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# November Business Connection Live



**TOP:** Speaker, William Pilati, WWII Veteran; Matt Kishman, 50<sup>th</sup> District Ohio House of Representatives; Mike Gallina, AultCare; Jane Timken, 29<sup>th</sup> District Ohio Senator; Debbie Busby, Massillon WestStark Chamber of Commerce; Speaker, Guy Atkinson, WWII Veteran; Ruby Mathys, CDP; Chris Massouh, C. Massouh Printing; Tom Baker; Gwen Severini, Louisville Gardens

**SECOND:** Jan McKinney, The Laurels of Massillon; Ashleigh Slackford; Lucia Cirese, SAM Center; Stephen Shrewsbury; Cathy Viscounte, Cleveland Clinic Mercy Hospital; Sweet Treat Sponsor, Sean Hetrick, SBS Consulting; Molly Romig, Massillon WestStark Chamber of Commerce; Sarah Colucy, The Commercial and Savings Bank

**THIRD:** Kerry Miller, The Commercial and Savings Bank; Eugene Lingendoel, Legacy Project of Stark; Jim Stanford, YMCA of Western Stark County; Carl Massouh, C. Massouh Printing; Rob Netro, Charlie Brown's Catering; Debbie Busby, Massillon WestStark Chamber of Commerce; Jackie Cassel, Debbie's Mom; David Cassel, Debbie's Dad & Korean War Veteran

**FOURTH:** Matt Hull, Krugliak Wilkins Griffiths & Dougherty Co., LPA; Bob Gessner, MCTV; Rachel Delaney, Ohio Attorney General's Office; Seth Marcum, Seth A. Marcum, Esq. - DiCaudo, Pitchford & Yoder, LLC; Carl Massouh, C. Massouh Printing; Jeff Shultz

## RC Staff Ribbon Cutting

**TOP:** Debbie Busby, Massillon WestStark Chamber of Commerce; Tom Baker, Simplistic Capital; Amanda Schwartz, R.J. Peters, and Bernie Graves, RC Staff; Sam Shaheen, Kee Innovations

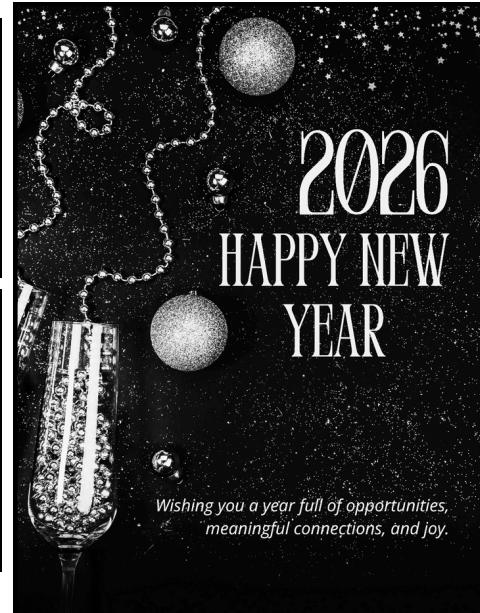


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## Business Briefs

-Join the **Massillon Museum** for their Brown Bag Luncheon on January 27<sup>th</sup>. The luncheon runs from 12:10 to 12:50pm.

Speaker will be Valerie Metzger and her topic is "Small but Mighty: Big Personalities in Local Circus History".

~Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> join in the fun of a Classic Film Double Feature at the **Massillon Library**. The films run from 12:00 to 4:45pm and January's theme is Hitchcock Thrillers!



## Centuries of Stories: Start Celebrating Massillon's Bicentennial!

A free fun evening at the Lions Lincoln Theatre will launch Massillon's Bicentennial celebration on Saturday, January 17, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome and no reservations are required. The event is casual. Just drop in or stay for the entire time.

