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April Business AFTER Hours

End your day on Thursday, April 20 by networking when <u>Leaf Chiropractic & Wellness Center</u>, 1012 State Route 521, Delaware, hosts the After Hours. Food, networking – bring lots of business cards to share. The event is held from 5:00—6:30 pm. Please let us know you'll be attending.

Click here to register.



New member orientation—welcome or brush up

Every quarter the Chamber holds a new member orientation. Members mingle with board members over coffee and pastries and then retreat to the conference room where Chamber staff run through the benefits of membership.

But we know that there are many of our current/long-

standing members who could use a brush-up or have new staff who should be brought up to speed.

Everyone is invited— even prospective members, and the Chamber staff encourages you to register to attend; bring a client who may

be considering membership.



Our next orientation is **Tuesday**, **April 25.** Click here to register. We'd love to see you! It's not just for new members!

April Safety Council Call 811

You don't have to be a Safety Council member to join us. Meeting is held on Wednesday, April 26 8:30-9:30



am at the Barn at Stratford, 2690 Stratford Rd., Delaware. There is a \$5 fee to attend and all are welcome.

New event center holds grand opening

Join us at noon on April 27 when we help Deb Joseph and staff celebrate the opening of the latest event venue in Delaware County. We'll be cutting the ribbon at the



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Chamber accepting Leadership Delaware program applications for class of 2024

Leadership Delaware is now accepting applications for the class of 2024. This prestigious program has become a must-have experience for emerging leaders in Delaware County. Through Leadership Delaware, class participants learn first-hand about the challenges and opportunities facing the community. Participants are exposed to people and places they could not on their own and discover a perspective unavailable in the normal course of their work. Even participants who've lived their entire lives in Delaware County are amazed at what they learn.



The nine-month program, which is held on the second Thursday of each month September through May, focuses on various topics, including

Values & Leadership Social Services, Law Enforcement and the

Delaware County History Volunteerism & Courts and Tour Board Service Health Care

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Education

Over 850 Delaware County professionals have graduated from the program since its inception in 1992. These alumni serve on local boards and committees helping to shape the future of the Delaware area.

<u>Click here to view the program brochure</u> and <u>click here to apply on-line</u>. Get more information at <u>DelawareAreaChamber.com</u> or by calling the Chamber at 740-369-6221. All applicants will be notified as to their acceptance by mid-July. Space in the program is limited and it fills up fast. Consider this the year that you or a valuable member of your staff should experience Leadership Delaware.



Member receives accolades. Again.

HW&Co. is pleased to announce it has again been included on the list of Top Firms in the Great Lakes Region by the accounting profession's leading trade publication, Accounting Today. The list was released as part of Accounting Today's annual listing of the Top 100 Firms in the nation.



Each year, Accounting Today ranks national and local accounting firms to assess growth and success throughout the previous year. Accounting Today's Great Lakes region includes public accounting firms based in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. It is the second-largest region in the United States, in terms of revenue. HW&Co.'s repeated ranking demonstrates its continued growth as a financial advisor for middle-market businesses and nonprofit organizations.

"Over the past year, we have acquired exceptional talent in accounting and tax, which has driven growth in our client base, not only in the number of clients but services provided," according to Brandon Miller, CEO. "We thank our employees, clients, and Firm leadership for our continued success!"

Annual Delaware County update

Since January of 2009, the <u>Delaware County commissioners</u> have accepted the Chamber's invitation to present an update at a Chamber luncheon.

On March 16, the tradition continued. This year Commissioner Jeff Benton joined County Administrator Tracie Davies and Economic Development Director Monica Conners.

