale now! RSVP online at CantonChamber.org/bea-2017 or contact Monique Thompson at (330) 458-2070 to register by April 25.

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Will this be the year when the energy business starts booming again in the Utica Shale region?

Will there be business opportunities awaiting you among the people attending Upstream?

There is one way to find out. Go to uticacapital.com for details and a link to our registration page.

Our speakers will represent one of the most innovative drilling companies in the Utica, a shale expert from the U.S. Department of Energy where U.S. energy policy is changing, a university professor examining the worldwide economic impact of Ohio's shale, and several industry experts who will offer their perspectives to help you imagine your business opportunities.

Our event sponsors — AEP Ohio, Beaver Excavating, Furbay Oil & Gas, Chas. E. Phipps Co, and Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway — join us in inviting you. The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce and its partner, Shale Directories, offer Utica Upstream as our 14th major oil and gas business seminar since 2012.

Doors open at 7:30 am. The formal program runs 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. In response to customer requests, we have expanded networking time for our participants. Don't miss the opportunity.
THE GOOD DAYS MAY FINALLY BE RETURNING TO THE UTICA SHALE PLAY. We have been waiting a long time to say that.

The number of drilling rigs working in the Utica at mid-March was 21, up from 11 in the same period in 2016.

Companies large and small are announcing handsome capital expenditure budgets for 2017. For instance, Rice Energy plans to spend $1.04 billion for drilling completions in the Utica and Marcellus shale plays. A smaller company, but a nimble and innovative one, Eclipse Resources, has budgeted $300 million on capital projects in 2017, up sharply from the $176.9 million spent in 2016. The chief operating officer of Eclipse, Oleg Tolmachev, is scheduled to make a presentation at our Utica Upstream conference on April 5.

We will see what we will see over the course of 2017, but there is a sense of optimism about the industry, as many observers noted at last month’s winter meeting of the Ohio Oil and Gas Association in Columbus.

We know that we have a strong lineup of presenters on April 5 to give you firsthand knowledge about what is happening in the Utica right now. For details, see our event website: uticacapital.com.

Also at the OOGA winter meeting, Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives Cliff Rosenberger told members that he would not support an effort to raise Ohio’s severance tax on oil and gas produced in the state. The industry has friends in the Legislature who appreciate what oil and gas already is doing to create state and local tax revenues and Ohio jobs.

Since one of the sources for hydrogen is natural gas, we pay attention to the hydrogen fuel cell industry and efforts to grow that industry in Ohio. Stark Area Regional Transit Authority and partners throughout the state are applying for a U.S. Department of Energy grant to deploy 34 fleet vehicles in various cities in Ohio. One of the partners is United Parcel Service. SARTA has been leading the way in fuel cell-powered fleets. By the end of this year, it will have the largest fleet of fuel-cell transit buses east of California.

Because there are only about 60 days between our Utica Upstream conference and Utica Midstream, on June 7 at Walsh University, we have to be working on Midstream as we are finishing preparations for Upstream.

This year, we are making great progress. In fact, we are proud to say that our June 7 conference will have a presenting sponsor, Rockwater Energy Solutions rockwaterenergy.com.

Several companies already have agreed to send representatives to speak, including Enbridge, the Canadian company that recently merged with Spectra Energy of Houston and will be the builder of the NEXUS pipeline; and Kinder-Morgan, builder of the Utopia Pipeline. The president of the Ohio Gas Association, Jimmy Stewart, will be on the program as well. Several other companies have invitations that we expect they will accept. More on this after the Upstream conference.

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The Canton Regional Chamber has not been a fan of tax shifting. By that we mean reducing taxes for one group of taxpayers and making it up by increasing taxes on another. Often the taxpayers being affected by the increases are job creators in private business.

We anticipated tax shifting in Gov. John Kasich’s two-year budget proposal because of his longstanding desire to reduce personal income tax rates. In place of income tax revenue, he is seeking a half-percent increase in the state sales tax and a broadening of the tax into previously untaxed categories of business service. He is seeking an increase in taxes on tobacco and alcohol. He is seeking centralized collection of business net profits taxes imposed by cities. And he is asking again for an increase in the state’s severance tax charged to the owners and producers of oil and gas.

We opposed tax shifting plans in the last Kasich budget and anticipate the need to oppose them again this year.

You may be interested to know that some of our major companies have told us more than once that a state’s personal income tax rate is never a factor in their decisions about where to build a new facility.

On the subject of centralized collections of business net-profit taxes, many cities across Ohio, including Canton, oppose it. They oppose the state’s plan to deduct 1 percent of the collections for the cost of administering centralized collections. We haven’t yet determined the consensus opinion of our members on this issue.

