6TH ANNUAL SMALL BUSINESS SHOWCASE SET FOR SEPT. 11

Join the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce for the 6th Annual Small Business Showcase at MAPS Air Museum! The exhibition gives local businesses and entrepreneurs an opportunity to showcase their products and services while showing off Northeast Ohio's center of aviation history and teaching our boy scouts and girl scouts about aviation.

Admission is free to this event, and exhibitor tables are only $50 each. To reserve an exhibit table at this event, you must be a Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce member. Exhibitor tables are limited. Register to attend or exhibit at www.CantonChamber.org. For more information call 330-833-4400 or email Debbie Busby at debbieb@cantonchamber.org.

Monday, September 11
4:30-8:00 pm
MAPS Air Museum
2260 International Parkway
North Canton, OH 44720
FREE to attend!

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Is your business hoping for a boost when hundreds of workers gather to begin construction of the NEXUS gas pipeline through the Stark County region? If so, you may have heard the good news. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on Aug. 25 issued a “certificate of public convenience and necessity,” for NEXUS. This was the last major regulatory hurdle for the $2.1 billion, 225-mile project.

NEXUS now will be able to acquire the last parcels of needed land through eminent domain. It will build a 36-inch pipeline that will deliver up to 1.5 billion cubic feet per day of Utica and Marcellus gas from Columbiana County in eastern Ohio to markets farther west in Ohio, in Michigan and Canada.

When James Grech, president of NEXUS Gas Transmissions, spoke at our Utica Midstream conference in June, he described the NEXUS project as a race car revved up and ready to get the green flag. FERC has finally unfurled the green flag.

About nine months ago, a national pipeline contractor who was going to build NEXUS through Stark County came to the Chamber to seek the names of local businesses he could use as vendors. He predicted that 800 workers would be assembled to do the job over the course of a few months. That contractor has since bowed out of the picture, but our information from that meeting allows us to imagine the impact of the construction on local businesses.

We at the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce know that the route NEXUS has chosen through Summit and Medina counties has met vigorous local opposition. While acknowledging this opposition, we have written letters and FERC testimony in support of the project. We support it because we believe Ohio will benefit from the ability of Utica gas producers to move their product to other states that need Utica energy.

Speaking of past presenters at our oil and gas conferences, we recall our Utica Summit conference in 2015 when Bruce McKay of Dominion Energy in Washington, D.C., told our business audience about a liquefied natural gas exporting terminal under construction at Cove Point, Md. The Cove Point project is close to completion, which means it will be ready soon to start exporting LNG to India and Japan. The exporting contracts with those two countries, allies of the United States, will extend for 20 years.

To close for this month, American Petroleum Institute-Ohio recently released a study that reported 262,800 jobs in Ohio can be attributed to the oil and gas business in our state. API-Ohio’s executive director, Christian Zeigler, was one of our featured speakers at our Utica Upstream seminar in April.

Hope to see you next month at Utica Summit V, our last seminar of the year, and our 17th major seminar since we began working to promote Utica business opportunities in 2012. See an update on the summit elsewhere on this page.

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5TH ANNUAL UTICA SUMMIT RETURNS ON OCTOBER 11

Little Tikes is known around the world as a manufacturer of plastic children’s toys and outdoor equipment. It will be one of the plastics manufacturers on an industry panel at Utica Summit Oct. 11.

Our fifth annual Utica Summit is a business development conference. It examines the downstream benefits that manufacturers and other businesses can realize by putting Utica shale gases to work in the economy.

One of those downstream benefits, in a few years, will be the plastics industry feedstocks, such as polyethylene, that will be manufactured by Shell Chemicals’ ethane cracker in Beaver County, Pa., and other crackers anticipated in the Ohio River region.

To learn about regional sourcing of supplies for plastics manufacturing, and other benefits deriving from Utica energy, register today for Utica Summit.

Cost of the one-day conference is $285. Go to www.uticasummit.com to find a registration portal, to check on program updates and to learn about sponsorship opportunities.
September AultCare Fast Break Breakfast with Pete Fierle, Pro Football Hall of Fame

Join Pete Fierle, Chief of Staff & Vice President of Communications, Pro Football Hall of Fame at the September AultCare Fast Break Breakfast. Fierle will present “The Hall of Fame’s Vision for the Future: The Most Inspiring Place of Earth!”, with updates on the Hall of Fame and Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village.

Friday, September 8
7:30 – 9:00 am (Registration begins at 7:00 am)
Courtyard by Marriott
4375 Metro Circle, Canton
$18 Members/$25 Non-Members
Register by September 6 at www.CantonChamber.org

Grow Your Network - Meet New Contacts - Be Inspired by Our Speakers

Join Us at AultCare Fast Break Breakfast and AultCare QuickConnect Luncheon

Want to grow your contacts and leads? We offer the AultCare Fast Break Breakfast and the AultCare QuickConnect Networking Luncheon, each month! Whether you prefer your networking at breakfast, at lunch, or both, we’ve got you covered.