Thank you to our event sponsor



It was impossible not to consider how far the County has come since 2009. Everyone knows the County's statistics and it's evident leadership has stepped up to govern like the growing, educated, sophisticated community it is. One of only 2 Central Ohio Triple A Bond Rated counties, an award-winning EMS, the long range planning and partnerships continue to make Delaware County extraordinary. Quality of life is a term much used but it's not overused. It is the best way to describe this community that is as much agricultural as it is residential, retail and commercial. With an eye on balance, the County leadership is proud of how it manages its revenue, contributes to local cultural organizations and keeps an

Tracie Davies and Monica Conners are brilliant leaders whose combined experience leaves no gaps in development.

Thank you Jeff, Tracie and Monica for indulging us again this year and for all you and staff do for our *communitu*.

<u>Click here for their presentation</u> slides.

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Chamber offers discounted tix to Cirque Du Soleil

Cirque Du Soleil is coming back to Columbus and Chamber members can purchase tickets at a 20% discount. This is a great way to thank your staff or treat the family. Click here to purchase fewer than ten tickets under the Chamber discount. You can save even more if you purchase in blocks of more than ten tickets. To do so, contact Sarah Hudson.

If you've ever experienced Cirque you know how amazing it is!



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Banner ads will be \$125 for one month or \$300 for three months. Questions? Contact Sarah at <u>dachamber@delawareAreaChamber.com</u> or call 740-369-6221.

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More than 1200 readers at over 450 businesses receive our electronic monthly newsletter. The newsletter is also linked to and archived on our website for even more exposure. Using the Chamber newsletter to reach hundreds of customers is a terrific value. All ads are in full color and should be sent electronically in either a Publisher, png, jpeg or PDF format **ONLY** by the 20th of the month for placement in the next month's edition. **And if you prepay for 10 months, you'll receive two additional months of the same size ad FREE!** Email your ad to hquaine@DelawareAreaChamber.com Ad prices are for one run:

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Leadership Delaware Class of 2023 Law Enforcement & the Courts Day

Facilitator: Erik Penkal '20

EADERSHIP Newsletter editors: Glynnis Dunfee, Evelin Andrade-Wells, Deanna Roberts

DELAWARE COUNTY

The Delaware County Leadership class of 2023 met on March 9, 2023, at the **Delaware County** Hayes Building for Law Enforcement & Court Day. The facilitator for the day was Eric Penkal, class of 2020. The day commenced with a walk to Juvenile/Probate Court where The Honorable Judge David Hejmanowski met us. Judge Hejmanowski shared with the group the history of the juvenile court system, how cases are heard, the challenges facing juveniles in Delaware County today, and answered questions from the group.



The group visited the Delaware County Court of Common Please next and listened to perspectives from The Honorable Judge Randall Fuller and the Honorable Judge James Schuck. Each judge shared their individual perspectives on their area of specialty, history, and their passion for their area's dockets and how they help to enrich the lives of our community.

A late morning panel discussion, mediated by Erick Pankel, with Sheriff Martin, Chief Adam Moore from Delaware City PD, Chief Steve Hrytzik from the City of Powell PD, Carlos Crawford Chief Public Defender for Delaware County, Amelia Bean-DeFlumer, Delaware City Prosecutor and Melissa Schiffel, Delaware County Prosecutor, held court and the attention of all in the room. *Continued on next page*

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Leadership continued

The panel spoke highly about their families and how without their support the panel would not be where they are today. The impact of their respective jobs and the sacrifices made by their families was emotional and impactful. Sheriff Martin will be retiring April 17th after 43 years in the field. Holly congratulated him on his retirement,



thanked him for his service and sacrifice, and wished him well.

The panel was then questioned about mental health and substance abuse and the impact this has on our community. Everyone agreed that in their job, the goal is to help the individual with their needs and to not have a "crime" happen again. The partnerships, respect, and working relationships throughout the panel was evident and a welcomed surprise. The panel agreed that Delaware County is very fortunate to have resources to be able to help individuals but, in the end, there still are not enough resources, such as "beds" at mental health and rehab facilities.

The panel also spoke about the misconception of law enforcement, the public view, and the media portrayal of law enforcement. Careers in law enforcement was a goal to many a generation ago; today, there are legal and law enforcement shortages in our community and in our country.

