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## A Note from the Director:

As you will see in this newsletter, there is a lot going on. It is jam packed with great things about our businesses and citizens of Mercer County. As you may know, May is National Small Business Month. We want to give a THANK YOU and a shout out to all our small businesses here in Mercer County. Thank you for committing to our county and supporting our local teams, schools, and families. By choosing to have your business in Mercer County, you help the growth of our community. You do your part, now we will continue to do ours and #supportlocal!

In just a few short months we welcomed several new chamber members. We are so happy they chose Mercer County to call home for their business...new to the area or new to the chamber, we are thrilled to work with them. You will also read about several businesses that are celebrating milestones for their companies. Their commitment is impressive and appreciated! Congratulations to them. And finally, you will have the pleasure to read about the awards banquet and the GREAT people of Mercer County that were honored for their amazing accomplishments. So, sit back and enjoy the good news that we brought you today and thank you for making Mercer County a great place to live, work, and play! Have a great Spring!!  
In good business,

*Stacy*

## Calendar of Events

May 14, 2023  
Happy Mothers Day

May 26, 2023  
Chamber Golf Outing

June 18, 2023  
Happy Fathers Day

July 14, 2023  
Taste of Celina

July 28-30, 2023  
Celina Lake Festival

# Welcome New Chamber Members

## MVP Dairy

MVP Dairy, LLC is a partnership between two, fourth-generation farm families, the McCarty Family of Kansas and the VanTilburg Family of Ohio. Together, they are a multi-family farm that takes pride in the care they provide their cows, land and team that helps create high quality milk. Seeing the need to educate kids and adults alike, the Learning Center was developed. The learning center takes you from the process of soil to cup through an interactive grocery store dairy aisle, a virtual reality unit, observation area above the milking carousel, and so much more. The State-of-the-art facility is quite impressive to kids and adults alike. It's an outstanding educational tool to not only teach the importance of farming but to get a true understanding of the process of how an item becomes available. We are thrilled to not only have MVP Dairy Learning Center as a part of this community, but also as Chamber members so we can share the great things they bring to Mercer County and well beyond.



## Safer Retirement Solutions

We are pleased to welcome our newest chamber member, Safer Retirement Solutions. Owner and operator Irene Eicher became an insurance agent in 2003 working primarily with Medicare recipients. She moved to Ohio in 2005 and continued building her insurance career. Seeing the need to inform the public on Long term care planning, Irene worked hard to provide information to her clients to help them properly prepare for their future. Irene Eicher offers classes on Medicare in addition to Long Term Care and Safer Retirement planning. She can also assist you on workplace benefits and life insurance as well. To find out more information about Safer Retirement Solutions, visit their website at [www.safersolutionsllc.com](http://www.safersolutionsllc.com), email Irene at [irene@safersolutionsllc.com](mailto:irene@safersolutionsllc.com) or call her directly at 419-852-5617.





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The Celina Mercer County Chamber of Commerce welcomes their newest member. The Mercer County Democratic Party are rural democrats working for liberty, equality, and unity. They are composed of strong public servants leading local, state and national efforts. "Our current committee is committed to getting more involved with the community," said Party Chair, Sophia Rodriguez. You can learn more information by visiting their website [MercerDemocrats.org](http://MercerDemocrats.org). Pictured are members of the Mercer County Democratic party attending the 2023 Chamber Banquet.



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# Members in the News!

## FGKS Law Celebrates 40 Years

FGKS Law, with offices in Sidney, Fort Loramie, Troy, and Celina, is proud to announce that it is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2023. On January 3, 1983, attorneys John Garmhausen, Ralph Keister, and Jim Shenk joined with attorneys Harry Faulkner, Rodney Blake, Jr., and Don Luce to form what is now FGKS Law. With 15 attorneys servicing four office locations, the firm has grown to become the premier law firm for businesses, families, and individuals in west central Ohio and beyond.

FGKS Law, which was known by its formal name of Faulkner, Garmhausen, Keister & Shenk, A Legal Professional Association for most of its existence, quickly outgrew its original Sidney, Ohio location and moved to its current home office location at Courtview Center in 1989. Most recently, in early 2022, the firm opened its fourth and northernmost office location in Celina, which has enabled the firm to continue to offer quality legal services to its many clients in Mercer and the surrounding counties.

The firm's success over the past four decades would not have been possible without its base of loyal clients. FGKS Law prides itself on being responsive to its clients' needs and providing its clients with the highest quality legal work. Behind the scenes, FGKS Law has been fortunate to have a loyal and dedicated staff that has played an integral part of the firm's forty years of growth and success.

