

FAIRFIELD ADVANTAGE

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Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinners RSVP's Required

Pickerington
Hickory Lakes
February 6

Canal Winchester
Cheers Chalet
March 12

Census Day April 1

..each household will receive
the same questionnaire.



WASHINGTON D.C. CREATES NEW FOREIGN TRADE ZONE OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNTY

Earlier this year, the Foreign-Trade Zones Board in Washington introduced a new voluntary program called the Alternative Site Framework (ASF) that allows Foreign Trade Zone Authorities like the Columbus Regional Airport Authority to designate and manage general-purpose zone sites.

The primary goal for the program is to bring competitive benefits of Foreign-Trade Zones to a broad range of companies. The main features of the ASF will greatly increase flexibility to designate sites via simple minor boundary modification actions and provide greater focus on FTZ designation at sites that are actually being used.

The key benefit is the ability to propose "Usage-Driven" sites for individual companies

throughout Fairfield County and place FTZ designation on sites in as little as thirty (30) days. This adds great flexibility and predictability to serving new FTZ users across the area. Along with the ASF's flexibility comes increased focus on linking sites to actual companies' use.

"This change in the Foreign-Trade Zone program will allow existing Fairfield County businesses another tool to stay competitive and local officials to attract new businesses to our area.", says Shane Farnsworth, Fairfield County Economic Development Director. "The Foreign-Trade Zone status has been utilized in Fairfield County in the past. The Alternative Site Framework program will make it easier to use." Companies interested in utilizing a FTZ status should contact Farnsworth at 740-652-1546.

PROJECT HIRE FEBRUARY 9 HIRING EVENT

Employers and job seekers will seek to connect at a Jobs One-Stop Hiring event Tuesday February 9, 2010 at the Amvets Hall, 818 Tarlton Road in Circleville, Ohio. This collaborative event for residents of Fairfield, Pickaway and Ross Counties will be held from 9am-noon. This Hiring Event is that vital face-to-face job interview opportunity.

Project HIRE is a stimulus funded program being offered through ODOD, ODJFS, and the Ohio Board of Regents. Project HIRE is an incentive for employers to hire dislocated workers.

Ohio Leaning Accounts of up to \$6,000.00 per dislocated worker hired are available to eligible employers for short-term training or on-the-job training for each worker hired.

Employer requirements include hiring the worker prior to training being provided; dislocated worker must remain on job 6 months after training completion; position must pay a self-sufficient wage; employers may be eligible for Work Opportunity Tax Credits after hiring these individuals.

Call Julie Bolen at 740.420.7339 x342 for more information.

BALTIMORE CHAMBER ANNUAL DINNER

The Baltimore Area Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting with a dinner and awards banquet Saturday January 16, 2010 with a crowd of about 80 in attendance. The dessert auction capped the dinner portion of the evening.

Outgoing Chamber President Jean G. Farmer conducted the business segment of the program and announced the award winners.

Twin City Frozen Foods was

recognized as business of the year because of its commitment to helping other companies in the village. "They work and network with other business in Baltimore," cited



Farmer. "They have embraced the 'Buy Baltimore' campaign of shopping locally."

Baltimore Police Chief Mike Tussey was the recipient of the Leadership Award.

Christa Grover received the Community Service Award. The President's Award was given to Village of Baltimore Administrator Marsha Hall.

Incoming President Bob Badgeley was given the official Chamber Phone. BACC is an all volunteer organization with no office facilities. To contact the Chamber call 740.438.0837.

STEVE WELLS HOSTS "LATE NITE CHAMBER"

The Lancaster-Fairfield Chamber of Commerce hosted a well attended trade show January 23 and Billy Crickets catered dinner to about 550 attendees. Lancaster High School halls and cafeteria were lined with Chamber Member businesses promoting their goods and services. Large crowds viewed the displays prior to the dinner.

The business segment was conducted in the relaxed manner of the "Late Show" with Board President Steve Wells as host and Travis Markwood, Chamber President sitting at second chair.