After lunch, Chief Adam Moore spoke to the class about his career and the <u>Delaware City</u> Police Dept. Chief Moore provided some stats for his 11-million-dollar budget: 72 full-time employees, 2 part-time employees, of which 60 are sworn officers. He stated that he has a 5-officer minimum per shift, with a variance of 1 or 2 per shift. Common crimes in Delaware are Petty theft, Domestic Violence, Felony theft, Criminal Damaging, Assault, Disorderly conduct, and Possession of Marijuana. The unit receives 30-35 thousand citizen calls a year, average 2,2278 arrests per year, 1,552 citations, 2,238 offence reports, and 719 accidents or vehicle crashes.

The group took a short walk to Delaware City Municipal Court, where we observed a few hearings and proceedings. The Honorable Judge Marianne Hemmeter greeted the group and spoke about her court, along with the road she traveled in becoming a Judge. Judge Hemmeter shared the Municipal Court's dockets: OVI, Veteran's, and Mental Health. Judge Hemmeter also spoke of the new program that the Magistrate developed and implemented called LEAP (License Evaluation & Assessment Program). This program assists individuals in having their licenses reinstated.

The leadership session concluded with a guided tour of the Delaware County Jail. The group learned about the history of



the jail, met with corrections officers, and toured the men's and women's facility. The group walked away with a great appreciation for all the men and women that serve our community, keep us safe, and ensure that Delaware City and County is one of the greatest communities in Ohio.

Click here for more photos.

Member sends letter of retirement

You'd be hard pressed to find anyone in the Delaware community who hasn't done business with <u>Waterford Signs</u>. The familiar face of owner Tim Moore was just a given. But the years pass quickly and Tim has decided to make one more sign: "Retired". In an email Tim announced his departure with the same cheek as we come to know him.



Customers and Friends of Waterford Signs, Inc.:

I just wanted to inform you that Waterford Signs has a new owner!

After thirty years in the business, I have decided to retire and I have sold the business to Scott Hall, my long time (19+ years!) right hand man. We just wanted to let everyone know how much we have appreciated your business and friendship over the years! Nothing will change here at the shop except you will now always be greeted by a bunch of young guys instead of my aging, cheery face!

You will receive the same top quality products and fast service, just like you have hopefully experienced in the past.

Stop in or call to congratulate Scott on his new endeavor!

Sincerely,

Tim Moore

Congratulations to Tim and thank you for being part of the Delaware business community. And best wishes to Scott and his family. We wish them 30 years as wonderful as Tim's were.

Community celebrates opening of new library

In 2016 the <u>Delaware County District Library's</u> board of trustees recognized the need for an additional branch in southern Delaware County. In 2018 they went to the voters who supported a 15-year levy with the promise of building that new facility. As soon as the levy passed, the board began its careful study of what the new branch should provide and where it should be



located. The Library purchased property at the corner of Home and Steitz Roads in Liberty Township. The property was annexed into the City of Powell and the project began, breaking ground in November, 2020. Pandemic, inflation, supply

issues - all contributed to a delayed opening but that was all in the past on

Sunday, March 26 when the ribbon was cut and the doors opened to the public.

Thousands of residents were on hand, anxious to explore the 42,00 square feet, 3-story library. Library director Bryan Howard thanked his extraordinary staff and board of trustees president Holly Quaine shared, "It's rare...to be part of the time and place that brings

enduring as a library."

the time and place that brings a (community) volunteer to this podium; to stand before a crowd of one's peers inviting them to open a gift as

Congratulations to the residents of Delaware County on the newest edition to the most intrinsic of institutions dedicated to the freedom of knowledge.



