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Calendar of Events

Feb. 4 First Friday
Chocolate Walk

Mar. 24 Award Banquet

May 27 Golf Outing

July 8 Taste of Celina

When I was younger (high school years) I was always so excited for the holidays. I would put post-it notes on my friends' lockers letting them know how many days until Christmas. My love for Christmas and the holidays hasn't changed. I still count down the days and I always look forward to spending time with all my family. But as I get older, I can't believe how fast the time really does pass us by. I remember this past summer thinking about Christmas and trying to figure out what we could do that was special for our family. I quickly let go of the idea because, well... it was summer, and Christmas was so far away. And now here we are, in January putting away all signs that the season existed. I sit and think to myself that I hope I didn't let those special moments pass me by. We blinked and it was Christmas and now it is over. Now I'm spending time thinking about work events for the summer, my daughter's graduation, and a possible vacation. Because let's be real, it will be here before we know it...because time passes by us so darn quickly. So, coming into this new year my goal is to (hopefully) slow down and truly live in my moments, take it all in, and simply enjoy. We will always have to plan and prepare, but I also want to make sure instead of always focusing on the preparation, I will focus on the day and soak in how great it really is. Focus on how great each moment can be! Find my daily joy! We, as businesses had a challenging year with staffing shortages, price increases, manufacturing delays, the list could really go on. But I want you to know, you are amazing! You, my friends are doing great, and we are fortunate you are part of this business community...every single one of you! YOU are awesome! So instead of stressing over all the craziness of life and business, even if just for today – take it all in and enjoy your moment!! In good business,

Stacy

Welcome New Chamber Members

Boardwalk Village


We are thrilled to welcome new chamber member, Boardwalk Village. Boardwalk Village joined the Chamber last fall, and we are excited to share the exciting things happening on Grand Lake. Coming later in 2022, you will be able to experience flavorful food, live music, unique shopping, outdoor activities. Located alongside Greater Grand Lake, the beautifully designed village is the perfect spot to enjoy romantic getaways, family vacations or a weekend trip with your friends. Why wouldn't you want to invite your friends to come and visit Celina, OH...enjoy the weekend at Grand Lake and the amenities coming at the Boardwalk Village. For cottage information visit boardwalkvillage.com and stay tuned for more information!




MADE HOME & MADE APPAREL

Celina Mercer County Chamber of Commerce had the pleasure to participate in the Grand Opening and Ribbon cutting of their newest member MADE Home & MADE Apparel. This new business located at 216 W. Fayette Street in Celina, OH offers a collection of home décor, gifts, and goods. This beautifully revived store front will bring you inspiration and a passion for making your house a home. They also specialize in screen print services as well. You can find information on Facebook but be sure to stop by and take a look for yourself. The store also accepts the Celina/Mercer Chamber Gift Certificates as well. Welcome to the chamber MADE Home / MADE Apparel. Pictured are Stacy Beougher, Chamber Director, Mayor Jeff Hazel, owners Emily Schiavone and Brooke Bader along with their families.





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Cassie's Country Cupboard, LLC began in 2011 when Cassie Menchhofer was pregnant with her second child. She knew that trips to the grocery store with two young kids in tow would not be an easy task, so she began experimenting with her own make-ahead "convenience foods" such as baking mixes, meal starters like Hamburger Helper, etc. During those experiments, Cassie found that the ingredients needed to create these mixes were much simpler than the ingredient lists found on the back of boxes in the grocery store. After having family and friends try out the variety of dry mix recipes she created, Cassie decided to introduce a line of products to the public under the Ohio Cottage Food Law which allowed her to mix and package the products in her home kitchen to offer for sale. Cassie's Country Cupboard became a licensed food manufacturer in March 2020 after the completion of a facility on the Menchhofer property. Products ranging from soup mixes, pancake mixes, spice blends and more can now be shipped to stores and direct to consumers throughout the United States. You can also find Cassie's Country Cupboard products in several local stores in Mercer, Auglaize, and Shelby County plus she is a long-time vendor at the Celina Farmers' Market every May-September. Cassie is also proud to offer co-packing services to other small batch food company clients who are looking to start up dry blend businesses of their own. Be sure to check out Cassie's Country Cupboard on Facebook, email her at cassie@cassiescountrycupboard.com or stop by and see her at the Celina Farmers' Market this season! Welcome to the Chamber Cassie!



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We would also like to thank the following volunteers (and the companies they represent) for being Santa's Elf and assisting him at the Santa House.

Jodie Swaney (Leugers Insurance), Eydie and Dan Kremer (Cooper Farms), Andrea Hayes (Celina Manor), Kirstie Miller (Briarwood Village), Frank Urwin (Ohio Indiana Roofing), Doug Fickert (Wabash Telephone), Stacy Vorhees (McDonalds), Paula Smith (Peoples Bank Co), Ben Amstutz (Speakeasy Steakhouse), Tom Knapke (Chamber Trustee), and Amy Spriggs with her son Bryson (Tomorrow's Technology Today).

