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Fall 2022

A Note from the Director:

Who blinked? Because here we are heading into the holidays full speed ahead. The summer flew by as do most summers, but we are here...so let's go! We are excited to move into the Fall months and prepare for the holidays. We are working hard with the merchants in downtown Celina to bring some great First Friday events while also planning the events for next year as well. The excitement builds as great things continue to come to downtown Celina.

I also spoke to Santa, and he is also ready for the Christmas season and to meet all the boys and girls of our community. I just absolutely love this season. Maybe not the weather so much, I don't love the cold...but I do love the hustle and bustle of the holidays. I do agree that people need to sometimes "slow down" but I love what the spirit of the holidays does to me personally. I love the lights, the light snowfall, the scent of Christmas candles burning, wrapping gifts, and of course having all our family sharing in the season of giving. I realize for some it is a crazy time, but I hope you find a way to enjoy the moment.

And as always...this is a great time to support our local businesses too. If you are thinking of a gift for your employees, consider a Chamber Gift Certificate. The certificates give the recipient over 150 LOCAL places to redeem. The Chamber doesn't collect any fees with selling these certificates, so that is 100% of your money returning to the local economy. It really doesn't get any better than that. It truly is gift giving made easy!

We wish you all the best as you wrap up 2022, time sure does fly when you're having fun!

In good business,

Stacy

Calendar of Events

November 4 & 5
Celina Holiday Open House

November 26
Santa comes to town

December 2
Midnight Gladness

January 29, 2023
Race Night

Welcome New Chamber Members

Rush Sports Complex

On September 12th the Celina Mercer Chamber had the pleasure of being a part of the Grand Opening of Rush Sports Complex. Rush Sports Complex is located at 6301 US Rte 127 South and offers pickle ball, basketball, batting cages, soccer, and so much more. This is phase 1 of the multi phase renovation which will include a golf lounge, simulator, fitness facility, and so much more. Congratulations to Brandon and Cenzie Rushton on the opening of the complex. Parking and entrance is Located in the back of the building. This is a fantastic addition to Celina and we are proud to have them as new Chamber members.





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Grand Lake Rotary

We would like to welcome Chamber member, Grand Lake Rotary. This is a nonprofit organization that works hard to bringing together and improving our community. The organization meets every Thursday morning at 7am and welcome all to participate. Grand Lake Rotary hosts an annual cornhole tournament, they organize the annual "Stuff the Bus" event which is a large school supply drive, in addition to many other events and donations that benefit our community. If you would like to be a part of this growing organization that works for the community, contact any Grand Lake Rotary member or email joe@21ckofcelina.com Welcome to the Chamber of Commerce!!

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BNK Auto Detailing

The Celina Mercer Co. Chamber would like to welcome it's newest member, BNK Auto Detailing. BNK Auto Detailing is located at 7309 State Route 197, Celina. Owner, Brandon Nevergall is thrilled to bring his knowledge and expertise to his customers in Celina and the surrounding area. His focus isn't just an exceptionally clean vehicle, but great customer service, and affordable pricing are his priorities too. Brandon is happy to be offering his services in the area and will gladly be accepting the Celina/Mercer Chamber Gift Certificates. To experience a top notch auto detailing service, contact Brandon at BNK Auto Detailing, 419-733-4805. Pictured with Brandon is his wife Katie, and children Brandi and Kaine. Welcome to the Chamber!



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Long standing Chamber member, West Bank Inn, is excited to announce new ownership. Local Celina residents, Sean and Haley Klosterman, have taken ownership of the location. West Bank has been Chamber members since 2002 and is happy to continue the journey of offering affordable stays with beautiful scenic views of Grand Lake. Sean and Haley are excited to take on this new adventure while continuing to provide outstanding customer service to all who stay at West Bank Inn. The Klosterman's look forward to bringing a fresh young perspective to your vacation destination stay. They welcome new customers and returning friends. If you have friends, families, or clients searching for a comfortable and affordable stay in Celina on Grand Lake, Sean and Haley Klosterman happily invite them to visit the West Bank Inn, located at 1055 W. Bank Rd. Reservations can be made at 419-584-3625 or by visiting the website at westbankinn.com. West Bank Inn also accepts the Chamber Gift Certificates.



