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Business Growth Forum



Our first Business Growth Forum was a great success! Attendees gained valuable insights, practical strategies, and fresh perspectives thanks to our engaging speakers, Toby Hoy, MBA, Steve VanHorn, Jeff Stitz, and President of the Massillon WestStark Chamber, Debbie Busby. The conversation, energy, and takeaways made for a strong start to what we're excited to continue as a growing series focused on helping businesses learn, connect, and thrive. *Work ON Your Business Not IN Your Business.*



Business Briefs

~**SoL Harris/Day Architecture** announces applications for the John E. Harris III Architectural Scholarship Award are now being accepted. This annual \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a Stark County High School senior entering an accredited school of architecture as a Freshman in the Fall of 2026. Email info@solharrisday.com for the applications.

~**Black McCuskey Souers & Arbaugh, LPA** is pleased to announce that seven attorneys have been recognized by Super Lawyers. Attorneys Gust Callas (labor & employment), Ryan A. Kuchmaner (estate & probate), Brian R. Mertes (labor & employment), Randolph L. Snow (general litigation), and James M. Wherley, II (civil litigation: defense) have been named by Ohio Super Lawyers magazine as top attorneys in Ohio for 2026. Additionally, attorneys Zachary A. Hawks (intellectual property), and Whitney L. Willits (civil litigation: defense), were each named Ohio Rising Star for 2026. Every year, no more than 2.5 percent of the lawyers in the state are selected by the research team at Super Lawyers to receive this honor. To be eligible for inclusion in Rising Stars, a candidate must be either 40 years old or younger or in practice for 10 years or less.

~**Black McCuskey Souers & Arbaugh** is proud to welcome Attorney Tyler N. Doerrler to the firm.

~Schedule a tour at **SpringHill Historic Home**. Enjoy their Whither Thou Goest, I Will Go The Story of Thomas & Charity Rotch Kendal, and the Early Days of Spring Hill now through March 31st.

~Thursday, March 18th the **Massillon Library** will have two sessions of Genealogy Gets Smart: Using AI to Explore Your Family Tree. Sessions are free choose either 2:00 pm or 5:30pm.

~Monday, March 16th or 23rd **Stark Parks** will have Down to Earth Yoga from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at the Sippo Lake Park. Sign up now before it is too late.

~Join the **Massillon Museum** for their Brown Bag Luncheon on March 24th. The luncheon runs from 12:10 to 12:50pm. Speaker will Jay Spencer and his topic is "Silent Cinema".

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Ribbon Cutting & BAH at Aqua-Leo Payment Solutions - Joint with North Canton Chamber



TOP: Patrick and Lisa Anne, Aqua-Leo Payment Solutions; Christine Trompower, Congresswoman Emilia Sykes's office; Lisa Anne and Patrick, Aqua-Leo Payment Solutions; Mayor Matthew Stroia, North Canton Mayor presenting proclamation to Patrick & Lisa Anne, Aqua-Leo Payment Solutions

Second: Group shot from the Ribbon Cutting and Business After Hours at Aqua-Leo Payment Solutions

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APRIL 24, 2026

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Membership Renewals

We extend our gratitude to the members who renewed their commitments in January 2026. We acknowledge and appreciate your long-standing membership. Let's continue to support Chamber Members moving forward.

AA Hammersmith Insurance, Inc.....	70yrs
American Red Cross.....	10yrs
Aqua Ohio, Inc.....	70yrs
Atkinson-Feucht-Hare Funeral Home Inc.....	53yrs
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CFI Interiors (Canton Floors Inc).....	35yrs
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The Eye Clinic, Inc.....	44yrs
Farmers National Bank.....	70yrs
Thomas Ferrero.....	10yrs
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G & D Fab Welding LLC.....	4yrs
Heitger Funeral Home.....	40yrs
Hendricks Vacuum Forming Inc.....	40yrs
Integrity Integrators, LLC.....	2yrs
Jobs for Ohio's Graduates.....	3yrs
Joetta Talafous, Brand Partner.....	1yr
Kendall House - Kentucky Fried Chicken.....	58yrs
KIKO Realtors Auctioneers Advisors.....	12yrs
Massillon City Schools.....	37yrs
Massillon Heritage Foundation.....	35yrs
Massillon Materials Inc.....	38yrs
Massillon Plaque Company.....	35yrs
MCTV.....	59yrs
Mel Wacker Signs Inc.....	47yrs
Midwestern Industries Inc.....	64yrs
Moyer's Nursery & Landscaping LLC.....	39yrs
OhioMeansJobs Stark and Tuscarawas County.....	2yrs
Paradigm Shift Brewery.....	8yrs
Progressive Auto Group.....	70yrs
Putman Properties Inc.....	37yrs
SARTA - Stark Area Regional Transit Authority.....	25yrs
Serra Auto Park.....	1yr
SoL Harris/Day Architecture.....	55yrs
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United Way of Greater Stark County.....	35yrs
Whisler Plumbing & Heating, Inc.....	58yrs

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March 27, 2026
 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. - Registration & Networking
 8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. - Panel Discussion
 9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Networking

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MARCH 4, 2026
8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

SHEARER'S

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