Our Values—The Delaware Area Chamber of Commerce will:

- treat all of our relationships with honesty, respect and fairness;
- be actively involved in our community and be leaders in identifying and addressing issues of community and regional concern;
- foster partnerships to improve the economic well-being and quality of life in the community;
- hold the business needs of our membership to be our highest priority;
- remain committed to fostering a rich sense of community and an unrivaled quality of life;
- stay connected to our membership communicating information and opportunities to our members, public policy leaders, and the residents of the greater Delaware community;





- be an inclusive organization, sustaining a diverse membership by welcoming all interested parties to become involved and encouraging a variety of thoughts and view points; and
- be trustworthy and responsible stewards of the Chamber's funds, seeking to direct resources with wisdom and integrity.

Who we are

The Chamber is a voluntary organization of businesses investing their time and money to improve the economic, civic and cultural well-being of the community. Through this investment, the individual volunteer, company or corporate sponsor increase their business, expand their profile and value and in turn accomplish their personal and professional goals. Everyone shares in the benefit created by the growth and prosperity generated.

The dues structure is designed to permit even the smallest business to be a member. The work of the Chamber is financed by the investment of individuals and businesses that support it. *The Chamber is not part of the city or the government. It is a unique organization and it belongs to the members.*

What we do

The Chamber provides its members with a platform to accomplish their business goals. Belonging to the Chamber increases a member's opportunity to network, develop professional and personally, build a referral base and increase their visibility. A recent study from the Shapiro Group shows that consumers are 49% more likely to think favorably of a Chamber-member business and 80% more likely to purchase goods or services from the company in the future. A Chamber membership comes with a 73% increase in customer awareness and a 68% increase in local reputation.

Your organization helps create jobs through stimulation of industrial and commercial growth. The Chamber is a voice for small business and keeps abreast of issues that affect the business climate and alerts membership to resources that may assist in their resolution. It also assists in bringing new business to the community by acting as a resource to the business principals and leaders. The Chamber serves as a resource for membership and provides referrals from a trusted network of business men and women.

The program of work is facilitated by the Chamber's member volunteers and committees under the direction of the board of directors. The goal is always to create more prosperity and opportunity for all members. Every member has a voice in determining the Chamber's work, policies and projects- and every member is needed to work to get the job done!

And programming? Your Chamber knows how vital networking and educational programming are to its members. Monthly Before Hours and After Hours, Third Thursday luncheons, ribbon cuttings and other celebrations; annual golf outing and clay classic, the unique annual dinner and awards event; educational series, Safety Council and Leadership Delaware are the organization's sweet spot.

And what of your investment in the organization? In 2018, the Delaware Area Chamber received its second consecutive 5 -year, 4-Star accreditation. Only 3% of chambers nationwide (and only four in Ohio!) seek and receive this prestigious recognition. What this means is that from finances to communication; HR to programming your Chamber is run like a business. A solid, well-run business and is committed to the accreditation process every day.

No other organization can do all that the Chamber does. We've been doing it since 1907. Times change but the relevancy of your Chamber endures.

Member announces partnership to expand services

<u>First Citizens National Bank</u> announces its partnership with Midwest Trust Company to provide trust services to its customers throughout its footprint. The move signals a continual focus on



expanding products and services the Bank provides to meet the evolving needs of its business and consumer customer base.

First Citizens is headquartered in Upper Sandusky, with a growing presence in Marion, Delaware, and Powell, Ohio. Established in 1860, First Citizens is a local, community bank that provides traditional banking services, along with consumer, agricultural, and commercial lending products.

"Over our long history, First Citizens has been dedicated to providing the highest level of products and services to our customers," said Mark Johnson, President and CEO of First Citizens National Bank. "We strive to be a trusted financial partner to the families, businesses, and communities we serve, so we are excited to partner with Midwest Trust to offer their extensive expertise and best-in-class fiduciary services to address the generational needs of our customers."

Through the referral agreement with Midwest Trust, First Citizens will provide its customers with the opportunity to work with an established Corporate Trustee. Midwest Trust Company is an independent trust company that works with customers and their attorneys and CPAs at the local level to insure proper estate planning, financial stability, and peace of mind.