In the end, a governor proposes budget goals, but the House of Representatives writes the budget that ultimately will become law. When the House agrees on what will be taxed and what will be spent, it sends the budget onto the Senate for examination and amendment. The governor, and all taxpayers, get what they get at the end of the process.

We will continue to look out for the interests of our business members as the Legislature does its work.

We hope you have noticed the Chamber’s advocacy for renewal and extension of Stark County’s half-percent sales tax for criminal justice. We at the Chamber are urging Stark Countians to extend the tax through 2028 by voting “for” Issue 1 on the May 2 ballot.

Stark County must invest between $10 million and $20 million on a new radio system for sheriff’s deputies and first responders. If the county can be assured of sales tax revenue through 2028 it can borrow money for the radio system and pay it back over 10 years. We think this a prudent approach to handling such an enormous purchase.

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AULTCARE Fast Break Breakfast

April AultCare Fast Break Breakfast with Lisa Ryan, Chief Appreciation Strategist

Mother Teresa once said, “We are more starved for appreciation than we are for bread.” In her entertaining, interactive and FUN program, Lisa Ryan, will S.H.O.W. you the immense power of gratitude with her presentation entitled “The Art & Science of Appreciation.” You’ll discover how gratitude changes your SELF - your perspective, the way you look at what happens to you. You’ll realize that there are abundant HEALTH benefits from gratefulness. You’ll understand how gratitude improves relationships with OTHERS, and finally, you’ll find out the influence of gratitude on WEALTH, in all areas of our personal and professional prosperity.

Thursday, April 14
7:30 – 9 am (Registration begins at 7 am)
Courtyard by Marriott
4375 Metro Circle, Canton
$18 Members/$25 Non-Members
Register by April 17 at CantonChamber.org

AULTCARE QuickConnect Luncheon

April AultCare QuickConnect Networking Luncheon with Tim Dimoff, SACS Consulting & Investigative Services Inc.

Join us for the AultCare QuickConnect Networking Luncheon on April 19 with Tim Dimoff, SACS Consulting & Investigative Services Inc. on “Defusing and Dealing with Difficult People.” You will:

- Learn to better handle confrontations
- Understand the assertive behavior model and the different types of aggression
- Help employees and/or customers save personal face
- Learn to interrupt people skillfully when needed
- Close negative encounters on a positive note

Wednesday, April 19
11:30 am – 1 pm (Registration begins at 11 am)
Shady Hollow Country Club
4865 Wales Ave. NW, Massillon
$18/members, $23/non-members
Register by April 17 at CantonChamber.org
April brings a special Stir After Hours + Table Top Event at the top-rated Quarry Golf Club, which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year! You’re invited to participate in two unique ways:

[1] You can enjoy an evening of networking at The Quarry’s beautiful facility, including their patio which overlooks the lake and 18th hole!

[2] You can participate as a table top exhibitor for just $25 and promote your products and services.

Whether you’re there to network or exhibit, you can expect plenty of door prize drawings, complimentary hors d’oeuvres (courtesy of The Quarry), and a cash bar.

This event is FREE to attend, but reservations are REQUIRED. Our table top events are always a hit, so make your reservations today!

**Thursday, April 27, 2017**
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
The Quarry Golf Club
5650 Quarry Lake Dr.
East Canton, OH 44730

ATTENDEES:
Reservations are required.
Register at CantonChamber.org or call 330.458.2070.

EXHIBITORS:
Setup begins at 4:30 pm (first come, first serve)
Limited table top spaces are available
Table and skirting provided
Cost of a table is $25 each

Please contact Molly Romig at mollyr@cantonchamber.org or 330.833.4400 to reserve your table today!
STARK COUNTY SAFETY COUNCIL APRIL LUNCHEON: 
Presented by Stark County Sheriff, George T. Maier

Stay in the know - safety-related laws may change or be updated! At our April luncheon, join Stark County Sheriff George T. Maier and learn about the recent updates to CCW (Conceal and Carry) laws, including:

• Obtaining a permit to Carry a Concealed Weapon
• Overview of the CCW application process
• Recent updates to the law
• Frequently asked CCW questions

Thursday, April 13
11:30 am – 1 pm
Meyer's Lake Ballroom
3218 Parkway St. NW
Cost: $17
RSVP by April 10 at StarkCountySC.com

Spotlight Company:

U.S. HealthWorks

OHIO BWC ADMINISTRATOR/CEO to Speak at Stark County Safety Council Awards Banquet

On Thursday, April 13, the Stark County Safety Council and the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation will honor area companies who are committed to maintaining a safe workplace at the 2017 Safety Awards Banquet at Skyland Pines Banquet Center.

This year’s keynote speaker is Sarah Morrison, Administrator/CEO of the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation. Appointed by Ohio Governor John Kasich in May 2016, Morrison will share the new and exciting things BWC will be doing in 2017 and 2018. Learn about safety intervention grants, other states’ coverage and two popular programs for employers.

