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October 2022

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Don't miss out on this year's dynamic slate of speakers. **Register today for the 9th Annual Wayne Economic Forum!**

The ninth Annual Wayne Economic Forum will be held on November 3 at Greystone **Event Center. This**



informative event features 5 dynamic speakers with a variety of experiences to speak on relevant business trends, topics and challenges.

Marcie Merriman, Managing Director Americas, EY, will speak on Reworking Work Through the Lens of Gen Z. J.P. Nauseef, President & CEO, JobsOhio, will give the history of How We Brought Intel to Ohio. Tom Hassfurther, Executive VP, Packaging Corp. of America, will share his knowledge on High Growth in Sustainable Packaging. Pat Finley, Founder & Chairman, Vitalia, will speak on his experience of Spinning into Control. Carey Jaros, President & CEO, GOJO Industries, will share How Gojo Lives its Purpose.

The afternoon will begin with lunch at noon, followed by the welcome and presentations beginning at 12:50 p.m. A cocktail hour will round out the event at 4:30 p.m. Don't miss out on this opportunity to engage with these expert speakers and learn from their various perspectives. Registration can be found at www. woosterchamber.com/wayne-economic-forum. Contact Grace at ghowell@woosterchamber.com or call 330-262-5735 with any questions.

2022 Wayne Economic Forum Speakers







JP Nauseef President & CEO, JobsOhio



Tom Hassfurther Executive VP. Packaging Corp.



Founder & Chairman, Vitalia



President & CEO. GOJO Industries











EVENT SCHEDULE	
Noon	Luncheon and registration
1:00 p.m.	Marcie Merriman, Managing Director Americas, EY
1:45 p.m.	J.P. Nauseef, President & CEO, JobsOhio
2:30 p.m.	Tom Hassfurther, Executive VP, Packaging Corp. of America
3:15 p.m.	Pat Finley, Founder & Chairman, Vitalia
4:00 p.m.	Carey Jaros, President & CEO, GOJO Industries

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- 1. Apply online at woosterchamber.com
- 2. Chamber staff will contact you with more information regarding the approval process, member benefits, opportunities, and rates.
- 3. Once approved, begin utilizing the many valuable resources available to you through Chamber membership.

Contact the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce team at (330) 262-5735.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS June 2022 June 2022 July 2021 July 2022 **July 2021 July 2022** Labor Force, Employed Unemployment, 3.8% 5.7% 3.8% 60.600 60.900 60.500 **United States** Wayne County Unemployment, Labor Force, Unemployed 4.5% 4.4% 2,100 2,400 5.4% 2,000 Ohio Wayne County **Wayne County Sales** Unemployment 3.4% 4.0% 3.3% \$1,453,965,74 \$1,291,728,90 N/A Tax by Month Wayne County

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Monday, October 3

Tuesday, November 1

Wednesday, Nov. 30

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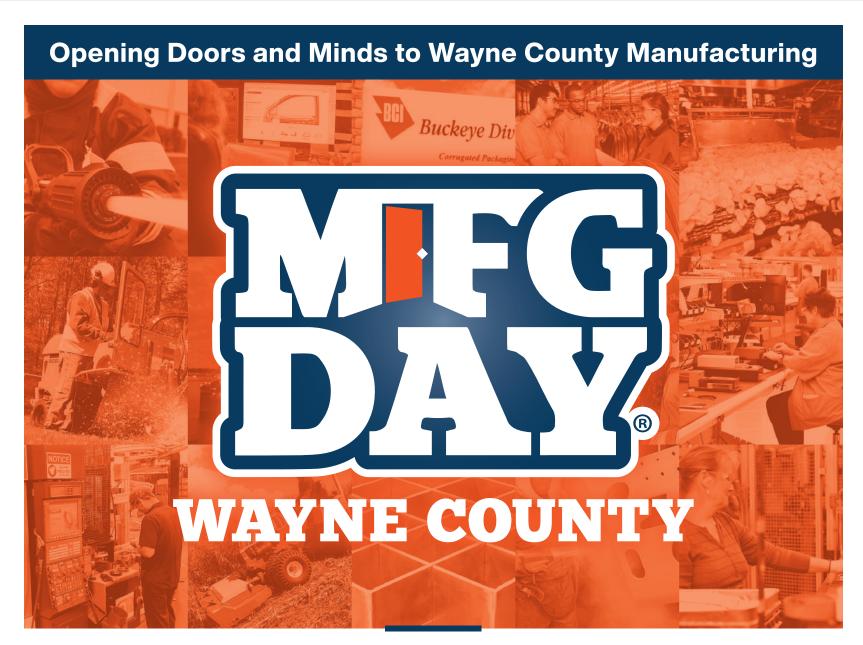
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*Manufacturing Day



The Chamber is thrilled to announce that Wayne County Manufacturing Day will relaunch this fall, with both local manufacturers and school districts set to participate. Recognized in the recent past as one of the largest Manufacturing Day events in the nation, Wayne County Manufacturing Day has been a pivotal component to educating local youth on the career opportunities within Wayne County. These experiences have led to many successful employment opportunities for local youth, all while filling much needed career openings at local manufacturers.