"Midwest Trust is proud of our partnership with First Citizens as a trusted advisor to expand the breadth of services to their customers," said Bob Morrison, Managing Director of Midwest Trust. "This partnership is indicative of our shared values and dedication to meeting the ever-changing needs of First Citizen's customers."

About First Citizens National Bank

The First Citizens National Bank is the 4th oldest national bank in the United States still operating under local leadership. It prides itself for its unique style of community banking, blending leading-edge technology and convenience with outstanding personal service, and access to experts who provide advice and tailored solutions to more complex financial questions. Founded in Wyandot County in 1860, the Bank operates thirteen banking and ATM locations in Wyandot, Hardin, Marion, and Delaware Counties, including branches in Powell, Marion, Delaware, Carey, Dunkirk, Nevada, and Upper Sandusky.

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Our Guiding Principle

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The Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance (SOCA) teamed up with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield to create a health program that can lead to more rate stability — and it could offer potential savings for groups with 50 or fewer employees. This self-funded multiple employer welfare arrangement (MEWA) lets smaller employers join together to share in the overall claims risk. By being part of a larger, self-funded pool, employers have financial protection backed by Anthem's stop loss coverage.

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As a proud member of the <u>Ohio Chamber of Commerce</u>, we're grateful for their advocacy on behalf of small business. For chambers like ours with bare bones staff, the value of our membership with Ohio Chamber is the vetting, education and lobbying that we lack the adequate resources to take on. We urge you to click on their logo and follow their updates.



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Calendar

HR Council

Wednesday, April 5, 8:30 am Chamber office

Government Affairs Committee

Tuesday, April 11, 8:00 am Chamber office

Leadership Delaware

Thursday, April 13 Health Care Day

Workforce Development & Education Committee

Friday, April 14, 8:30 am Chamber office

Chamber Board of Directors

Wednesday, April 19, 7:30 am Chamber office

Business After Hours

Thursday, April 20, 5:00-6:30 pm Leaf Chiropractic & Wellness Center Click here to register

New Member Orientation

Tuesday, April 25 8:00 am Chamber office Click here to register

Chamber Ambassadors

Tuesday, April 25, 3:30 pm Chamber office

Safety Council

Wednesday, April 26, 8:30 am The Barn at Stratford <u>Click here for details</u>

Ribbon Cutting

Thursday, April 27 12:00 pm Dempsey Event Center Click here to register

HR Council

Wednesday, May 3, 8:30 am Chamber office

Business Before Hours

Thursday, May 4, 8:00-9:30 am Delaware Speech & Hearing Click here to register

Government Affairs Committee

Tuesday, May 9 8:00 am Chamber office

Leadership Delaware

Thursday, May 11 Economic Development Day

Workforce Development & Education Committee

Friday, May 12 8:00 am Chamber office

Leadership Graduation

Tuesday, May 16, noon Willow Brook at Delaware Run

Ribbon Cutting

Monday, May 15, 3:00 pm The Barn at Stratford Click here to register

Third Thursday luncheon

Thursday, May 18, 11:45-1:00 pm Delaware County Sheriff's Department Community Relations/K9 therapy Click here to register

Chamber Ambassadors

Tuesday, May 23, 3:30 pm Chamber office

Safety Council

Wednesday, May 24, 8:30 am The Barn at Stratford Click here for details

SAVE THE DATES

Golf Outing Friday, June 2, 2023

Clay Classic Friday, October 13, 2023

Annual Dinner Thursday, February 1, 2024

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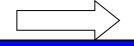
The most comprehensive research study to date on the relationship between Chamber membership and consumer confidence shows a marked effect for both large and small business. The caveat, however is that the positive outcomes only occur when the consumer knows that a business is a Chamber member. As a member of the Delaware Area Chamber of Commerce in good standing, you are encouraged to use the Chamber's logo on your email signature, website, stationery and marketing materials. Call the Chamber for an electronic version of our logo. Take advantage of the cache your membership brings to your business.