Awards from the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation Division of Safety and Hygiene will be presented in the following categories:

• Group Award (for the lowest incident in each group)
• 100 Percent Award (for each company that worked the entire year without a lost-time injury)
• Achievement Award (for each company that decreased its incident rate by at least 25 percent from the previous year)
• Special Award (for each company that has accumulated at least 500,000 hours and operated at least six months without a lost-time injury within a year)

Thursday, April 13
5:30 - 7:00 pm Cash Bar
6:00 pm Dinner
Skyland Pines Banquet Center
3550 Columbus Rd NE
Canton, OH 44705
Cost: $35 per person
RSVP April 10 at StarkCountySC.com
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COME, CELEBRATE 30 Years of Leadership Stark County on May 10!

Friends, Chamber members and Leadership Stark County Alumni are invited to enjoy a casual-chic celebration of Leadership’s 30 years of service to the community at Varian Orchard on May 10. Guests are welcome.

The event includes a salute to our “30 Faces of Leadership” – thirty graduates of our Leadership programs who have made outstanding contributions to Stark County. The 30 Faces of Leadership Stark County represent the face of Leadership Stark County; people who are seen in the community as difference makers. They represent ALL of our alumni: Leadership Stark County graduates who are living the mission of commitment to our community!

Tickets are $50 per person and include hors d’oeuvres stations, beer & wine, live music, trolley rides, caricatures and a photo booth.

30th Year Celebration at Varian Orchard
Wednesday, May 10
5:30-8:00 pm
6340 Orchard View Dr. SE
East Canton, OH 44730
Buy tickets at leadershipstarkcounty.org

Sponsor a congratulatory message to a 30 Faces Award Winner in the Celebration Program for $250. This includes your name or logo on signage, your message to Leadership Stark County or a 30 Faces of Leadership winner in the 30th Year Celebration Program. Sign up for this when you purchase tickets online.

Congrats to These 30 Faces of Leadership Award Winners:

M.J. Albacete
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Barbara Hammontree Bennett
Karen Brenneman
William P. Bryan
Kathy Catazaro-Perry
Barbara Ewing Cockroft
Christopher L. Cugini
Elayne Dunlap
Robert Fonte
Philip Francis
Joseph R. French
Alan Harold
Joel Daniel Harris
Scott Michael Haws
Judge Michael Howard
Cynthia Kerschner
Gregory Luntz
Lucia M. Pileggi
Gloria J. Pope
Kathleen Carr Poporad
Robert Roland
Shelley Schweitzer
Michael R. Shreffler
Betty M. Smith
Lori Stokes
Nancy Varian
Candy Wallace
Thomas Edward West
Marcia K. Zawacky
LEADERSHIP STARK COUNTY AND YSTARK!

Present the 2017 Wellspring UnSpeaker Series

Looking for a different type of speaker series? A speaker series that will empower you, challenge you, and help you get what you want personally and professionally?

Join Leadership Stark County and ystark!, departments of the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, for the 2nd installment in the 2017 Wellspring UnSpeaker Series.

Wellspring UnSpeaker sessions are $25/each, with a group and non-profit discount available. Class spaces are limited and are likely to sell out. All sessions run from 7:30-9:00 am at the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce (222 Market Ave. N, Canton, OH 44702), and a continental breakfast is provided. Visit CantonChamber.org to register.

MAY 17: LISA CODISPORTI
Senior Human Resources Professional
Dilemmas and Decision-Making: Take the Right Action Every Time

Ethical decisions are part of everyday life for anyone working in today’s organizations. During this session, we will explore ethical dilemmas facing leaders and discuss ways to maintain a high degree of integrity in a world where the rules are constantly changing. Lisa will cover why:

- Making good ethical decisions are just as important to success as mastering finance, marketing, management and accounting.
- Ethical behavior and decision making is required for anyone in a leadership role. Leaders must make ethical decisions every day.
- The dilemmas we face today require a unique approach. These include globalization, technology permeating every industry, and new ways of working due to the prevalence of social media in personal and professional life.

UPCOMING SESSIONS:

Courtney Gras, Executive Director at Launch League and former NASA engineer
September 20, 2017 - Grit It, Great It, Innovate It

Whether your methodology, process, idea or physical concept is in play, one thing for certain is change. How do you perfect your perseverance through the good and the bad? What does it mean to set the bar and beat it? Be flexible and creative to spark the latest, or achieve new limits with the greatest! No matter if you’re in sales, education or an aspiring entrepreneur, this personal and professional blend into the tact and traits it takes to excel will ignite you and send you over the moon.