Every month, Fast Break and/or 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.

September AultCare QuickConnect Networking Luncheon with Marvin Montgomery, Inc.

Join us for the AultCare QuickConnect Networking Luncheon on September 20 with fan-favorite Marvin Montgomery of Marvin Montgomery, Inc.! Expect to:
- Learn your customer’s identified & unidentified needs
- Understand why customers do not like to be sold, but they do love to buy
- Maximize every customer encounter & help them buy more

Wednesday, September 20
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
(Registration begins at 11:00 am)
Shady Hollow Country Club
4865 Wales Ave. NW, Massillon
$18/members, $25/non-members
Register by September 18 at www.CantonChamber.org
Do you know an outstanding individual, business or organization whose contributions make our community a better place?

Each year, the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce recognizes the area’s unsung heroes at the Community Salute Awards by honoring select individuals, corporations, businesses and organizations for outstanding contributions to the greater Canton community.

This year’s awards dinner will take place Wednesday, Nov. 8, at The Conference Center, Kent State University at Stark.

Nominations for these awards are due by Monday, Sept. 11 and can be submitted online at www.CantonChamber.org.

Awards are presented in two categories, the Award of Merit and the Award of Appreciation. The Award of Merit is presented each year to a single individual for continuous civic activities and dedication that goes beyond business or professional responsibilities.

The 2017 Community Salute Awards will begin with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and award presentation at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $55. Visit www.CantonChamber.org for more information, to nominate outstanding individuals and organizations in our community, or to register.

For sponsorship information, please contact Chris Gumpp (330) 458-2055 or chrisg@cantonchamber.org.

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.

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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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SEPTEMBER 17 THROUGH NOVEMBER 5 - IN DOWNTOWN CANTON

Join us every Saturday, Sept. 17 through Nov. 5, for shopping in downtown Canton. Select specialty retailers are offering a special 20% discount of a single item. Simply download your coupons and redeem at each individual store.

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. Knock out some early gift shopping or pick up something very special for yourself.

The shops are wonderfully walkable, the parking is free and the deals await! Download your coupon at www.downtowncanton.com and shop 'til you drop downtown! A limited supply of coupons will be available in stores.

PARTICIPATING RETAILERS:

• Avenue Arts Marketplace & Theatre, 324 Cleveland Ave. NW
• Arrowhead Vintage & Handmade Goods, 534 Cleveland Ave. NW
• Canton Museum of Art Shop, 1001 Market ave. N (inside the Cultural Center)
• Cantonology, 306 4th St. NW
• Colette’s Vintage, 207 6th St. NW
• Collective skate/art/snow, 338 4th St. NW
• Dipped Urban High Fashions, 230 6th St. NE
• Joseph Saxton Gallery of Photography, 520 Cleveland NE
• Modern Ritual, 326 Cleveland Ave. NW
• My Style, 602 6th St. NW
• The Essential Alternatives, 340 4th St.
• The Local, 135 6th St. NW
• Print & Press Shop & Studios, 429 4th St. NW

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It’s no secret to both Stark County residents and the estimated 700,000 visitors who descend on Canton each August that the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival is truly a “Celebration of Excellence!” This year, the Festival, along with the Canton Art Museum’s Scrimmage exhibit, reached audiences across the country through national media coverage.

**ENSHRINEES’ GOLD JACKET DINNER:**

Four years ago, the NFL Network broadcast the Enshrinees’ Gold Jacket Dinner for the first time…programming they would not attempt if it were not quality and if it did not have broad appeal.

Now in its fourth year, the broadcast has maintained excellent ratings: 2017 was a 60-minute show that aired from 9 to 10 p.m. on Friday, August 4 on NFL Network. Viewership was up +5% (196,000) compared to the 2016 broadcast (which was a 90-minute broadcast), and this is noted as a significant accomplishment.

**THE CANTON REPOSITORY GRAND PARADE:**

The Canton Repository Grand Parade has enjoyed television broadcast for many years on Fox Sports Ohio. It was broadcast again this year on Sunday, August 13 with a re-air on Tuesday, August 15. Fox Sports Ohio is available to almost six million households saturating Ohio and reaching into portions of West Virginia, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania and New York.

An expanded reach was possible this year through broadcast on NFL Network. A brand new 70-foot MediaCruiser was positioned on the parade route at 9th and Cleveland NW so that NFLN’s “Good Morning Football” broadcast team could feature what was happening on the parade route, as well as conduct on-set interviews with members of the Class of 2017 and returning Gold Jackets. The broadcast aired live on Saturday, August 5, from 7 to 11 a.m. on NFL Network.