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Click the image to the right for a high quality version of the "**Proud Member**" web stamp.







Looking for product or service? Look to your fellow Chamber members *first*. The Chamber exists for and by its members – <u>check here</u> before you buy.

Are you making the most of the freebies that your Chamber membership offers?

The Chamber uses an integrated database system called ChamberMaster. From the staff's point of view, ChamberMaster's integration with our secure accounting system and website, and its use as a database system are only the tip of the iceberg; CM's features are robust and responsive to chambers of commerce who subscribe. But ChamberMaster is also a multi-facetted tool for our members that increases the value of membership to those who use it.

To use any of the features offered, you will need a username and password. Click here for instructions.

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Our Vision

The Delaware Area Chamber of Commerce shall be the region's business leader and community voice.

Our Mission The Chamber serves as the premier source for the success of the Delaware area business community by being a visionary leader for programs and services benefiting our members; supporting economic vitality, advocating for business, and providing collaborative growth opportunities.



Did you know...

...that as a member of the Delaware Area Chamber you may use one of the Chamber's conference rooms? The Board Room sits 20 comfortably and has a screen, projector and Wi-Fi. The Conference Room can seat up to 36 classroom style. Also on hand: podium and white board. It's the perfect location for training, strategic planning or meetings you'd rather have off-site; for home-based members it a perfect place to meet your clients. We also have a small office perfect for one-on-one meetings. We'll even supply coffee, tea and water. For Chamber members the first ten hours in any calendar year are free; \$25 an hour thereafter. To schedule the room, contact the Chamber at 740-369-6221 or dachamber@DelawareAreaChamber.com.



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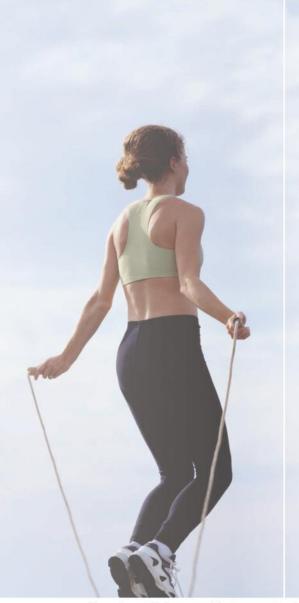
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The relationship you have with your employees is key, especially when it comes to your health plan. That's why the Central Ohio Chambers of Commerce (COCC) and Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield teamed up to offer you ChamberSaver discounts.

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Access to care that's right for your employees

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Product	Group size	Discount
Dental	2-50	5%
	51-99	4%
	100+	2%
Full-service Blue View Vision plans	2-499	15%
Life and Disability	2-9	5%
	10+	10%

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Dental

- Industry-leading local and national networks with deep discounts, saving members an average of 34% on covered services when they visit an in-network provider
- No waiting periods for major services with employer-paid plans
- Flexible plan designs and optional benefits like annual maximum carryover and brush biopsy
- A dedicated dental service department that provides fast and accurate claims processing that beats the industry average, with the average claim paid in less than 3 days1
- Expanded care with our clinically integrated program, Anthem Whole Health Connection, is included at no extra cost. This includes additional dental services for members with certain health conditions.

Blue View Vision

- One of the largest vision networks in the nation, with the choice of independent eye doctors or Glasses.com, ContactsDirect, 1-800 CONTACTS, LensCrafters®, Pearle Vision®, Sears Optical®, Target Optical®, or JC Penney® Optical stores
- Members can buy extra pairs of glasses for 40% off from any network provider. And kids under age 19 get UV-blocking Transitions® lenses at no extra cost while adults get a discount.2
- Access to a dedicated and knowledgeable customer support team 7 days a week
- Enhanced care with our clinically integrated program call Anthem Whole Health Connection is included at no extra cost. This includes market-leading collaboration between primary care doctors and eye doctors

Life and Disability

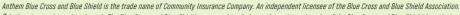
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