Ally Bussey, President, Visit Canton and Mike Gill, Director, Downtown Special Improvement District
November 15, 2017 – Building a Vision, Making It Reality

At the final event of our Wellspring Unspeaker series, hear from two of Stark County’s innovative leaders as they share their vision and direction of Stark County! From tourism to economic development, Mike Gill and Ally Bussey will challenge you to identify your personal vision and how you can make it a reality as they share their recent stories of advancement and success within the region.
SIGNATURE PROGRAM
APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 14!

Are you a business or community leader ready to take your career and community involvement to the next level? If yes, the Signature Program is for you!

Signature Program graduates gain competency in:
- Effective communication
- Strategic agility
- Collaboration
- Innovation and technology
- Relationship building
- Service to others

Your Signature experience includes opportunities to:
- Immerse yourself in 10 class program days, each touching on a different aspect of our community
- 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
- 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, 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
- Go on a cruiser ride with police or sheriff’s department, jail tour, & lunch with judges in their chambers
- And many more experiences to expand your knowledge and awareness

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Each year, a limited number of participants are selected through an application & interview process. Our goal is a diverse class: professionally, geographically, and culturally. The next Signature Program runs September 2017 through June 2018. The program begins with a 2 ½ day retreat and meets for 10 full day sessions once per month.

Tuition is $2,800 all-inclusive and tuition assistance is available for non-profit or small business participants.

APPLY BY APRIL 14 | LEADERSHIPSTARKCOUNTY.ORG/APPLY
ortheast Ohio’s premier blues festival, Canton Blues Fest, has announced a 2017 lineup that will be rocking downtown Canton this June!

This annual outdoor blues festival, now in its 16th year, will take place on Market Square (301 Market Ave. N) on June 9-10, and will feature headliners Rod Piazza & the Mighty Flyers on Friday at 8:30 pm, and Robben Ford on Saturday at 8:30 pm.

Opening acts Danielle Nicole and Damon Fowler will take the stage at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, respectively. The jam-packed lineup features 18 unique blues acts on two stages, with live music running daily from noon to 10:30 pm. Visit CantonBluesFest.com for a full list of festival performers.

VIP Passes, which are on sale now, include complimentary food and beverages after 5:00 pm and incredible views of the stage all day. Two-day VIP passes are available for $80; one-day passes are $50. Purchase online at CantonBluesFest.com or call 330.458.2070.

For more information on the Canton Blues Fest, contact Andrea Hartman, event manager, Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, at andreah@cantonchamber.org.

Headliner Biographies:

Friday Headliner – Rod Piazza & the Mighty Flyers
Rod Piazza has set a standard for harmonica virtuosity that has established him as one of the preeminent blues harp players around. Although it’s true that, as the New York Times said, “Rod Piazza has perfected the rough drive and edgy tone that characterized the classic Chicago blues sound of Little Walter, Sonny Boy Williamson and others in the 50’s,” he’s also a master of West Coast jump blues, incorporating elements of Los Angeles’ postwar jazz, swing, and R&B combos.

He’s consistently surrounded himself with players who bring out the best he has to offer, and epitomize the very best in blues: fresh, swinging, tasteful, exciting and creative. His band for the last three decades, Rod Piazza and the Mighty Flyers, constantly push the boundaries of the blues while still staying true to the spirit and soul of the music. The band’s ability to keep the blues vibrant, fresh and alive has led to countless accolades, awards and nominations over the years, including four prestigious Blues Music Awards as “Blues Band of the Year.”

Renowned for their high level of musicianship and showmanship, they virtually created a new style of blues - a combination of low-down Chicago grit, suave West Coast swing and jazz, and the rhythmic drive of the best early R&B and rock & roll. As Blues Revue put it, “Rod and Honey front one of the most popular blues bands in the world. Whether they play at an intimate club, a packed rock room or a huge festival, the Mighty Flyers share with the audience their passionate love of the blues in every show.”

CANTON BLUES FEST IS PART OF THE DOWNTOWN CANTON EVENT SERIES PRESENTED BY KEY BANK.
**Saturday Headliner – Robben Ford**
Guitar virtuoso Robben Ford’s latest album, Into The Sun, debuted at #2 on The Blues Charts and shines a bright light on his artful, contemporary songwriting and stunning playing. The five-time Grammy nominee describes the 11-song set as “one of the top recordings I’ve ever done” and Guitar Player Magazine claims it “explores the breadth of Ford’s sophisticated, visionary writing and playing, creating a new chapter in his brilliant musical history.” Robben has recorded more than 35 albums under his own name and with various bands. There’s also his session and sideman work, which included hundreds of concert appearances and albums by Miles Davis, George Harrison, Joni Mitchell, Bonnie Raitt, Barbara Streisand, Charlie Musselwhite, KISS, Ruthie Foster, Warren Haynes, Jimmy Witherspoon, Larry Carlton, Brad Paisley, Gregg Allman, Phil Lesh and Rickie Lee Jones. Robben continues to tour heavily and teach master classes in the US and worldwide.