**SCRIMMAGE: FOOTBALL IN AMERICAN ART FROM THE CIVIL WAR TO PRESENT:**

The new exhibition at the Canton Museum of Art, “SCRIMMAGE: Football in American Art from the Civil War to the Present,” opened with strong local and national media attention for our city in early August. In addition to an 8-page special section feature in the Canton Repository, the Museum received feature articles in both “Ohio” and “About” magazines, as well as large scale previews from USA Today, Cleveland.com, Cleveland Scene, Cool Cleveland, and Art World media outlets. An Associated Press interview on the opening of the exhibition during Enshrinement Week was picked up by more than 230 media outlets around the country, including “The New York Times,” ABC News, ESPN, “San Francisco Chronicle,” with still more coming from WCPN/ideastream (Cleveland) and 89.7-WKSS. CBS This Morning has reached out to do a feature in early October on the exhibition and acclaimed author Michael Oriard, who is speaking October 4 at the Museum featuring his new book, “The Art of Football.” The exhibit is on view through October 29.
YESTERDAY...Since the inaugural Class of Enshrinees in 1963, 310 players, coaches, and contributors have been inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, 176 of whom are still living, and 130 of whom returned to Canton for the 2017 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival including Enshrinement Week Powered by Johnson Controls.

TODAY...This year, the Pro Football Hall of Fame entered into an unprecedented 18-year partnership with Johnson Controls, resulting in naming rights for Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village, and assuring the resources and energy to develop our Hall of Fame into “the most inspiring place on earth.”

AND TOMORROW...The future has never been brighter as we build toward 2020 and the celebration of the NFL Centennial in Canton/Stark County -- the place where it all started and where the opportunities are endless.

For 54 years, an extraordinary team has committed themselves to the values we embrace every day: commitment, integrity, courage, respect, and excellence. Our sincere thanks to...

- More than 4,500 loyal and passionate community volunteers who give of their time, talents, and resources without expectation of reward.
- The staffs and Boards of Directors of the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce and Pro Football Hall of Fame who work year-round to assure success.
- Our generous family of sponsors who provide the marketing dollars and in-kind support to give us the resources necessary to produce world-class events.
- Regional governmental entities, including safety and service professionals, who offer guidance and support throughout the planning process, as well as on-site at events.
- Media outlets that provide the forum for us to promote our brand and disseminate information.
- Citizens and guests who attended the events with a sense of anticipation and excitement that was contagious.
- And finally, the Class of 2017, who shared their journey with us, allowed us to celebrate with them, and reminded us that teamwork can produce results beyond our wildest dreams!

Heartfelt thanks to each and every person who in any way contributed to the success of the 2017 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival. As a result of your kindness, generosity, and support, it was indeed a Celebration of Excellence!

DENNIS P. SAUNIER  PRESIDENT & CEO
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WINNERS CELEBRATED DURING 2017 ENSHRINEMENT FESTIVAL

The 2017 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival recently celebrated 54 years of excellence with a wide variety of unique and diverse events for the enjoyment of nearly 700,000 people. The festivities were indeed a celebration of excellence, and the following were winners in various competitions and categories:

**UP, UP & AWAY 5K**
The Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival welcomed a new event called the “UP, UP & AWAY 5K” that was held on Saturday, July 29, in tandem with the annual Balloon Classic event on the Kent State University at Stark campus.

Nearly 800 participants enjoyed a 5K course looping the beautiful campus. Unfortunately, weather conditions prohibited a flight, but one of the balloons was able to tether on the field as a great visual to energize the runners and walkers. The top finishers were:

**Male:**
- Naimbai Njerakey, North Canton (15:44)
- Brent Martin, Wooster (15.55)
- Cole Morris, Massillon (16:29)

**Female:**
- Maddie Dunlap, Carrollton (18:39)
- Hannah Alderfer, Dover (18:49)
- Hannah Christ, North Canton (19:26)

**THE CANTON REPOSITORY GRAND PARADE**
This year’s celebration along the 2.2 mile route featured the Class of 2017 Enshrinees and included a large contingent of returning Gold Jackets/Hall of Famers. Parade spectators were treated to the sights and sounds of 13 giant helium balloons, 17 marching and military bands, 15 floats, and 20 specialty units, as well as antique vehicles, animal units, and much, much, more. Specialty units like the giant walking flag, The South Shore Drill Team from Chicago, Big Idaho Potato and Cirque Experience gymnastics team were crowd favorites.