Continuous films of Massillon's past will intrigue guests. Some have sound, like a narration by hometown hero David Canary. Others are silent, but local historian and showman Rudy Turkal will comment on some of the action. Interspersed with the films, he and fellow historian Margy Vogt will proffer trivia questions about the community's past. Guests can play for "fabulous" prizes.

Films include footage of skating on the reservoir, fires, the Sugar Bowl, the Paul Brown and Red Bird era, then-and-now cityscapes, football traditions, businesses, and a parade of all the elementary school children from 1940. See old businesses, the 1948 Tremont viaduct dedication, and the underground bathrooms.

Some films are from Turkal's private collection; others are provided by the Massillon Museum. Local historian and MassMu archivist Mandy Altimus Stahl will compile the best of the films for three separate screens and contribute additional some of her own local knowledge.

Watch for details about a contest at the event for the best team shirts bearing Massillon sponsors' names.

Popcorn and soft drinks will be available for purchase in the theatre's concession area.

For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce at 330-833-3146 or Margy Vogt at 330-844-1525.



## The Business Connection

### NEWSLETTER

Reach top businesses and key decision-makers across our region! The Business Connection Newsletter is distributed monthly to more than 1,000 members via mail, online and social media, offering your business prime visibility. Having a digital format also, expands your reach and highlights the Chamber's latest programs, events, and initiatives.

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6 - month participation receives a 5% discount.

#### Art Deadline:

The deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to issue month. Ex: For ads running in the January newsletter, the ad is due by Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### Newsletter Insert

Provide 500 copies of 8.5x11 insert - \$175

Provide Digital Artwork to Chamber - \$250

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A graphic for the Massillon Bicentennial. It features the number '200' in large, stylized, overlapping digits. Below it, the word 'BICENTENNIAL' is written in a smaller, bold font, with '1824 CITY OF MASSILLON 2024' underneath. Below this, the text 'Centuries of Stories' is prominently displayed in large, bold, sans-serif font, followed by 'START CELEBRATING MASSILLON'S BICENTENNIAL!' in a smaller font. At the bottom, the text 'Saturday, January 17 • 7:00–9:00 PM LIONS LINCOLN THEATRE Free • Casual • Open House • No Reservations' is listed. To the right, there is a photo of Rudy Turkal smiling, and text advertising 'Kick off our town's 200th birthday with Rudy Turkal &amp; Margy Vogt'. Further down, there are additional promotional lines for 'Massillon Movies', 'Massillon Trivia', and 'Fun for All!' with phone numbers 330.833.3146 and 330.844.1525.

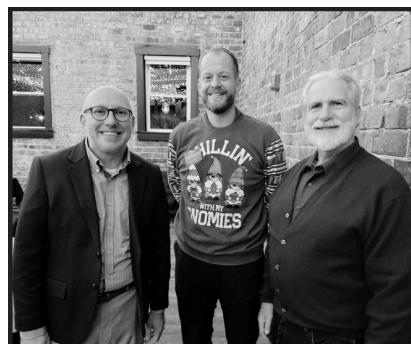
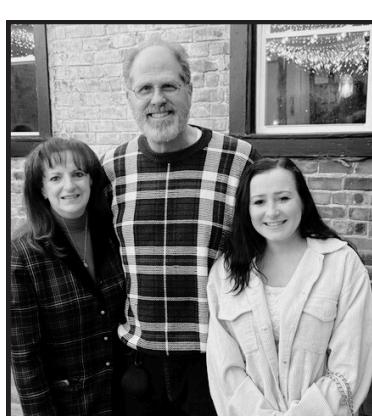
## First North Fusion



TOP: Molly Romig, Massillon WestStark Chamber of Commerce; Dan Lansen, Stark Business Networking Group; Seth Marcum, Seth A. Marcum, Esq. - DiCaudo, Pitchford & Yoder, LLC; John Weston; Stephanie Weston; Alan Jaslow and James Busch, E Tank and E Pump; Sam Shaheen, Kee Innovations; Tim Smith, Digital Operations Group; Jason Green, Adams Signs and Graphics; Ted Herncane, City of Massillon