An important and essential component of Robben’s career is his commitment to teaching and passing on what he’s learned over the past 40 years to current and future musicians. His instructional videos and clinics over this time have culminated in a collaboration with TrueFire and the birth of the Robben Ford Guitar Dojo. Robben also hosts his annual Traveling Dojo Guitar Camp in upstate NY every August.

VIP Passes, which are on sale now, include complimentary food and beverages after 5:00 pm and incredible views of the stage all day. Two-day VIP passes are available for $80; one-day passes are $50. Purchase online at CantonBluesFest.com or call 330.458.2070.
The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Vintage Canton event on Thursday, May 25, from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. along Central Plaza North in downtown Canton. Tickets are available for purchase at VintageCanton.org.

This year’s event will feature some of the finest quality wines from area wineries and abroad; hand-picked wine selections from distributors and retailers will also be available. The popular Beer Garden will return with a diverse offering of craft beers.

In addition to wine and craft beer, guests can enjoy small tasting plates for a nominal charge from downtown restaurants and Stark County favorites.

Tickets for Vintage Canton are $30 if purchased prior to 5:00 p.m. on May 24, and $40 after that time and at the event. Special group-rate pricing is available for groups of 20 or more at $25 per ticket. The ticket price includes eight wine or craft beer tastings, collectible wine glass, and a variety of breads and cheeses. Non-tasting tickets (no wine or beer) are available for $10.

To purchase tickets, please visit VintageCanton.org or call 330.458.2070. Tickets will be available at all Fishers Foods locations and both Carpe Diem Coffee Shop locations. The event will be held rain or shine, no rain date or refunds.
COLOR Downtown

Sat., June 3, 2017
8 a.m. to done (around 11 a.m.)

Meet at Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce
222 Market Ave. N. - Downtown Canton

Join us for the 14th annual COLOR DOWNTOWN project in downtown Canton. Planting colorful flowers in the downtown flowerbeds continues to be an essential beautification component in the center city and ensures a beautiful cityscape for the community to enjoy in the summer months.

Doughnuts, coffee, water and a tee shirt will be provided for all volunteers. Sign up with Annette at annette@cantonchamber.org or (330) 458-2092.
Support Local Growers at the
CANTON FARMERS’ MARKET

Named one of About Magazine “Local Faves” for Favorite Farmers’ Market, our very own Canton Farmers’ Market is indeed a downtown favorite, and we’re looking forward to its return in June! Along with local produce, the market offers baked goods, herbs and flowers, honey, cheese, eggs, grass-fed meats, and much more.

Now in its 14th year, the market opens on June 17 and runs every Saturday through October 7 from 8-11:30 am at Fourth St. NW and McKinley Ave. NW in the Nadine McIlwain Administrative Building parking lot. Plenty of on-site parking is available.

With something “extra” happening most every weekend, you’ll enjoy nutrition and health education from Aultman Hospital, cooking demonstrations, live music, organic gardening tips, children’s activities, and more! There’s always something NEW at the Canton Farmers’ Market. With over 25 vendors, along with activities for the whole family, the market is the best way to kick off your weekend. Come down rain or shine!

The market is managed by the Downtown Canton Special Improvement District, sponsored by the Aultman Health Foundation and supported by The Canton Repository, Mix 94.1 and News-Talk 1480 WHBC AM, the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Canton.

Visit CantonFarmersMarket.com for vendor application information, as well as a complete listing of vendors and weekly events.

CALLING ALL Green Thumbs & Urban Gardeners!

The downtown Summit Neighborhood Community Garden is open for business… the business of growing, that is!

Located at Fifth Street and High Street NW, this year’s garden packs 85 individual beds into a private, fenced-off area. Single (9’ x 9’) plots are ripe for the picking at just $10 for the season. Tools, water and advice are all free!

All you need is your ideas, seeds, and a little hard work. If you are interested, please call Project REBUILD, Inc. at (330) 588-3205, ext 4. Reserve your plot now before they are gone!

Our gardeners use organic gardening practices and can grow for their own consumption, donate to charity, or a little of both. The garden provides an avenue to engage both children and adults in food production. Bring your kids down to teach them about the complex relationship between food, health, nutrition and environment.

The downtown Summit Neighborhood Community Garden is presented by the Downtown Canton Special Improvement District and sponsored by Project REBUILD, J.P. Morgan, The Chase Foundation and the Stark Community Foundation.
Every Saturday through April 22, you can shop and save in Downtown Canton! Shop Small Saturdays and Save is a promotional campaign created by the Downtown Canton Special Improvement District, in affiliation with the Canton Regional Chamber, designed to encourage shoppers to discover retailers in downtown Canton.