Prizes were awarded to the following float entries:

- **GRAND PRIZE – Best overall entry in the parade**
  Homeownership: We Were Made for This, Sponsored by: The National Association of Realtors and the Stark County Association of Realtors.

- **BUILDERS’ AWARD – Best professional builder entry**
  The 12th Man Float, Sponsored by: Akron Auto Auction

- **OHIO STATE AWARD – Best non-professional builder entry**
  Local 540 Union, Sponsored by: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

- **ENSHRINEES’ AWARD – Most effective use of color harmony**
  Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Queen & Court, Sponsored by: Ziegler Bolt & Nut House

- **HOF BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ AWARD – Most original concept**
  Crane Float, Sponsored by: Midwest Crane Rentals

- **NFL AWARD – Best use of flowers or natural covering**
  Freedom Float, Sponsored by: Newcomer’s Chapel of Pigeon Run United Methodist Church

- **MAYOR’S AWARD – Best display of animation**
  Celebrating 100 Years, Sponsored by: Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

- **EXCEPTIONAL MERIT AWARD – For exceptional merit**
  Louisville Constitution Town Queen & Court, Sponsored by: Louisville Chamber of Commerce

- **EXCEPTIONAL MERIT AWARD – For exceptional merit**
  Cash Explosion 30th Anniversary, Sponsored by: Ohio Lottery Commission

- **EXCEPTIONAL MERIT AWARD – For exceptional merit**
  Jackson Polar Bears Basketball and Baseball State Champions, Sponsored by: Akron Auto Auction, Jackson Youth Basketball Association, and Jerzee’s Sports Bar & Grille

In the Canton Repository Grand Parade “Battle of the Bands” competition, first place was awarded to the GlenOak Golden Eagle Marching Band under the direction of Chris Irwin. For its efforts, the band received a $500 gift certificate from Pellegrino Music & Lesson Center. Massillon Tiger Swing Band received second place honors, and Lake High School Blue Streaks Marching Band placed third in the competition. Each also will receive Pellegrino’s gift certificates valued at $300 and $200, respectively.

The Battle of the Bands, an integral part of the The Canton Repository Grand Parade, is open to any high school band participating in the parade. Performances are evaluated on tone, intonation, ensemble execution and musical content by three judges with extensive marching band experience, and who are not directly associated with any participating marching band.

**DRUM CORPS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION – TOUR OF CHAMPIONS**
The Tour of Champions event series consists of exciting live entertainment featuring top world class corps. Spectators at Paul Brown Tiger Stadium on August 7th had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the drum corps experience with exclusive fan-member interaction, pre-show and intermission entertainment and more!

The corps were at their peak performance levels just days before the world championships, and final scores were as follows:

- **1st place:** Santa Clara Vanguard (Santa Clara, CA), 95.725
- **2nd place:** Carolina Crown (Ft. Mill, SC), 95.575
- **3rd place:** Bluecoats (Canton, OH), 94.025
- **4th place:** The Cavaliers (Rosemont, IL), 93.675
- **5th place:** Boston Crusaders (Boston, MA), 91.850
- **6th place:** The Cadets (Allentown, PA), 91.125
- **7th place:** Phantom Regiment (Rockford, IL), 88.500
- **8th place:** Crossmen (San Antonio, TX), 86.450

Just five days later on August 12th, the Bluecoats finished fifth at the Drum Corps International World Championships at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana! With a score of 95.163, the corps performed in front of a record crowd of 23,342 drum corps fans.
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Wellspring UnSpeaker sessions, are $25/each. 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 www.LeadershipStarkCounty.org for more information.

Wednesday, September 20
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Register by September 18 at www.CantonChamber.org
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- Industrial Hygiene Testing and Labs
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- Third-Party Administrators
- Rehabilitation and Wellness Providers
- Health Insurance Reps

**Who should attend:**
- Company Owners, Presidents & CEOs
- Safety, Health and Risk Managers
- Human Resource Managers and Staff
- Benefits Managers
- Safety Officers and Committee Members
- Loss Prevention and Control Managers
- Workers’ Comp Managers and Directors
- Anyone who wants the highest standards of health and safety

**Thursday, September 14**
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Alex D. Krassas Event Center
Register online by September 11 at www.starkcountysc.com

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**CAK BUSINESS TRAVEL FORUM:**
**HOW TO TRAVEL SMART AND SAVE!**

Hosted by the Akron Canton Airport with support from the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce and The Canton Repository

For our members looking for a guide to smarter business travel, the Akron-Canton Airport is hosting an interactive travel forum on September 14, 2017. Join CAK for breakfast as they discuss how businesses can save time and money with smarter travel tools.