Congratulations on 70 Years

Congratulations to Wilson Shoe Store! We would like to congratulate long time Chamber members as they celebrate their 70th anniversary! That's certainly a fantastic milestone to achieve. The shoe store opened in 1952 and have been in downtown Celina since 1958. The shoe store was opened by Roger Wilson and then changed hands to Ira Belcher and Jack Birkmeyer. Tony Birkmeyer was owner for many years and was awarded the Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year award in 2020. Ownership has now shifted to long time store employee Sue Matthews and her daughter Sherri Black.

We are so fortunate to have Wilson Shoe Store be such an important part of the downtown Celina community and we wish them many more years of success. Congratulations on 70 years Wilson Shoe Store! This picture is when Wilson Shoe Store was awarded Business of the Year by the Celina Mercer County Chamber of Commerce.





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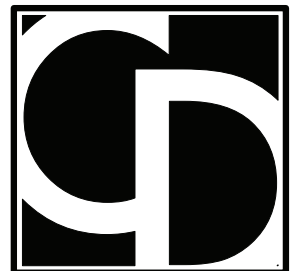


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September 15th was “Communication Day” for the Mercer County Leadership in Action class. The class had a full schedule to visit and tour local businesses. They started with a tour of WCSM Radio and to learn more about how a local radio station operates. They were able to observe owner, Brent Selhorst live on air as he spoke with one of our participants, Paige Hartings. We then traveled to Brand It Marketing which included great information on the importance marketing plays in communication, how branding is important, and how to bring it all together in print or materials. Brand It also provided each participant with a new headshot for their own personal portfolios. Later we visited WTLW – TV 44 in Lima to experience how a televised broadcast would work. It was informative, fun, and enlightening. And finally, we headed back to Mercer County to visit the print shop of Messenger Press. It’s impressive to see a “small business” work with companies across the United States. It was a fun and engaging experience, and we appreciate all the businesses allowing us to come in and visit for the day! If you would like to participate in a future leadership class, please email your interest to stacy@celinamercer.com.



Evening for Race Fans

We are once again excited to host the 27th Annual Evening for Race Fans on Saturday, January 28, 2023, at Romer's Catering in St. Henry, OH. This year's featured guest is Nascar Cup driver, Chase Briscoe. You will enjoy an evening with an autograph session, wonderful dinner provided by Romer's Catering, racing stories shared by Chase Briscoe and emcee Mike King, and will end the evening with a live auction of racing memorabilia. Tickets to attend are only \$50 and proceeds from this event benefit the Celina/Mercer County Chamber of Commerce, Everheart Hospice, and Community Health Professionals. If you would like tickets to this great event supporting an even greater cause, call our office today at 419-586-2219.



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Santa Claus is coming to town...well he will be very soon! I bet you didn't know that the Celina/Mercer Chamber is responsible for the Santa house. We are the storage keepers, Santa scheduler, elf staffing, candy giving, event hosting, giver of holiday cheer. It's the best job in the world sharing the Christmas spirit, and we couldn't do it without our amazing sponsors this year...Thank you to our major sponsor - Jones Jewelers. Other sponsors include American Legion Post 210, Celina Moose, Celina Tent, Celina VFW, Dynamic Federal Credit Union, Stammen Insurance, Wabash Telephone, and Park National Bank. We are still in need of a few more sponsors. It costs us roughly \$2500 per year to host the Santa House. If you are interested in sponsoring, email stacy@celinamercer.com Signage is placed in the Santa House displaying all the business names of our sponsors. Over 800 kids visit the Celina Santa House each season and we are so excited for them to come back. Every child gets a visit with Santa and a candy treat to take home. It's the best season of the year and we can't wait to spread some holiday cheer!



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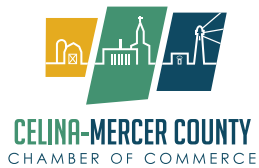
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