Fifteen specialty retailers are offering a special discount of 20% off a single item. Simply download your coupon from ShopDowntownCanton.com or trim from print ads and redeem at each individual store. We’ve even included a coupon in this issue for your convenience. You’ll save on the most unique fashion, art, handmade goods, gifts, jewelry, personal care items, furniture and furnishings, vintage goods, books and more, every Saturday.

Coupon rules are simple: the promotion may not be combined with any other offer, but the coupon may be used at multiple retailers each Saturday (but only one time per store per day per customer).

The shops are wonderfully walkable, the parking is free and the deals await! Visit ShopDowntownCanton.com for a full list of retailers.
# Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival

## 2017 Schedule of Events

### Class of 2017

Kurt Warner, Jason Taylor, Jerry Jones, LaDainian Tomlinson, Ken Easley, Terrell Davis, Morten Andersen

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Dates and times are subject to change.*
TICKETS AVAILABLE for Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Queen Pageant

The Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Queen Pageant will take place Thursday, May 4, beginning at 7 p.m. at The Canton Palace Theatre where 40 outstanding young ladies will vie for the crown. All seats are reserved at $22 each (subject to additional processing fee and handling charge). For tickets, please visit www.profootballhofef.com or call 330.458.2048.

A Queen and five court members will be 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, and one of their most memorable experiences will be their ride in The Canton Repository Grand Parade.

The Queen Committee, under the leadership of chairman Debbie Dawson and vice chairman Barb Schloneger, are responsible for working with Enshrinement Festival staff in coordinating all activities relating to the Enshrinement Festival Queen and court and serving as chaperones during their community service activities and official event appearances.

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

The Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Queen Pageant

2016 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Queen and Court

LOCAL LIVE presents

April 20, 2017 @ 7pm
Tickets: $10, $25 VIP
On sale thru the Palace Theatre
605 Market Ave. N, Canton, OH 44702
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www.cantonpalacetheatre.org

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Available for lease are two (2) adjacent 6,717 sq.ft. units. Each bay has dock & drive in door. Fresh paint. Lease one or both.

100 LILLIAN GISH BLVD SW, MASSILLON
Three story, brick 43,372 sf 1995 office building. Elevator served. One block from SR 21. $3,860,000 or $12.50/sq.ft. includes utilities

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The Canton Regional Chamber’s Utica Capital series returns for its sixth year of programming with Utica Upstream.

**Wednesday, April 5**
7:30 am-2:30 pm
Walsh University
Barrett Center
$180 per person

**SHOP SMALL SATURDAYS**
doowntowncanton.com

Join us every Saturday, March 4 through April 22, for shopping and saving in Downtown Canton!

**Every Saturday through April 22**
15 Downtown Retailers
Save 20% off one item at each retailer

**APRIL LUNCHEON:**
STARK COUNTY
SAFETY COUNCIL
starkcountysc.com

Join us in April as Stark County Sheriff George T. Maier reviews recent updates to the CCW laws.

**Thursday, April 13**
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Meyer’s Lake Ballroom
$17 per person

**2017 SAFETY AWARDS BANQUET**
starkcountysc.com

Sarah Morrison, Administrator/CEO of the Ohio BWC, will share new and exciting happenings at the BWC. She will also honor area companies committed to maintaining a safe workplace.

**Thursday, April 13**
5:30 - 7:00 pm cash bar
6:00 pm dinner & program
Skyland Pines
Banquet Center
$35 per person

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**APRIL AULTCARE FAST BREAK LUNCHEON**
cantonchamber.org

Join Chief Appreciation Strategist Lisa Ryan as she discusses “The Art and Science of Appreciation.”

**Friday, April 14**
7:00 am registration
7:30 am program
Courtyard by Marriott
in North Canton
$18 members, $25 non-members

**APRIL AULTCARE QUICKCONNECT LUNCHEON**
cantonchamber.org

Join us for the AultCare QuickConnect Luncheon featuring Tim Dimoff of SACS Consulting & Investigative Services on “Defusing and Dealing with Difficult People.”

**Wednesday, April 19**
11:00 am registration
11:30 am program
Shady Hollow Country Club
$18 members, $25 non-members

**STIR AFTER HOURS + TABLE TOP EVENT**
cantonchamber.org

Swing into spring at our April Stir After Hours + Table Top Event at The Quarry Golf Club. Enjoy door prizes, complimentary hors d’oeuvres, and a cash bar.

**Thursday, April 27**
5:30-7:30 pm
The Quarry Golf Club
Free, but reservations are required
Table tops: $25 each

**BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS**
cantonchamber.org

Celebrate top area businesses at the 2017 Business Excellence Awards.

