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A Note from the Director:

It is here, it's finally 2021! We certainly hope you all had a great holiday season that was filled with health, wealth, and happiness. I absolutely love everything about the holidays. Yes, I am that person that puts a tree up on November 1st. But there is just something about Christmas that brings out the best in us. I try not to stress over silly things and just enjoy the simple pleasures of the holidays. It is a time of year that truly makes me happy. Do not get me wrong, we had our hiccups with a quarantine, an ER visit, follow up appointments, a negative covid test, and another ER visit for stitches. Maybe I need to put my family in a bubble. But nonetheless, it was simply a time of peace and joy that we so desperately needed.

We are ready to move forward and start 2021 and am confident our businesses are doing the same. Our message thru most of last year was encouraging the public to support local and shop local and I believe that our community did a great job. That is a message we plan to continue with this new year. Fortunately, our local area is strong and has survived well during this pandemic. I am excited to hear of organizations planning their events this summer and our business community continuing to grow. We as a chamber are going to look for new and innovative ways we can continue to promote our members. As always, we appreciate the support you give to the Chamber and we are looking forward to ways we can increase the economic growth in our community. Cheers to 2021!!

Stacy

Calendar of Events

May 1
Farmers Market Open
at the Fairgrounds

May 28
Chamber Golf Outing

July 9
Taste of Celina



Annual Awards Banquet

Like many things, events have made some changes and have looked a little different this past year. The annual Celina Mercer Co. Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet which is normally hosted in late winter will have a few changes this year as well. We have decided for the health and wellness of our business community the honors will be announced virtually this year. We will not be hosting an in-person banquet but will visit our winners individually to make the announcements which will be able to be viewed online. The award recipients will also be recognized at the 2022 banquet. We have included a nomination form in this newsletter and would like to receive your nomination by February 28, 2021. There are many deserving people in our community, so we encourage you to nominate today! And don't forget, we award Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year, Humanitarian Award, and the Achievement Award. We can't wait to see who you nominate this year.




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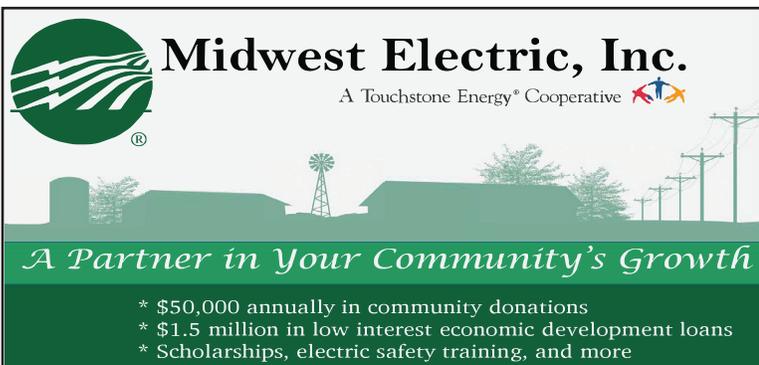
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Celina Farmers' Market

Did you have the opportunity to visit the Celina Farmers' Market last season? The market made a quick last-minute move to the Mercer County Fairgrounds due to Governor DeWine's Covid-19 guidelines. The move turned out to be a positive for the Market and the customers. Moving to the Fairgrounds ultimately gave the market vendors and customers more room to sell, better parking availability, and a nice country farmers' market atmosphere. We are excited to share, the market will return to the Fairgrounds for the 2021 season which begins the first Saturday in May. The Farmers' Market is held every Saturday until the last Saturday in September and shoppers can visit from 9a-12noon. Last season 30 vendors attended, and we look forward to growing that number this year. If you have ever considered selling at the market or know someone who would like more information, visit www.celinafarmersmarket.com.



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Jamie's Place

We would like to welcome Jamie's Place to the Chamber. Jamie's Place located at 2001 State Rte 703 is all about bringing you the best in food and fun for your entertainment needs. They offer a fantastic menu of sandwiches, pizza, and wings in addition to great appetizers and salads too!

With entertainment and great food at this restaurant, you can't go wrong at Jamie's Place. Be sure to check out their Facebook page for entertainment updates and food specials. Jamie's also accepts the Chamber Gift Certificates.

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Running is a special part of their lives and they are excited to bring that to you. Not only does Ryan fit many of our local track kids, but he is also very supportive of our local 5k races and Marathon. You don't have to be a runner though to get a great pair of shoes that are comfortable and fit just right. Whether you are in the store for your next pair of shoes or just want to chat about your last race, Ryan & Amanda want you to feel welcomed. Stop by and visit their local store at 803 N. Second Street in Coldwater. Be sure to check out their website too at www.cantstoprunningco.com. They will accept the Chamber Gift Certificates too!!



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Winter Dessert

Who can't use an easy comfort brownie during the winter? But trust us, this is fantastic any time of year!

Easy Chocolate Brownie with Ganache

Prepare a brownie according to directions and bake in a Bundt pan. (You can use any time of pan but this looks nice). Be sure to spray pan for easy removal. I add a small amount of chocolate chips (why not, right?) After baking, cool brownie and flip onto serving plate.

Ganache:

In a small sauce pan, bring 1/2 cup of heavy cream to a rolling boil.

DO NOT STIR! Remove pan from stove and add 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips. Swirl the pan so the cream covers the chocolate chips. Do NOT stir. Let mixture sit for 4 minutes. Stir with whisk until the mixture is smooth. Pour over the brownie. You can place a fruit in the center for garnish (strawberries, raspberries, cherries, etc). Serve with cool whip, ice cream, or whatever else makes you happy!



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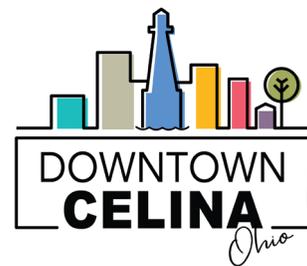
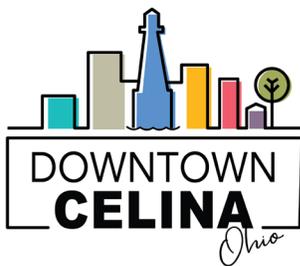

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- Celina Mercer Chamber Golf Outing

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Have you been keeping track of downtown Celina. It's so exciting to see some new and exciting things happening. New Boutiques, the old Celina Motel is gone, and many renovations of old buildings. Keep your eyes open as we can't wait to see what's in store for downtown Celina! Great things are happening and many great things are to come! Just another reason to remember to support local and shop local! And we invite you all to check out their Facebook page Downtown Celina Ohio. This page has up to date information on the local downtown businesses along with upcoming events. Second Saturdays will begin in February. Downtown will feature a special event or sale for shoppers on the Second Saturday of every month. Keep an eye out for details!

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