What to look forward to:

- Coverage of all aspects of travel from search to departure
- Help creating processes for business travel booking
- Discussion of travel policy and airline programs for businesses
- Free consultations to attendees from Concur and ProTrav
- Speakers include travel and expense management providers, airline sales managers, corporate travel management leaders and airport executives.
- Experience how easy CAK is to use, including complimentary covered parking

**September 14, 2017**
8:00–10:00 am
Akron-Canton Airport
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RSVP HERE

While this event is free, a reservation is required. Parking information and instructions will be sent near the event date.
MEET LEADERSHIP STARK COUNTY’S
31ST SIGNATURE PROGRAM CLASS

The 31st Class, selected from an exceptionally competitive field, will begin the Signature Program in September with a two-day retreat. Monthly sessions will include a one-day tour of Stark County, then a full day each month on an aspect of the community including economics, social services, government, education, and justice, among others. The program concludes in June.

Throughout the sessions, class members will build proficiency in the six Leadership Stark County core competencies: Strategic Agility, Innovation & Technology, Collaboration, Service to Others, Effective Communication, and Relationship Building.

The 31st class includes:

**John Abbott,** Contract Administrator, Beaver Excavating
**Brian Ash,** Dentist
**Raymond Bertka,** Business Development, Design Restoration & Reconstruction, INC.
**Daniel Boyer,** Client Executive, Schauer Group, Inc.
**Diane Conner,** Safety Supervisor, FedEx Custom Critical
**Michelle Cordova,** Juvenile Division Chief, Stark County Prosecutor
**Cheli Curran,** Executive Director/CEO, Domestic Violence Project Inc.
**Christopher Cutter,** Owner, Mountain Ethos
**Michelle Dorfmueller,** Product Control Manager, Marathon Petroleum
**Brad Floom,** Service Delivery Manager, Diebold Nixdorf
**Lori Flowers,** Magistrate, Stark County Court of Common Pleas
**Damon Gallucci,** Firefighter/Paramedic, Jackson Fire Dept
**Bryan Gerber,** Assistant Professor/Psychology Program Coordinator, Stark State College
**Yago Gonzalez,** Senior Portfolio Manager / Director, Bank Of America Merrill Lynch
**Brook Harless,** Retired, U. S. Army
**John Harris,** Estimator, AWP Inc.
**Keith Hochadel,** President / CEO, CommQuest Services, Inc
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**Alison Jacob,** Day Reporting Director, Stark County Court of Common Pleas
**Jennifer Keaton,** Program Manager, Stark County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery
**Kimberly Kenney,** Assistant Director & Curator, McKinley Presidential Library & Museum
**Gayle Kimbrough,** Deputy Principal, Plain Local Schools
**Stephanie Knori,** Campaign Specialist, Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank
**Korinne Kowell-Hull,** Branch Community Manager, Huntington Bank
**Scott Lawrence,** Commercial Credit Analyst, Consumers National Bank
**Vincent Lindsey,** Principal, Massillon City Schools
**Melissa Lombardi,** Physical Therapist, Aultman Health Foundation
**Pamela Lung,** Principal, Harris, Miller & Finkelstein CPAs, LLP

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**Jennifer Stamp,** Supply Chain Manager, Timken
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**Wednesday, October 18, 2017**
7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Cost $89 per person, includes buffet lunch

It’s a one-day trip that begins in Canton and visits Massillon, Alliance, Hartville, and surrounding villages! For professionals and community members, it’s a great way to learn more about Stark County

- The tour will stop at businesses, farms, non-profits, and a local winery!
- You’ll learn firsthand of Stark County growing companies
- Find out about Agri-tainment and seasonal labor in Stark County

Network with community leaders and business professionals as they speak about Stark County’s businesses, economy, education, social services, and history. You will meet and make contacts with the other professionals and community members on the tour.

- Discover how to become involved with local non-profits
- Experience Public/Private Partnerships and government collaboratives
- Hear of Stark County’s past from local historians

Register now at www.LeadershipStarkCounty.org. Spots for this tour go quickly!

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NEW MEMBERS

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

Access Health Stark County
(NON-POLIT CONSULTING)
Gayle Walters
408 Ninth Street SW
Canton, OH 44708
(330) 445-1079
www.accesshealthstark.org

The Ashley Group
(INSURANCE)
Maria Urick
165 Jackson St.
Sandusky, OH 44870
(419) 624-9810
www.theashleygroup.com

Bank of America Home Loans
(MORTGAGE SERVICES)
Craig Uslick
4678 Munson St. NW
Canton, OH 44718
(330) 497-6671
www.mortgage.bankofamerica.com/craig-j-uslick

Basinger Auction Service, Ltd.
(AUCTIONEERS)
J. Paul Basinger
1120 Market St.
North Lima, OH 44452
(330) 549-3555
www.BasingerAuctions.com

