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A Note from the Director:

Well the holidays have come and gone and once again...it has all passed us by so quickly. I certainly hope you all had a wonderful holiday. We certainly did as a family. It was so nice to be able to spend some true quality time with my husband and children. If you have teenagers, you know how hard it is to find that quality time... or should I say quantity of time. Lives get busier and busier as our kids have daily practices (even on break), events, jobs, and friends they want to see. So we absolutely have to make sure to "pencil in" some time for good ole Mom and Dad. We were pretty successful overall, but like everything else all good things must come to an end and that includes Christmas break as well.

So that brings us to the New Year and new resolutions. What is your resolution this year? Have you given much thought to it? Is it personal or business related, maybe both?? I have set resolutions for myself this year on a personal and business level. I promised myself to be realistic and not set myself up for failure. And I am looking at them more as goals, goals that I can continue all year long but also restart if I happen to fall. "Nobody is perfect, no business or person is perfect, but we are all successful in our own way. And my plan for myself as I go into 2020 is to pull those attributes that can make me great and work to be even better. I want to grow as a person! I want to see Celina and all of Mercer County grow this year as well. I want to see our schools flourish and our businesses continue to grow in their success. I want to see pride in our outcomes, and work harder to do and become more. We have a great city and a phenomenal county...let's work hard in 2020 to grow and become more! To steal this hashtag from my sister in law, we are #Better-Together. So let's work together and see the great things 2020 will bring. Happy New Year to you all!

Stacy

Calendar of Events

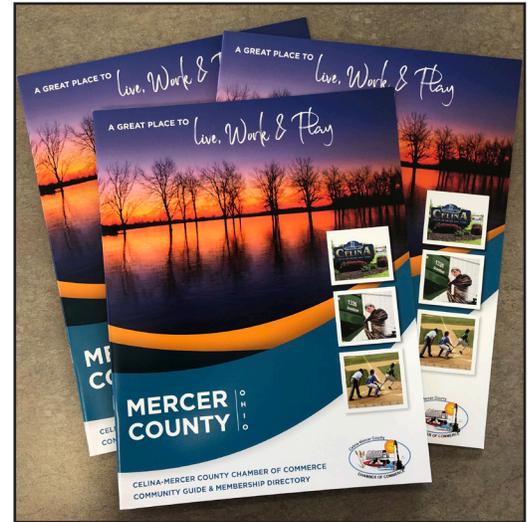
March 5
Annual Chamber Banquet

May 17
Celina Mercer County
Day at the Reds

May 22
Annual Golf Outing

Image Book 2020

In 2016 our office put together an Image Book for Mercer County to showcase the beautiful area we are so proud of, in addition to promoting all of our wonderful and supportive Chamber Members. This book is a wonderful guide and resource to our community members as well as any person coming to visit our area too. They are distributed for free from our office, many local restaurants, hotels, rest areas, and several other business locations as well. The books provide a great insight on our area and also have a listing of our Chamber members with address and phone number. It is a great reference tool when looking for a particular service. With this book being published in late 2016, needless to say it is becoming outdated.



We plan to publish a new Image Book this year and need your help. Enclosed is an informational form that I am asking you to complete. This will ensure that we will have the most up to date information on your business. You may also receive the information sheet with your membership invoice or thru email. We will be attempting several different means to be sure and reach out to all members but only need one form returned. We ask this information be returned to us by March 1st. Feel free to return it by email to info@celinamercer.com, mail to 121 E. Logan St. Celina, OH 45822, or fax it to 419-586-8645. Thank you for helping us to provide the best Image Book possible for Mercer County!



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Another year has come and gone and race fans were able to enjoy the 25th Annual Evening for Race Fans. The event was held in early December at Romer's Catering in St. Henry. Race fans enjoyed a



delicious buffet dinner, an autograph session, and the evening ended with a live auction of race memorabilia. Guests enjoyed listening to race stories from racing icons Kevin Olsen and Tony Stewart. Both racers entertained the crowd with antics and stories from their years on the track. This night is a fantastic fundraising event that benefits the Chamber, State of the Heart Care and Community Health Professionals. The evening couldn't be possible without the many sponsors that so graciously donate money and auction



items for this event. Their generosity is truly appreciated. We would also like to recognize our race committee. These gentlemen work hard each and every year to bring a great event to our area and it certainly wouldn't happen without their time and commitment. Much appreciation to our 2019 committee members; Steve Schmidt, Mark Hoenie, Ned Lawler, Justin Rolfes, Josh Hoenie and his son Jackson, and Bob McDonough. Also, in memory of our good friend Jim Gross who was a part of this committee for many years and passed away last June. His love and passion for racing was truly like no other.