The Celina Mercer County Chamber of Commerce congratulates FGKS Law and 40 great years. We are proud to have you in Celina and look forward to many many more years of outstanding service. Picture is the team of FGKS Law when the Celina office was opened in 2022.



## Western Ohio True Value

Western Ohio True Value is excited to be celebrating 70 years in business this year. They are just as excited to announce the opening of their NEW Garden Center. Join them for the Grand Opening Celebration on Saturday, April 29th at 702 N. Eastern Avenue in St. Henry. It's so exciting to see our local businesses celebrating so many dedicated years of service to our community. Congratulations to the Western Ohio Hardware, True Value!!



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## Totally Promotional Celebrates 30 Years



Totally Promotional is proud to announce it has reached another milestone in the company's history. This year marks three decades in business for the manufacturer and retailer of customized promotional items.

What began as a small store with a handful of employees is now a leading e-commerce business in the promotional products industry. CEO Tom Casad said the company has thrived by putting customers' needs first. "Our goal has always been to meet and exceed our customers' needs," Casad said. "Much of our success is based on listening to customer feedback and finding new ways to enhance the shopping experience at Totally Promotional."

The company currently employs about 230 people in its office and production areas. Kelly Taylor, business manager and daughter of the CEO, said its workforce is key to the company's success. "We're fortunate to have built up a strong team of employees, many of whom have been with us now for 10, 15 and even 20-plus years," she said.

"Going forward, we're focused on retaining our current staff while finding ways to attract and develop new talent as we continue to grow."

Totally Promotional was founded in 1993 in Celina, Ohio, by Tom Casad and his wife, Paula. Some of the earliest promotional items offered for branding and gifts were can coolers and KOOZIES®, table covers and cups. In 2016, the office headquarters moved from Celina, Ohio, to a beautifully remodeled space in Coldwater, Ohio. This reunited the production and office teams under one roof. Today, customers find more than 8,000 high-quality products at Totally Promotional and Totally Wedding Koozies. Along with an impressive line of apparel and full-color products, the company recently began adding brand-name items from CamelBak®, Champion®, OtterBox®, Columbia®, Swig Life®, Igloo®, Coleman® and others.

The Totally Team is thankful for their many loyal customers and excited about what the future holds. "We are constantly on the lookout for new products and the best technology to serve our customers better," COO Lynn Huwer said. "Their challenges and feedback give us the energy we need to continue this successful journey."

Congratulations Totally Promotional! We are proud to have you serving Mercer County and beyond! The growth and jobs you have brought to the community is astounding. We look forward to watching Totally Promotional grow over the next 30 years!



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# Member Spotlight!

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# Annual Chamber Banquet Awards local residents!

The Celina Mercer County Chamber of Commerce had the honor and privilege of honoring some outstanding people at our annual awards banquet which was held on Thursday, March 16th at Romer's Catering in Celina. The evening began with social time where guests were able to enter to win amazing prize baskets. The prize baskets were generously donated by the following businesses; BNK Auto Detailing, Simply Holistic, Cooper Farms, McDonalds of Celina, Brand It Marketing, Park National Bank, Mercer Savings Bank, Wright State University-Lake Campus, CAPT, Speakeasy Steak & Ale House, Celina Tent, and the Mercer County Fairgrounds. We then enjoyed a fabulous dinner by Romer's Catering. We can't thank the Romer's event staff enough for all their hard work and outstanding customer service. They made it a superb evening. After dinner we began the awards presentation. We were very excited to recognize our first ever Youth Leadership Award. Chamber board members have worked together for some time deciding the best way to not only represent our members, but to also recognize our youth. With this, the Celina Mercer County Chamber Youth Leadership Award was born. We asked for nominations of a youth that was either an employee/volunteer of a local Mercer County business. They were required to be a junior or senior in a Mercer County School and must exemplify the best qualities of a strong work ethic with a dedication to their employer and school. The nominations were amazing. We should be very proud of the young people we have working in our County!

But only one person could be selected and that person was

**Coldwater student and MAV Youth Mentoring volunteer, Tegan Geiger.** Tegan is the daughter of Paige and Deron Fiebelkorn. Tegan was nominated for her strong desire

to help and mentor other youth in Mercer County. She is a hard worker, always prepared, and goes above and beyond for those she mentors and for MAV. In addition, she also had worked to complete her STNA licensing as

she prepares to further her education in nursing. Along with her Youth Leadership Award, Tegan was presented a \$500 scholarship from the Chamber in addition to commendations offered by the Mercer County Commissioners, 84th District House of Representative Ange King, Ohio State Auditor Keith Faber, and Congressman Bob Latta. Congratulations Tegan!