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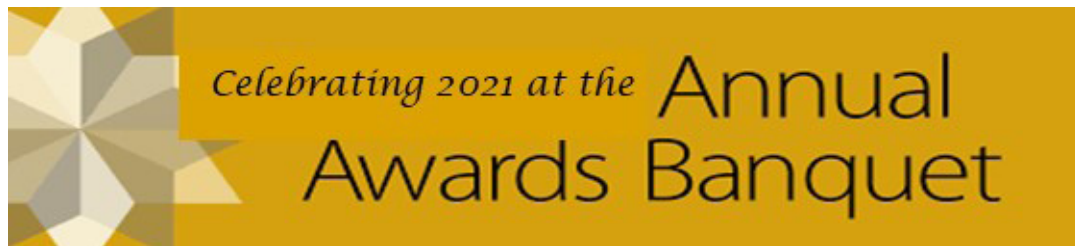
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Save the Date - March 24, 2022

The Celina Mercer
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to once again be
hosting the Annual
Chamber Awards



Banquet to be held on Thursday, March 24, 2022 at Romer's Catering in Celina, OH. This awards banquet is the highlight of the year to have the opportunity to award Citizen, Business, and Humanitarian of the Year for the 2021 business year in addition to presenting the Achievement Award. We are thrilled to announce the date and invite you to join us for a great evening of friendship. Enclosed in this newsletter is a nomination form. Please take the time to consider nominating someone who you feel deserves this outstanding recognition. Winners will be announced the evening of the banquet. We will also give special recognition to our 2020 award recipients who were recognized at a virtual presentation last year. Tickets are only \$25 to attend, and invitations will be mailed soon so be sure to put the date on your calendar today. If you are interested in being an event sponsor of the annual awards banquet, please contact Stacy Beougher by calling 419-586-2219 or email stacy@celinamercer.com.

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Businesses in the News!

Fanning Howey Celebrating 60 Years

In their 60th year, Fanning Howey recommitted to their hometown with a new office and contemporary design studio in the heart of Celina. When the previously vacant bank building at 128 West Market Street became available, their team saw the potential for a modern collaborative workspace and an opportunity to be part of the revitalization of downtown Celina. Nearly 100 employees, former employees, and city and state officials joined them as they opened the new office on December 3, 2021, on what was officially named "Fanning Howey Day" in Celina. "With this move, we are connecting to our roots in the heart of the city," says Steve Wilczynski, AIA, executive director for Fanning Howey and Celina resident. "This transformed design studio will build strong foundations for the future of Fanning Howey and the Celina community."



Fanning Howey is an integrated architecture, interiors and engineering firm specializing in learning environments. In fact, they focus 100% on designing learning facilities. The firm was founded in Celina in 1961 and has maintained a full design studio here since then, employing architects, interior designers, mechanical/plumbing/electrical engineers, construction administrators, as well as information systems, marketing/business development, human resource, accounting, and administrative staff. From their offices in Celina, Dublin and Indianapolis, they have designed K-12 and Higher Education learning environments throughout the entire state of Ohio and across the Midwest, actually designing projects in 37 states. Locally, they have designed school facilities in Celina, St. Marys, Coldwater, St. Henry, and Fort Recovery, as well as the new Tri Star Career Compact facility.

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For questions, please call 419.586.2219.

2022 Chamber Golf Outing

We are excited to host the 2022 Chamber Golf Outing this summer. This is always a fun event that is a great way to network, golf with friends, win some prizes, and enjoy a great day out! The golf outing will take place on Friday, May 27th at the beautiful Celina Lynx Golf Club. We will once again be offering hole sponsorship, accepting raffle prizes, goodie bag inserts, and team registration. Team registration quickly fills up, so call us today if you would like to register your team to play. Check out the registration form on page 8. Complete the form and fax it to 419-586-8645 or email it to stacy@celinamercer.com. We hope you can join us for another fun golf outing at the Celina Lynx!



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Adult Leadership in Action

This past September we were excited to welcome a new group to our Leadership in Action class. This great group of business leaders have enjoyed some great experiences learning more about our local industries. Our latest highlights have included Agriculture Day with tours that included Cooper Farms, MVP Dairy, MSP Feeds, and Ebbing Dairy Farm. The class enjoyed seeing the difference in a family dairy farm and a large dairy operation along with the impressive production and cleanliness of Cooper Farms. It was also great to visit MSP Feeds outside of St. Henry and see such a massive operation in our local community. December was what we called Elected Officials Day. The class had the opportunity to meet our elected officials of Mercer County and learn more about what these positions entail. We sincerely appreciate the time and insight that our officials provided our class. We are very fortunate to live in the county that we do and have officials that are truly passionate about their positions and continue to work hard for the people they serve.

The leadership class runs until June with a new class beginning in September of 2022. If you are someone you know would like to be put on the wait list for the next class year, please contact our office today. Space is limited and will fill up, so contact us at 419-586-2219 to learn more about our Leadership in Action Class of Mercer County. We guarantee you will love it and walk away saying "I had no idea our county had so much to offer!"



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- 1 Teaspoon Ground Cumin
- 5 Cups Chicken Broth
- 1 Can (15oz) Tomato Sauce
- 1 Can (14 ½ oz) Diced Tomato with garlic & onion – Undrained
- 3 Cans (5oz each) White Chicken – Drained
- ¼ Cup Minced Fresh Cilantro
- 2 Teaspoon Lime Juice

Salt & Pepper to taste - Crushed Tortilla chips – Shredded Monterey Jack or Cheddar Cheese

In large sauce pan saute onions in oil. Add chilies, garlic, jalapeno & cumin. Stir in broth and tomato sauce & tomatoes. Bring to boil. Reduce heat stir in chicken. Simmer uncovered for 10 minutes. Add cilantro, lime juice, salt & pepper. Top with chips and cheese

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