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CALL Ministries

We are very excited to announce the new Chamber membership of CALL Ministries. We are honored to partner with CALL Ministries to promote their mission to serve the residents of Mercer County who are in need of food and clothing. Executive Director Homer Burnett continues the excellence of this organization to provide and enrich the lives of those in need. CALL which stands for Community Action Life Line provides a central agency to come together to serve. Call Ministries is located at 420 N. Brandon Avenue right here in Celina and can be reached at 419-586-3574. Stay tuned for more information as they will be celebrating 30 years of service to our community! Thank you CALL Ministries and we look forward to working with you!



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GRAND Re-Opening

Congratulations to Chamber Member Sandi Watercutter as she celebrated the anticipated Grand Re-Opening of her store, Hometown Creations. Hometown Creations was heavily damaged in the 2019 Memorial Day tornado and Sandi worked diligently to rebuild her store and bring her passion back to life. Through an extensive remodel she was able to open her store on November 1, 2019. Sandi has concentrated on Christmas décor thru this opening but now that the Christmas season has ended, she is bringing many new and exciting items to include furniture, home décor, and so much more. Be sure to stop by Hometown Creations located at 5360 Fairground Rd, Celina. Follow her on Facebook at Hometown Creations LLC to find out the latest items coming in and store hours.



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Leadership in Action

Leadership Class enjoys Ag Day

The Celina Mercer Chamber's Adult Leadership in Action Class enjoyed a day on the farm...so to speak that is. The class had the opportunity to experience a day that is related to Agriculture by visiting several different entities that prove to be leaders in agriculture. The class began their morning visiting a turkey barn and pig barn that both supply Cooper Farms. We then followed up with a visit and tour of the Cooper Farms Processing Plant. What an experience!! Coopers were so kind to give us a true insight into the daily operation of the plant and seeing the process from start to finish. It is completely amazing the leadership and initiative this family owned company has provided for our area and the growth this company has experienced over the years. What a dynamic company we have right here in Mercer County. After lunch, we made a stop at CW Eggs. Unfortunately they were not in production at the time of our visit but we gained so much insight on this business and appreciate the time they spent with us. Lastly, we ended our day touring the MVP Dairy Farm. This is a very impressive Dairy that milks approximately 3500 cows per day. We had the opportunity to view the milking process from viewing deck in addition to touring the barns. The entire day was very enlightening to see such amazing family owned businesses displaying great leadership and growth within their company. They provided great insight and we appreciate them allowing us to be a part of their world for the day! If you would be interested in participating in our Leadership In Action program, contact Stacy for more information by calling 419-586-2219 or email stacy@celinamercer.com.





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Annual Chamber Banquet

We are excited as we are beginning to plan our Annual Chamber Banquet! This is always such a fun night to be able to honor and award individuals and businesses that have stood out or made an impact this past year. Our banquet is tentatively set for Thursday, March 5th and will be held at the Galleria in Celina. Enclosed you will find nomination forms for Business of the Year, Humanitarian of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and the Achievement Award. Please feel free to take a moment and nominate the person or business that you feel is worthy of such an award. It's a great night so share in the excitement with us. Tickets for the event are only \$25 per person or a corporate table of 8 is available for \$195. Call us today to reserve your seat! We look forward to seeing you!

New Office Hours

After observing our customer traffic over the past year we have come to the decision to adjust our hours by opening 30 minutes earlier each day. This is so we can better serve our companies and community. We hope you find this slight change to be a positive one as we will continue to work hard to serve you. As always, we look forward to working with you and please don't ever hesitate to reach out to us and let us know how we can help promote and serve you!

Our hours will be Monday - Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm. We will be closed January 20th in observance of MLK Day and also on February 17th in observance of President's Day.



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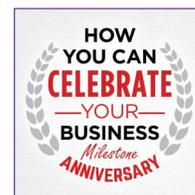
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We Want to Know?!!!

Do you have an exciting business milestone or anniversary you will be celebrating? We want to know!! If you have something you want to share or shout from the rooftops, let us know. We want to share it for you as well. If you are celebrating 25, 50, 75+ years in business...that is important and you deserve to be celebrated! Drop us a line and let us know your good news!



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Burk Family



Hirsch Family.

Santa Claus also enjoyed his season in Celina as he was able to greet children the weeks leading up to Christmas. But don't worry; he'll be back next year. We would like to thank all the sponsors of our Christmas Season: American Legion Post 210, CAPT, Celina Eagles, Celina Moose Lodge, Celina Tent, Celina VFW, Celina VFW Auxiliary, Citizens National Bank, Jones Jeweler, Leugers Insurance, Second National Bank, Wabash Telephone, and Women of the Moose.

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Celina Day with the Reds

The date is set for Celina Day at the Great American Ballpark. Gather your friends and head down to Cincinnati on Sunday, May 17th to enjoy a great day of baseball. We will send you discounted ticket information as soon as we receive it, so be sure to keep that day available as it you will always have a great time at the Great American Ballpark. Go Reds!!



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