**Tuesday, May 2**
5:30 pm cocktail reception
6:30 pm dinner & program
Kent State University at Stark Conference Center
$60 per person
Run Your Business Card
Here for Only $36/month!

Contact Molly Romig:
330.833.4400 // mollyr@cantonchamber.org
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.

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY AT STARK CONFERENCE CENTER MAKEOVER ELEVATES AND ENHANCES OVERALL GUEST EXPERIENCE

For the past 15 years, the Conference Center at Kent State University at Stark has maintained a strong presence in the community. The building recently underwent a major renovation and remains the ideal location for businesses and community groups to host meetings and events. It serves as the area’s only International Association of Conference Centers (IACC)-accredited facility with state-of-the-art technology, expert support and five-star service.

“This makeover embodies our vision, mission and core values – being the essential partner for successful meetings, training programs and community events,” said Conference Center Director Stephanie Monastra. “We offer premium meeting spaces, a distraction-free environment, refined culinary choices and a friendly, professional staff committed to the spirit of service.”

The purpose of the overhaul, Monastra explained, was twofold. “Not only did we aim to match the building’s overall look to the high level of service and hospitality we provide our guests, we also wanted the new appearance to exude the pride we feel in being part of Kent State University,” she said.

Even better, Monastra added, the five-star experience provided to every guest does not impact the cost for customers.

The Conference Center team prides itself on a high level of customization and attention to detail afforded to each guest who walks through the doors. That level of customization extends to delicious new food choices that will fit any guest’s dietary needs. Additionally, the Conference Center dining room is open daily for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at a cost of $15 per person, plus tax.

Call the sales team at 330-244-3513 to schedule your next meeting or event. Lunch-only reservations in the Conference Center dining room are available by calling 330-244-3300.

The American Rental Association (ARA) recently awarded the 2016 Distinguished Service Award to Timothy Maloney, Sr., CERP, president of Canton Chair Rental during its annual trade show and convention, The Rental Show, in Orlando, Fla. The Distinguished Service Award recognizes in individual who has demonstrated exemplary leadership with long-term service to the association at the national, state, local and provincial levels.

The Karcher Group, a digital agency in North Canton, announces the presentation of its second annual seminar entitled “Digital Marketing for Everyone.” The event, to be held April 19 at the Pro Football Hall of Fame, features professional advice and instruction from members of The Karcher Group, Sanctuary Marketing Group and RMS Media Systems.

Each year, the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation helps nearly 250,000 employers protect their employees. An improving safety climate, good fiscal management and better than expected investment returns have resulted in the State Insurance Fund having a net position of more than $9 billion. So, for the third time in four years, BWC is poised to return more than $1 billion dollars to Ohio’s private and public employers.

Allay Senior Care of Meyers Lake is celebrating its 20th Anniversary this year! 20 years of dedication to caring for and serving those with Alzheimer’s and related dementias. Providing each of our residents with expert, compassionate dementia care in a secure and home-like environment. “Our Dedication is Your Peace of Mind.”

Stark County’s award-winning free bike sharing program, BikeSmart, is back for a third season beginning March 20. The collaborative program founded by Stark County District Library, Stark Parks, and Canton Parks and Recreation allows library patrons to borrow a bike for free with their library card.

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NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME to our newest members, who joined Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce in February. 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.

Bair’s Powersports
(RECREATIONAL VEHICLES - DEALERS & SERVICE - MOTORCYCLES)
Brad Cheyney
4617 Emmett Boyd Circle NW
North Canton, OH 44720
(330) 966-2247
www.bairspowersports.com

Collective Skateshop
(SPORTING GOODS - RETAIL AND/OR WHOLESALE)
Jeremy Baltzley
338 4th St. NW
Canton, OH 44702
(330) 493-7587
www.collectivesas.com

Escape Chamber
(ENTERTAINMENT - ATTRACTIONS)
April Williams
5553 Whipple Ave. NW
North Canton, OH 44720
(844) 333-6650
www.CantonEscapeChamber.com

Fair Play Family Center, LLC
(CHILD CARE)
Starlett Isles Sheffield
4150 Belden Village St., Suite LL05
Canton, OH 44718
(234) 458-8082

Fair Play Family Center, LLC
(CHILD CARE)
Starlett Isles Sheffield
344 Gail Ave. NE
Massillon, OH 44646
(330) 832-7529

The Hearing Center a div. of Ohio Head & Neck
(HEARING AIDS - AUDIOLOGY)
Ashley Zifer
4912 Higbee Ave. Suite 103
Canton, OH 44718
(330) 492-4327
www ohioheadandneck.com

Interfaith Campus
Preschool and Child Care
(CHILD CARE)
Jennifer Bresiger
5155 Eastlake St. NW
North Canton, OH 44720
(330) 499-0909
www.mycampuspreschool.com

