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We provide our clients local access from our Medina Branch at 5000 Foote Road, Medina, to proactively address Risk Management needs

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Today, our employee-owners continue to grow their commitment to the region, serving on various nonprofit organizations and donating their time and resources to local initiatives throughout the year. Learn more at www.OswaldCompanies.com.

State of Business in Medina County



The Medina County Economic Development Corporation manages the Medina County Manufacturing Council, the sector partnership for manufacturing in Medina County. Through that work, a suggestion was made to help engage students interested in engineering. The concern was that students interested in the field don't have a good idea of the breadth and depth of the fields available in engineering, and upon arrival in college, lack the tools and knowledge to select their specialty. And so the Engineering Expo was created.

The Engineering Expo brings engineers into high schools to talk to students in-

Member News



Congratulations to David Ferrell, the new company President at Philpott Solutions Group. Welcome aboard!

Saturday, February 29th at 6:00 pm at the Blue Heron Event Center is the Commissioners' Charity Ball. This year's theme is, "An Evening in Venice" and festive costumes & black tie are optional. Visit www.mcc-charityball.com for more information.

Congratulations to the Medina County Library System on being ranked in the top 261 libraries of 6,333. Nice job!

Rep. Steve Hambley and Senate President Larry Obhof were recently recognized by the Council for a

terested in the field and their parents. To date, four events have occurred and two more are scheduled. Students have learned how varied jobs can be even with the same degree. "My favorite part of the program is the change in the kids from walking in to walking out. On the way in, they are pretty quiet and subdued. But on the way out, they are speaking to their parents in excited tones," observed Kathy Breitenbucher.

TGC Engineering and Carlisle Brake and Friction are two of the companies that have sent engineers to all four events. "It has been rewarding personally and professionally to meet young, intelligent, and eager high school students in Medina County. It has been a pleasure teaching these students about our business and the professions of civil engineering and surveying," said Travis Crane, owner of TGC Engineering. "We've enjoyed participating in MCEDC's Engineering Expo program."

This school year we will conduct events with Wadsworth on March 25 and Black River on April 27. Highland and the Medina County Career Center are both working on dates.

As this program evolves, it will be expanded to include other industries. The model of holding the events in the evening has allowed parents to engage as well which is a benefit for all involved. If you have an engineer who would like to participate, please let Kathy Breitenbucher know.

Strong America "Mission: Readiness Ohio" with the National Security Leadership Award. Congratulations!

Charles Marshall of Beacon Marshall Companies was honored by Main Street Medina for the Best Commercial Rehabilitation. The Medina Farmers Exchange project is now open!



Fifth Third Bank is pleased to announce Nick Buzzelli as the next Akron President following Ted Walter. Congratulations Nick!



The Medina County University Center is pleased to announce the opening of dual chemistry and biology lab which will allow University of

Akron students to fulfill basic science requirements.

Welcome to new Medina County District Library Director, Julianne Bedel. She has been serving as the Assistant Director and was named Director at the February Board of Trustees meeting. We look forward to working with you!

Congratulations to Kathy Breitenbucher on her appointment to the Recovery Center of Medina County board. MCRC is working to help those in recovery learn job skills and find meaningful employment which is right in line with MCEDC's workforce efforts.

University of Akron's College of Business Administration
presents the 2020 Economic Summit:

ECONOMY INSIGHTS:

A Discussion with Experts from the Banking Industry

March 3, 2020

Quaker Square, Grand Ballroom, The University of Akron
135 South Broadway, Akron, OH 44325

7:00 am - 9:00 am

[Register online](#)

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Energy Program

FirstEnergy Rebate Program Update

The Ohio Energy Efficiency C&I Program, known for providing efficiency project rebates to businesses across the state, was recently suspended with no expected return date. However, commercial or industrial customers who use more than 700,000 kilowatt hours (kWh) per year for non-residential purposes, or who are part of a national account that includes multiple facilities in one or more states still have the opportunity to obtain 75% of the rebates originally available through this program by applying for the Mercantile Customer Program.

New construction, lighting, and HVAC are all eligible for rebates under this program. All applications should be submitted before September 2020 as the program is expected to expire 12/31/2020. Unlike previous programs, the rebate application must be submitted *after* the project has been completed.

The MCEDC Energy Program is your local resource for determining if your project qualifies for rebates and assistance in filing the necessary paperwork. Please contact Rick Davidson at rdavidson@ceateam.com for more information.

Medina County Economic Development Corporation Annual Meeting

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

The Galaxy Restaurant

201 Park Center Drive

Wadsworth, Ohio

Medina County Economic Development Corporation presents:

Guhan Venkatu, Group President in the Research Department

Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland

Please join us for MCEDC's 32nd Annual Meeting and connect with business leaders from Medina County while gaining insight into the economy and market. **RSVP by Monday, February 10, 2020.** [Registration Link](#)

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