The Chamber Small Business

Award (under 25 employees) went to Hamburg Fireworks. Kumler Collision won the Business of the Year Award (over 25 employees). The Brett Markwood Award went to Terry Swinehart of the Fairfield Medical Center Police.

The Floyd Wolfe Community Service Award went to Dr. Henry Hood for his work with the free clinic at the Maywood Mission. Accepting for Dr. Hood was his wife, Eleanor, because Dr. Hood was helping with the humanitarian relief efforts in Haiti.

Pastor Ron Grubb of the Lancaster Community Church was tapped for the Chairman's

Award.

New Chamber undertakings for 2009 included the Lancaster Café Series; creating a stronger link with the agricultural community, and formation of the Business Forward Committee.

"Chamber membership is strong and we added 95 new members in 2009," shared Travis Markwood.



KELLY FULLER JOINS LRC COMMITTEE

Kelly Fuller, Adult Workforce Development Coordinator at Eastland-Fairfield Career and Technical Schools, has been appointed to the Revolving Loan Fund's Loan Review Committee. Fuller joins Galen Kelch, Michael Distelzweig, Scott Reed, Kellie Ailes, Jon Clark, Commissioner Judy Shupe, and Marsha Hall on

this committee.

The purpose of the committee is to review the loan application of a prospective business client and make recommendations to the Fairfield County Commissioners.

The Revolving Loan Fund

provides gap financing to new and expanding small businesses located within Fairfield County. Job creation or job retention must be a project component.

The committee meets the second Wednesday of the month at 3pm in the Commissioners Hearing Room.

Revolving Loan Fund Process

- * Define your project
 - * Gather Data
 - * Go to county website
www.businesscounty.com
 - * Talk to commercial banker
 - * Ask for RLF partnership
 - * Project comes to LRC
- Call 740.654.1509 with ??**

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CHAMBER & BUSINESS EVENTS

January 26: Bremen Networking Luncheon~Historical Center~Noon~RSPV

February 3: Lancaster Chamber Café Series~11:30am~201 N. Columbus~RSVP

February 5: Canal Winchester Women in Business Coffee~8:30am

February 10: CWACC Networking Luncheon~11:30am~22 N Trine~RSVP

February 15: Baltimore *State of the Village*~8am~Liberty Union High School

February 16: BACC Monthly Business Luncheon~Noon~ Call 740.438.0837

February 18: PACC Networking Luncheon~11:30am~Senior Center~RSVP

February 18: National Entrepreneurship Expo~Ohio Statehouse~9am to 4pm
Call 1-800-848-1300 x 6-2711~[To Register](#) for this FREE Event

February 19: *Ribbon Cutting~Office of Dr. Robin Gofberg, PH.D*~109 N. Broad~4pm

COMMUNITY EVENTS

January 30: Eagle-Gazette *Bridal Show*~Ohio University-Lancaster~Noon-3:30pm

February 5-27: *Monarch Gallery Exhibition* ~158 W. Wheeling~11am-4pm.Tues-Sat

February 6: ARC *Coping with Deployments Seminar*~9am-3pm~RSVP 740.687.5585

February 7: American Music Concert~First Presbyterian Church~2pm~Free

February 9: Red Cross Heroes Breakfast~7:30am~Eagles~RSVP 740.687.5585

February 13-14: Twig 14 *Antiques Show & Sale*~Liberty Center Sat.10-5;Sun.11-4

February 13-14: Madrigal Dinner *Twelfth Night*~Canal Winc. HS~RSVP

February 13: *Sherman's 190th Bday Party*~Annie's Main St. Bistro~RSVP 654.9923

February 16: *Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner*~4:30-7pm~300 Groveport Rd,CW,OH

February 21: *Antique Tractor Club Toy Show*~Fairgrounds~9am-4pm~740.654.6855



Free H1N1 Vaccine at River Valley Mall
through February Wednesdays 5-8pm
Saturdays 10-1pm