Body Shield, LLC
(Security Guard & Patrol Service)
Jeffrey L. Smith
116 Cleveland Ave. NW, Ste 319
Canton, OH 44702
(330) 353-0512

Carrollton Exempted Village Schools
(SCHOOLS - PRESCHOOL THRU HIGH SCHOOL)
David Quattrochi
252 Third St. NE
Carrollton, OH 44415
(330) 627-2181
www.carrollton.k12.oh.us

CashMax
(CHECK CASHING)
Heather Lybrand
4613 Tuscarawas St. W
Canton, OH 44708
(330) 915-5870
www.cashmax.com

Champion Property Inspections
(REAL ESTATE PROPERTY INSPECTION SERVICES)
John A. Dragomier
3715 Old Colony Dr. NW
Canton, OH 44718
(330) 418-0135
www.championpropertyinsp.com

Edward Jones Investments - Dan Ford
(FINANCIAL PLANNING CONSULTANTS)
Dan Ford
4834 Frank Ave.
North Canton, OH 44720
(330) 479-5194
www.edwardjones.com

Fairmount Richmond Condo Owners Association
(REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT)
Robert Geuder
23945 Mercantile Ste B
Beachwood, OH 44122
(216) 464-7465

Fox Hollow at Woodhawk Condo Association
(REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT)
Robert Geuder
23945 Mercantile Ste B
Beachwood, OH 44122
(216) 464-7465

Helzberg Diamonds - Belden Village
(JEWELERS - RETAIL)
Cassie Wright
4466 Everhard Rd. NW
Canton, OH 44718
(330) 497-7165
www.helzberg.com

Heritage Villas
(ASSISTED LIVING)
Katie Porter
905 Pittsburg Ave. NW
North Canton, OH 44720
(234) 401-9333
www.heritage-villas.com

Office Furniture Solutions
(OFFICE FURNITURE & INTERIOR DESIGN)
Bill Breiding
607A South Main Street
North Canton, OH 44720
(330) 494-5050
www.ofsohio.com

Spectrum Reach
(MARKETING)
Todd N. Teitel
9100 S. Hills Blvd. Ste 250
Broadview Heights, OH 44147
(440) 596-3417
www.spectrumreach.com

Van Aken Towers Condo Owners
(REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT)
Robert Geuder
23945 Mercantile Road
Beachwood, OH 44122
(216) 464-7465

Weavertown Environmental Group
ENVIRONMENTAL & INDUSTRIAL CLEANING SERVICES)
Nancy Rizza
2 Dorrington Road
Carnegie, PA 15106
(412) 738-1664
www.weavertown.com

Featuring local stars:
Adrian E. Allison (Superintendent, Canton City Schools) • Gina Bannewich (Marketing Director, Belden Village Mall) • Michael T. Brown (Executive Director, Eric Snow Family YMCA) • Ryan Miller (owner, Deli Oho) • Sara Myers (Corporate Relationship Specialist, Akron Canton Foodbank) • Lamar Sharpe (Police Officer, Canton Police Department) • Gail Snyder (Human Resources, Avalon Foodservice) • Roger H. Wacker II (owner, Roger W Hair Design)
## September Calendar

### First Friday
- **Website:** [www.CantonFirstFriday.com](http://www.CantonFirstFriday.com)
- **Event:** First Friday is a monthly party in the downtown Canton Arts District featuring themed music, performance and visual arts events. Rain or shine, year ‘round. September’s theme: Pizza Wars

**First Friday, September 1**
- **Time:** 6:00-10:00 pm
- **Location:** Downtown Canton Arts District
- **Cost:** Free

### September AultCare Fast Break Breakfast
- **Website:** [www.CantonChamber.org](http://www.CantonChamber.org)
- **Event:** Pete Fierle, Chief of Staff and VP of Communications, Pro Football Hall of Fame presents "The Hall of Fame's Vision for the Future: The Most Inspiring Place of Earth!", with updates on the Hall of Fame and Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village.

**Friday, September 8**
- **Time:** 7:00-9:00 am
- **Location:** Courtyard by Marriott
- **Cost:** $18 members, $25 non-members

### 6th Annual Small Business Showcase
- **Website:** [www.CantonChamber.org](http://www.CantonChamber.org)
- **Event:** The exhibition gives local businesses and entrepreneurs an opportunity to showcase their products and services while showing off Northeast Ohio’s center of aviation history and teaching our boy scouts and girl scouts about aviation.