J & K Subway, Inc.
(RESTAURANTS)
Adelaide (Dee) Clark
5441 Global Gateway
North Canton, OH 44720
(330) 497-4484
www.subway.com

Kong Han USA, LLC
(MARTIAL ARTS - PROFESSIONAL)
Jeff Yang
5858 Fulton Dr. NW
Canton, OH 44718
(330) 353-4453
www.konghankungfu.com/
konghanUSAOhio.html

Ohio Head and Neck Surgeons, Inc.
(PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS HEARING AIDS)
Julie Farley
4912 Higbee Ave. NW - Ste 200
Canton, OH 44718
(330) 492-2844
www.ohioheadandneck.com

The Selinsky Force LLC
(CONTRACTORS - GENERAL CRANE SERVICE - CONCRETE CONTRACTORS - INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTORS - LOGISTICS RENTAL EQUIPMENT RIGGING AND HAULING - PULVERIZING)
Jim Chapman
4244 Mt. Pleasant St. NW
North Canton, OH 44720
(330) 477-4527
www.selinskyforce.com

SRT Sales and Service, LLC
(PAINTING CONTRACTORS SANDBLASTING - PAINTING)
Sarah Thomarios
3946 Southway St. SW
Canton, OH 44706
(330) 479-8524
www.srtsyands.com

Stark Speech Services, LLC
(SPEECH THERAPY)
Jessica Norris & Maureen Zupp
7265 Portage St. NW - Suite B
Massillon, OH 44646
(330) 249-1153
www.starkspeech.com

USBene
(INSURANCE)
Laurene M. Byrne
P.O. Box 9059
Canton, OH 44711
(330) 309-8551
www.usbene.com

Woodward Video Productions, LLC
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Kelly Woodward
5418 Limerick Ave. NW
North Canton, OH 44720
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The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce held our 103rd Annual Dinner Presented by KeyBank on Monday, February 20. Thank you again to our 850 guests, 32 sponsors including presenting sponsor KeyBank, our partners at the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and of course, featured speaker Johnson Controls Chairman and CEO Alex Molinaroli.

Above Left: David Baker, Mayor Tom Bernabei, Alex Molinaroli (Chairman and CEO, Johnson Controls), Beth Mooney (Chairman and CEO of KeyCorp), Dennis Saunier, (President & CEO, CRCC)

Above Right: Brian Belden, Judith Barnes Lancaster, Dennis Saunier

Left: David Baker, Alex Molinaroli, Dennis Saunier
Fortunately, this was the beginning of Tom and Mandy Sancic’s business story, not the end. They moved the machine to an old plant in Malvern that had power. Then they spent the next dozen years learning about business while turning reclaimed lumber into beautiful floor planks for homes around the world. Their Malvern plant kept expanding and a few years ago they moved into a brand new manufacturing, office and showroom facility on 189 acres of natural wonder they own north of Magnolia. This time they planned the electrical hook-ups in advance.

When you start a company at age 17, you’re bound to make mistakes. Fortunately you also have a lots of time to learn how to do things right. Tom and Mandy began as teenagers tearing down old barns and selling the reclaimed wood to a plant in Maryland where it was turned into wood flooring. Tom’s first chain saw was a gift from Mandy’s father. Within four years they became the biggest barn de-constructors in the country and decided to make the wood flooring, themselves. That’s when Tom found himself standing in that soybean field, brimming with more hope than know-how.

Today, as husband and wife, they run a highly successful company with over 80 employees, and touch thousands of lives through their devotion to 4-H and other local organizations. They’ve earned the right to say, “money’s not our driving force. Hiring as many people as we can and giving back to the community keeps us moving forward.”

It has not been an easy road or even a direct line from that soybean field to their bustling new facility. Along the way they supplied the wood flooring for 280 Ralph Lauren stores before realizing that working at break-neck pace without any brand recognition was not their dream future. Mandy became a social media maven and direct-to-customer online sales now account for 40% of their business.

They have continued to expand their Olde Wood line of wood floor planks, mantels and decorative beams mostly made from reclaimed lumber. They’ve developed a unique, high-quality line of engineered floors, opened Olde Wood South in Florida, raised two kids and run a farm. The only thing they’re short on is rest.

Tom and Mandy Sancic laughed as they told us, “We were born to be entrepreneur’s because we eat chaos for breakfast.” But, looking back they can see one key to their success: Where other people saw problems, they saw exciting challenges. This year they’re excited about a new line of Tiny Houses they will soon introduce. The models received rave reviews at the 2016 Tiny House Convention in Colorado Springs, and they hope to open the first Tiny House Hotel sometime soon. This time you can bet electricity won’t be a problem.

Go to www.NEOBrightestLights.com to learn about the other nominees!
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