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## Annual Chamber Banquet (cont.)

**Business of the Year** was then awarded next to a company that not only works hard to create a productive work culture, but also works hard to give back to the community. **Reynolds & Reynolds Grand Lake Plant** began 75 years ago in Celina, OH. Richard H. Grant Jr. made his way north from Dayton looking for the perfect place to expand his growing business. Spending time in Celina and enjoying the lake, Mr. Grant got to know the heart of Celina, its people. He knew a hardworking farming community would be the right people to run his company that he was about to build. Construction began, but a handful of employees, including the first hire Dalton Luth started training before the floors were even laid. Fast forward to 2023, the spirit of Reynolds & Reynolds is alive and well. Reynolds is committed to their community as they collaborate with numerous businesses and organizations such as the American Legion, Mercer County Fairgrounds, Celina Athletic boosters, and many more through support and donations. And not only do they donate



unbelievable amounts of dollars and products, but Reynolds also partners with VentureLynx to provide a safe and enriching work environment for those with developmental disabilities. Reynolds & Reynolds Grand Lake Plant is a believer...a believer in growth, community, and positive work culture. We were thrilled to honor them as Business of the Year.

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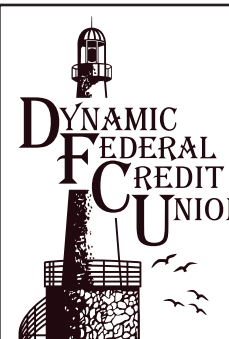


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## Annual Chamber Banquet (cont.)

**Pastor Rick Brosher** has led the Abounding Grace Church for nearly 35 years and stepped up to help solve the problem of homelessness in our community. Pastor Brosher began helping the homeless back in 1999 by housing people in his church basement and then in tents on the church grounds. In 2005 he and his congregation heard the call from God to build some cabins. He built three. When you talk with Pastor Rick, he is incredibly humble. He pours his heart into helping people with the only expectation being that they help themselves as well. He does everything possible to help people get back on their feet no matter their circumstance. As the problem of homelessness continued, Pastor Brosher answered the need. He worked with other community leaders and today successfully leads and operates a small village behind the Abounding Grace Church called “The Hand-Up Village”. Today with his continuing daily efforts and leadership, the village has grown from 3 cabins to 12. His motto...“we will give you a hand up, but not a hand out”. To date, Pastor Brosher and the Hand Up Village have housed and helped over 250 Mercer County residents and families that needed a hand up, and not a hand out. **Pastor Brosher truly has a servant’s heart and we are so honored to recognize him as the 2022 Humanitarian of the Year.**



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The evening concluded with our final award...the **Citizen of the Year**. And wow, what a citizen we were able to honor. **David Penno** previously served on the EMS for approximately 10 years. He is a member of the Coldwater Knights of Columbus, serving as a trustee and is a past Grand Knight of the Council and very active in all events. He has been very active member of his church and also serves as a weekly usher. He was a 4h Club advisor for the past nine years. In his "free time" he volunteered on the Coldwater Fire department for 15 years and currently serves as Chief. Now if that isn't service and dedication then let me share this... David with the help of the Coldwater Knights of Columbus and his wife Kendra and children, Rachel, Brandon, and Alex organized the Mercer County Cancer Corn Maze and Petting Zoo held on the family farm. With David's passion and leadership, this event has grown from having a corn maze to a fun filled family day with activities, barrel train

rides, a petting zoo, pumpkin painting, fall mum sale, food stand, raffles, games, and so much more. Completing the sixth year of this event, over \$81,000 has been donated to the Mercer County Cancer Association. He is dedicated to Mercer County and gives back to our communities in so many ways. Congratulations to our Citizen of the Year, David Penno.

As you can see, it was a night well worth celebrating. We appreciate everyone for celebrating with us and we look forward to having you all join us next year. And finally, many thanks goes out to our sponsors for their financial support of this event; Park National Bank, Mercer County Fairgrounds, Mercer Health, McDonalds of Celina, Cooper Farms, and Hazelnut Coffeehouse.

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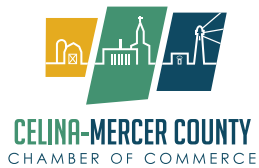
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