**Monday, September 11**
- **Time:** 4:30-8:00 pm
- **Location:** MAPS Air Museum
- **Cost:** Free to attend!

### CAK Business Travel Forum
- **Event:** Looking for a guide to smarter business travel? The Akron-Canton Airport is hosting an interactive travel forum on how businesses can save time and money with smarter travel tools. Presented by the Canton Regional Chamber and The Canton Repository.

**Thursday, September 14**
- **Time:** 8:00–10:00 am
- **Location:** Akron-Canton Airport
- **Cost:** Free

### Stark County Safety Council Safety, Health & Human Resources Fair
- **Website:** [www.CantonChamber.org](http://www.CantonChamber.org)
- **Event:** Over 300 attendees shopping for safety, health and HR services, industrial supplies, training and equipment.

**Thursday, September 14**
- **Time:** 11:30 am-1:00 pm
- **Location:** Alex D. Krassas Event Center
- **Cost:** $17 per person to attend

### Wellspring Un-Speaker Series
- **Website:** [www.CantonChamber.org](http://www.CantonChamber.org)
- **Event:** Dr. Dale Hartz of Better Future Facilitators on how to "Grit It, Great It, and Innovate It in the workplace!"

**Wednesday, September 20**
- **Time:** 7:30-9:00 am
- **Location:** Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce
- **Cost:** $25 per person

### September AultCare QuickConnect Luncheon
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- **Location:** Shady Hollow Country Club
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### ystark! Murder Mystery Meet-Up
- **Website:** [www.ystark.org](http://www.ystark.org)
- **Event:** Solve a whodunit murder mystery while enjoying networking, complimentary appetizers, s’mores and firepit, and prizes!

**Tuesday, September 26**
- **Time:** 5:30-7:30 pm
- **Location:** Shady Hollow Country Club
- **Cost:** Free, cash bar available

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**Saturdays:**

**Canton Farmers’ Market | [www.cantonfarmersmarket.com](http://www.cantonfarmersmarket.com)**

The Canton Farmers’ market is a producers-only market that gives shoppers an opportunity to buy fresh, quality, seasonal products directly from over 20 local growers and producers in Northeast Ohio.

**Saturdays through October 7 | 8:00 – 11:30 am | Fourth St. NW and McKinley Ave. NW | Free**
The five SCORE chapters located in Northeast Ohio are combining to host NEO Women Connect, a women’s leadership luncheon, workshop and trade show in September. The event will be held from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm September 21 at the Kent State University at Stark Conference Center and will feature breakout sessions on SCORE Success Stories and Leadership Skills, as well as a Keynote Address from Jennifer Downey, founder and president of Ambiance, Inc. Tickets for the event are $25 and can be purchased by visiting www.canton.score.org or calling (330) 244-3294.

The best kept secret in Canton turns 50 this year! The secret is the Practical Nursing Program of the Canton City School District. The Practical Nursing Program opened its doors in 1967 with a sister partner of the Aultman hospital. The program was originally named the Canton City/Aultman School of Practical Nursing. For the past 50 years, graduates of the program have been hired by local health care employers, due in large part to the program’s high standards and reputation in the Canton community. The Practical Nurse Program will be celebrating its 50th anniversary by hosting an Open House on September 13 at the Canton City Women’s Club. The Open House will be from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. All past graduates of the program, and the general public, are invited to attend.

MAMMA MIA! September’s First Friday has arrived and the theme is PIZZA WARS! So, come on down to the Canton Arts District from 6:00-10:00 pm on September 1 and enjoy local businesses competing for the title of Best Pizza. Stop at 4th and Court for your Pizza Passport for a chance to win an Arts District basket worth over $250. Along with local pizza, take advantage 6th Street’s “Pizza for Peace” activities, including pizza vendors set up on opposite ends of 6th Street, live music from Brad Skinner at Colette’s Vintage, free chalk for those wishing to cover the sidewalk in Pizza Art, and a free pizza roll party from Just Imagine Gift Gallery courtesy of Twilight Café. Take advantage of great deals going on this Friday: Bring in your receipt from any September First Friday downtown pizza purchase and get 20% off a single item, as well as spin the “Pizza Wheel of Discount” and get a discount on your purchase.

The Villas at Gervasi Vineyard were voted the “Best Wine Country Hotel” in the U.S. The USA TODAY 10 Best Readers’ Choice Awards, and ranked Gervasi Vineyard as the #1 spot among the top ten winners in the hotel category for wineries across the country. This is the second year the upscale Tuscan-inspired, resort-style winery will take the top spot in this exclusive category.

Volunteers are needed to help in the upcoming tax season through the United Way of Greater Stark County’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. No experience is necessary. Individuals receive training and IRS Certification appropriate for their volunteer position, as well as materials for self-study on basic income tax law for federal and state returns. In addition, several specific training sessions will take place prior to the kick-off of tax season. Volunteers are covered under the Volunteer Protection Act and are not accountable for tax returns filed to the IRS.

Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland and East Central Ohio, Inc. has announced that its newest retail store location will be located at 1240 North Main Street. The current North Canton Goodwill Store, located at 950 South Main St., will close in conjunction with the new store opening. All staff will be transitioned.

Jackson Kelly PLLC is pleased to announce that 67 of the firm’s lawyers were recently named in the 2018 edition of The Best Lawyers in America®. Lawyers from across the firm’s twelve offices were honored in the publication. In addition, nine Jackson Kelly PLLC lawyers were named as Best Lawyers® 2018 Lawyers of the Year. Only a single lawyer in each area of practice in each community is honored as the “Lawyer of the Year.” Those who received this honor are: Marcia Allen Broughton (Tax Law), Stephen R. Crislip (Legal Malpractice Law - Defendants), John W. Hays (Construction Law), R. Henry Moore (Natural Resources Law), Ann B. Rembrandt (Workers’ Compensation Law), Susan R. Snowden (Appellate Practice), James W. Thomas (Health Care Law), Robert G. Tweel (Tax Law), Michael B. Victorson (Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions - Defendants).

Malone University has received two gifts exceeding $1 million each in support of construction of Pioneer Park, a multi-field recreation and athletic complex planned for university owned property adjacent to State Route 62. Canton based DeVille Developments has donated more than $1.5 million in addition to more than 150,000 cubic feet of soil to be used for the project. Mike Thompson Sr., Chairman & President of the Montrose Auto Group, has donated more than $1 million for construction of a baseball facility at the Pioneer Park location.

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.
In 2004, Kyle Quillen was a kid who loved to “figure things out.” He had spent a single year in college before figuring out it wasn’t for him and went to work for a dial-up internet business. When the company refused him a 25¢ per hour raise, he went to work for a company near Sugarcreek bringing broadband services to rural homes.

One day a man from the Pearl Valley Cheese Company in rural Fresno called seeking a broadband hook-up for his remotely located business. Kyle looked over the site and thought there was no easy, cheap solution, until he noticed a nearby communications tower dedicated to MARCS, Ohio’s Multi-Agency Radio Communication System. Among other things, it allows Highway Patrolmen to access your information, no matter how far out in the boondocks you are.

After convincing the Coshocton County Commissioners to use MARCS towers to solve Pearl Valley’s problem, Kyle realized the solution could be duplicated all across Ohio. With no financial resources of his own, he called Bob Brick, an old friend of his mother’s who once told him he would back him in a business when the time came. Now was the time.

Bob Brick was a Uhrichsville guy who made good. He became the capital-raising business brain that brought Kyle Quillen’s vision to life. Together they established Agile Networks to bring rural homes and businesses into the Information Age. It proved a transformational mission for the founders and customers, alike. Along the way Brick turned the kid whose first love was figuring things out, into a business leader.

They started by convincing Ohio officials there was hidden value in the MARCS system. It took three years to get necessary contracts in place. By 2012 they started building a new network on the MARCS skeleton. They worked for two years hanging wireless equipment on towers and connecting them with microwave and fiber optics. By 2014 they’d transformed the expensive, single-purpose public safety network into an agile, multi-purpose network capable of bringing Ohio’s most rural areas into the Information Age.

Think of the possibilities. Kyle Quillen already has. Cable companies can afford to reach more people. Rural businesses can access modern technologies. Dairy farmers can enjoy the same internet access as city dwellers. All it takes is a company to figure it all out.

Three years after completing the state-wide system, Agile Networks is happily at home in Canton. Their attractive downtown headquarters have all the trappings of high-technology enterprises, with a casual, don’t-take-ourselves-too-seriously vibe. 24 hours a day, employees monitor the entire network on large, wall-hung monitors. A wall just off the lobby is covered with handwritten notes celebrating company milestones.

Kyle Quillen oversees the operation. The kid who once scoffed at Bob Brick when he preached the importance of corporate culture, now embraces “The Rockefeller Habits” as a management tool, stressing that “without culture, a company is just a group of people.”

Today Bob Brick spends a lot more time in his North Carolina home, passing the CEO mantle to Kyle Quillen, as the visionary becomes the entrepreneurial leader. He figured it out, again.

Go to www.NEOBrightestLights.com to learn about the other nominees!
Mercy Medical Center is now in network with AultCare and AultCare’s PrimeTime Health Plan. AultCare

We welcome you to experience the quality, compassionate, affordable and accessible care available at our medical center and ten health centers, conveniently located in Stark, Carroll and Tuscarawas Counties. Learn more about Mercy at cantonmercy.org.

Complete list of accepted plans: cantonmercy.org/insurance-information