SECOND: Amie Lynn, Massillon Public Library; Debbie Busby, Massillon WestStark Chamber of Commerce; Ashley Winter, Massillon WestStark Chamber of Commerce; Gwen Severini, Louisville Gardens; David and Liz Hersher; Hersher Consulting LLC; Jamie Wyss and Damon Piatek; Molly Romig, Massillon WestStark Chamber of Commerce; Mark Chastain, MCTV; Doug Weatherbee, A A Hammersmith Insurance Inc

## Joint Christmas Party with the Canal Fulton Area Chamber of Commerce



Thank you Canal Fulton Area Chamber for a wonderful party!

# Massillon Community Charitable Fund

Massillon Community Charitable Fund, a component fund of Stark Community Foundation, is accepting grant applications from area organizations starting Monday December 29, 2025 until Monday, February 16, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Massillon Community Charitable Fund awards grants annually to local organizations making a difference in Western Stark County. A seven-member advisory committee, made up of Massillon area residents, reviews grants proposals and makes all funding decisions.

In order to be considered for funding, grant applicants must be a 501(c)(3) organization in good standing with the IRS. Requests will also be considered from tax-exempt private agencies and government entities. Proposals must benefit residents living in Western Stark County, may not exceed \$4,000 and must be submitted electronically by completing a grant application online. Visit [www.starkcf.org/MCCF](http://www.starkcf.org/MCCF) to apply and learn more about Massillon Community Charitable Fund's grantmaking instructions and policies. For more information, contact Grants Administrator Dana S. Johnson at 330-454-3426 or [grantsadministration@starkcf.org](mailto:grantsadministration@starkcf.org).

## About Massillon Community Charitable Fund

Massillon Community Charitable Fund was created in 1982 when a group of civic leaders in Massillon came together to create a charitable legacy that would strengthen their community for years to come. For nearly 40 years, generous individuals, families and businesses have financially supported the fund, collectively making a difference in the Massillon area. To date, the fund has awarded over \$250,000 to local organizations. Furthermore, the late Arthur P. and Martha Q. Underhill felt so strongly about the fund's commitment to the community that they entrusted Massillon Community Charitable Fund to recommend areas of support from the dollars available from their fund at Stark Community Foundation. This greatly enhances the impact the Massillon Community Charitable Fund has in the community each year, bringing their total combined assets to more than \$640,000. Learn more at [www.starkcf.org/MCCF](http://www.starkcf.org/MCCF).

## About Stark Community Foundation

Stark Community Foundation is the community's trusted partner in giving to nearly 850 individuals, families, businesses and organizations that have created charitable funds to impact the lives of others through the most effective philanthropy possible. Ranked in the top 10 percent of community foundations in the United States today, Stark Community Foundation is committed to serving donor needs and strategically addressing local issues. The Foundation and its family of donors have granted \$200 million to nonprofits since 1963. Learn how you can simplify your giving and amplify your impact through our Center for Partners in Philanthropy at [www.starkcf.org](http://www.starkcf.org).

## Membership Renewals

We extend our gratitude to the members who renewed their commitments in November 2025. We acknowledge and appreciate your long-standing membership. Let's continue to support Chamber Members moving forward.

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City Limits Western LLC.....	2
CMIT Solutions.....	4
ComfortPro Heating and Cooling.....	3
Eastlin Wales Company.....	5
Kimble Recycling & Disposal, Inc.....	13
The Rodney G. Klein Stock Market Museum and Library.....	12
Massillon Museum.....	35
Rose Lane Health Center.....	37
SpringHill Suites Canton.....	11
Stark Business Networking Group.....	4
Tesla NanoCoatings Inc. ....	10

## WEEKLY NETWORKING SCHEDULE

### TUESDAYS

#### Connect @ Noon

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#### BREAKFAST & NETWORKING

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