The Chamber would like to thank all participating school districts and manufacturers of the program since its inception in 2014 and looks forward to continued years of the events success in the future.

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*Loyal to Local

Be Loyal to Local this holiday season by participating in this year's holiday shopping event

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Small businesses make a major impact on our local economy. Every dollar spent at locally owned coffee shops, salons, restaurants, gift shops, and other small businesses is an investment in your community.

In 2021, over 70 small businesses participated in Loyal to Local and the Chamber tracked that more than \$150,000 was spent locally during the holiday shopping season!

This year's Loyal to Local passport program will kick off on Monday, November 21 and continue through Thursday, January 5. Stay tuned for more details in our November Newsletter!



To feature your business on this year's passport...

Each participating business will be listed on the passport, listed on the Chamber's website, and featured on social media throughout the holiday shopping season. If you are a Wooster Chamber member and would like your small, locally owned business to be included in the 2022 Loyal to Local passport, please send an email to Michelle Rothgery at mrothgery @woosterchamber.com letting her know you would like to participate this year or to inquire about being involved in the Grand Prize Giveaways.

How do shoppers participate?

- 1 Pick up a passport from one of the participating establishments.
- Present your passport when making a purchase at a participating business to receive stamps in your passport equal to the amount of your purchase.
- Turn in your completed passport at the Chamber office before noon on Thursday, January 5. A winner will be drawn for the Grand Prize!

Passports must be stamped at the time of purchase. Any material other than the passport will not be eligible for the drawing. Customers may turn in multiple completed passports. Each completed passport increases the chance of winning a GRAND PRIZE!

For more information contact the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce at (330) 262-5735.

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*Leadership Wooster

Leadership Wooster class meets in September to learn about Community Development

On Wednesday, September 7, the Leadership Wooster Class met at Western Reserve Group to learn about Community Development in Wooster. Brandon Von Almen with Primary Residential Mortgage and Amy Marinello with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Professional Realty presented on the Housing Market in Wooster. Maribeth Burns, President of the Wayne Economic Development Council, shared about WEDC's mission and upcoming projects in Wayne County.

Jerry Baker, the owner of J. Baker Industries, walked the group through his development of the North End. The group then boarded a bus for a traveling tour of Wooster, led by Justin Starlin, CEO, Compak. He shared about the history and complexities of many Wooster businesses and areas.

After returning to Western Reserve, Chad Boreman and Matt Long presented their various downtown Wooster projects and the impact they have had while investing in the community.



Shannon Waller, Executive Director of Main Street Wooster, shared about the Main Street organization and what its focus is on downtown. Samira Zimmerly, President of the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce, shared about the importance of Chambers in communities and what our Chamber is doing in Wooster.

The day wrapped up with an empowerment leadership discussion with Rodd Welker of Eagle Advisor Group. The class compared the styles of a controlling leader vs. an empowering leader and were encouraged to bring healthy leadership styles into their everyday life.

October's session will focus on agriculture in the Wooster area











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MCTV opened its doors for a Business After Hours in September

The Chamber celebrated a Business After Hours with MCTV at their Wooster location! We enjoyed the beautiful weather, good company, and delicious food and drinks from Buehler's Catering. Attendees mingled both inside and outside, and were also able to observe the new solar panels that were recently installed by Paradise Energy Solutions.

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optic connections and security systems. Approximately 53,000 homes and businesses in Stark, Wayne, Summit, Holmes, Carroll, Monroe, Jefferson, Columbiana, Tuscarawas, Belmont, Harrison, Brooke and Ohio counties rely on MCTV for their telecommunications needs.

We appreciate MCTV's dedication to the community and providing the highest quality services to their customers.

Join the Wooster YP's for a night of fun fall activities at Ramseyer Farms

The Wooster Young Professionals will meet at Ramseyer Farms for a night full of fun fall activities from 5 – 7 p.m. on October 20!

Ramseyer Farms is located at 4000
Ramseyer Lane in Wooster, OH.
There are over 50 fun activities for all ages to enjoy, including corn mazes, pumpkin patches, and a giant swing. Admission is \$13.95 at the door and the young professionals can network and mingle while visiting whichever activity they want to experience.

