

MCEDC Spotlight

As the end of the year approaches, we know how full your calendar can get. Don't miss these great events coming up!

Our December 17, 2015 member meeting will be our annual legislative update. Rep. Steve Hambley is confirmed to speak with us about what is going on in the legislature. Get the latest information to prepare you for next year!

The January 21, 2016 meeting will be held at the Brunswick Recreation Center located at 3637 Center Rd., Brunswick, OH 44212. In this joint meeting with the Brunswick Area Chamber of Commerce, we will hear from PNC Economist, Mekael Teshome who will present An Economic Forecast for 2016. The meeting and breakfast will be sponsored by PNC Financial Services Group.

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2015 Made in Medina County



Over 700 people came to the Medina County Fairgrounds on November 6th to attend the inaugural Made in Medina County Manufacturing Showcase. Leading Futurist, Thomas Frey was the keynote speaker, pictured here with Bethany Dentler, Executive Director of MCEDC, Kimberly Marshall, Medina City Economic Development Director and Joe Kohmann, Group Finance Leader (CFO) & Treasurer at Westfield Group/Westfield Insurance. Frey's predictions included drone usage increasing to cover a multitude of applications, self-driving cars and 3-D printers handling a lot of our manufacturing and consumer product needs as customized demands.

Frey said the challenge of education today is to train



Congratulations to Automation Tool and Die on their ground-breaking of a 100,000 square foot manufacturing plant in Valley City in November.



Want more on manufacturing? Check out Frank Festi's article on REA and Associates: <http://www.reacpa.com/article/regulation-roadblock/>

A big congratulations goes out to the Medina County Health Department on achieving their national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation



people to solve problems we don't have yet, requiring skills that we don't understand, and using technology that doesn't exist. Over 250 students attended to hear about manufacturing and the future.

"In the days after the Expo, we had two companies tell us they have found candidates for positions in their organizations based on the Made in Medina County event. In fact, one young man has already been working a couple weeks for a local company in a part time capacity and will go full time after graduation!" reports Dentler. "The feedback we have received has been extremely positive and it is clear this type of event is valued in our community."

Automation Tool and Die brought to their booth an opportunity to make a "Sound Sprocket" which is a headphone organizer. There was also a mobile welding unit where people got real life welding experience. The 3-D printing station showed Frey's predictions in action

Board (PHAB). Medina County Health Department is one of just 8 in the state of Ohio to achieve this status.

First National Bank has published their latest edition of Business Strategies Today. Read it at <http://www.fnb-bst.com/f15/gen/#>

Read the latest reports on the Shale Industry by CSU

Some of the highlights include:

- Shale development will create a surplus of ethane in the region, which should attract petrochemical refining companies and manufacturers using their product.
- Ohio's already thriving plastics and petrochemical industry should also attract investments from petrochemical and plastic manufacturers that use polyethylene and produce consumer products and plastics parts for other industries.
- Ohio is positioned to have more than just an extractive economy where minerals are taken out of the ground and shipped elsewhere to create wealth. There are opportunities to transform extracted resources and manufacture products in the region, employing local workforce and building supply chains here.

Read the reports here: <https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/7ab41a31-016a-4d97-af0e-a0b6b5efe87a>

November 2015 Quarterly Economic Review Northeast Ohio Anticipates 640,000 New Job Openings in Next Decade

The latest Quarterly Economic Review released by Team NEO shows that employment is projected to be at 2.041 million workers by 2025, with 640,000 new job openings in the next decade. Team NEO's report cites that 85,000 of those job openings will be in healthcare-related occupations. [Read more here:](http://www.teamneo.org/NEWS%20AND%20REPORTS/News%20and%20Press%20Releases/2015/November/Workforce%20QER.aspx) <http://www.teamneo.org/NEWS%20AND%20REPORTS/News%20and%20Press%20Releases/2015/November/Workforce%20QER.aspx>