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We hope all Young Professionals who live or work in Wayne County will join us for this fun night! Register and learn more at woosterchamber.com/young-professionals.

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Join us to learn tips and resources for getting your new business off the ground

Have you ever considered starting a business? Just looking for information for "someday"? Are you confused about where to start? This seminar is for you! In this two-hour seminar on November 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., we will discuss resources available to you in Northeast Ohio, legal issues a new entrepreneur needs to be aware of, the business planning process, and some of the ways to fund a new venture. After attending this seminar, no-charge ongoing counseling is available by appointment to help you develop your idea either in person or virtually. We hope to see you there!

Holly Bolinger is a Certified Business Advisor at the Ohio Small Business Development Center, Kent State University at Tuscarawas. With 20 years of experience in commercial lending and twenty-two years of business ownership, Holly is an asset to the nine county areas served with a primary focus on Stark and Wayne counties. Her career began at National Bank of Detroit where she was involved with several segments of commercial lending, including middle market,



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Subsequent commercial lending positions
honed her skills in workout/turnaround
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lending departments.

After leaving banking in 2000, Holly became an entrepreneur, starting a full service embroidery firm. In 2004, Holly also joined the staff of the Small Business Development Center and successfully completed an intensive certification process. In this position she assists existing and prospective small business owners with whatever challenges they are facing.

Mrs. Bolinger is a past Treasurer and Trustee for Voices of Canton, Inc. (VOCI) and past Board member of the Great Trail Girl Scouts Council and the Jackson YMCA.





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Safety Council

Lorrie Goodnight to present on the Substance Use Recovery and Workplace Safety Program

The nation's substance use epidemic touches us all, including the business community. Employers have jobs to fill but hesitate to hire workers with a drug-use history. Workers recovering from addiction want to work but aren't given the chance. Other workers might be addicted, but go undetected, putting workplace safety at risk.

During our October Wooster Area Safety Council meeting, Lorrie Goodnight, of the Ohio BWC, will be presenting on the Substance Use Recovery and Workplace Safety Program.

Attendees will learn about:

- The difficulties workers recovering from addiction face as they seek employment
- Workplace safety concerns of employees struggling with undetected substance abuse issues
- The benefits provided to employers by the BWC's Substance Use Recovery & Workplace Safety Program.

In partnership with participating county Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) boards, this program provides funding to help employers more effectively manage substance use issues in their workplace. Eligible employers can enroll in the program and get reimbursement for:

- Development and legal review of employer policies and procedures about substance use issues
- Training for employees to understand substance use and their employer's related policies
- Training to equip supervisors and managers to better manage employees in recovery
- Drug testing for prospective and current employees for those employers with recovery-friendly "second chance" testing policies





Bureau of Workers' Compensation

MEETING DETAILS

Topic: Substance Use Recovery and Workplace Safety Program

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 26 Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location:

First Presbyterian Church 621 College Avenue, Wooster, Ohio 44691

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Lorrie, a Business Consultant for the BWC, works with employers to implement proven risk-management strategies through various cost-control programs. Lorrie joined BWC in 1994 as a regional administrative manager, responsible for human resources, fiscal claims, automation, and labor and real estate functions in the Northeast Region. Prior to joining BWC, Lorrie served as personnel manager for the Village of St. Edwards and had previous personnel management experience with a Texas construction company. Lorrie is a graduate of Kent State University with majors in both business administration and personnel management and industrial relations.





To register, visit bit.ly/woochambersafetyoct2022

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The Chamber team is growing!



With more than 730 member businesses, we are looking for teammates who will be superstars to support all aspects of our work. We need colleagues who align with our core values, anticipate needs, and get things done. Individuals who are proactive, are totally comfortable managing multiple priorities with attention to detail, and who are super positive! Our perfect candidates want to change the world, truly enjoy supporting others, and are ambitious about all that can be done to make our members SHINE!



WE'RE HIRING

Administrative Assistant

The Administrative Assistant is an important position that supports the Chamber's team and is responsible for assisting in the day-to-day operations as well as the creation of marketing content for the organization. The ideal candidate will be a hardworking professional able to undertake a variety of office support tasks.

WE'RE HIRING

Membership Development Coordinator

The Membership Development Coordinator works to make sure all Members of the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce feel valued and appreciated, while also encouraging them to get engaged with all WACC has to offer. The focus of this position is relationships - both building and cultivating relationships with our Members while increasing value to our Members and in turn increasing Member engagement and retention.



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