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Fairfield OH BUSINESS BOOSTER

April 2013

Chamber awards annual honors

On Thursday, March 28, the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 57th Annual Dinner with numerous awards and honors. Winners included:

Business Person of the Year

Linda Weil

Owner/M&G Body Shop

President's Award

Carol Pellam

MPC Construction

Business Student of the Year

Rodney Thurner

Fairfield High School

Chamber golf outing is May 15

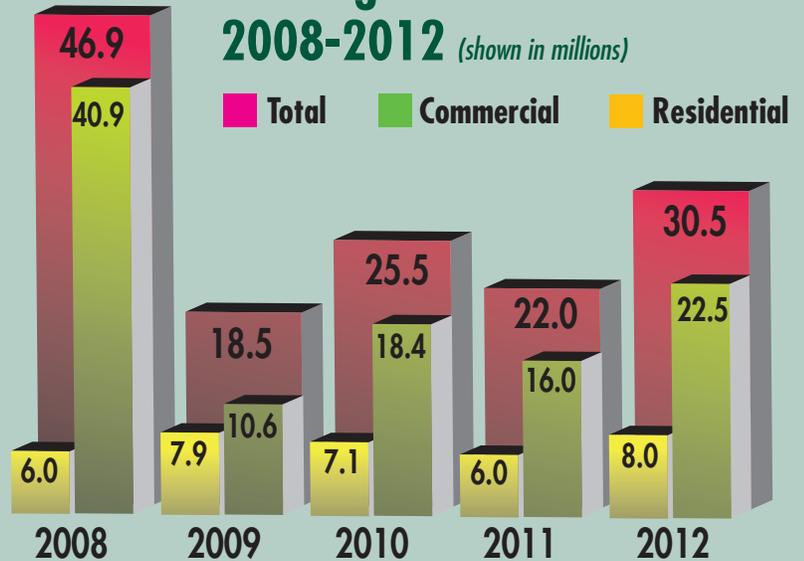
The Fairfield Chamber of Commerce 2013 Annual Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday, May 15, at the Fairfield Greens South Trace Golf Course. The event features 18 holes of golf, lunch, dinner, and a chance to win numerous prizes.

One of the Chamber's premier networking events, the outing is open to both Chamber members and non-members. For more information or to register, contact the Chamber at www.FairfieldChamber.com or 881-5500.

Building investment on the rise in Fairfield

Recent data provides hope that the economic recession is easing in Fairfield. The year of 2012 was the strongest for building construction activity since the nationwide economic downturn began in 2008. During the year, valuations on building permits totaled \$30.5 million, a 39% increase over 2011 totals. Commercial investment totaled \$22.5 million, while residential investment totaled \$8 million. Hopefully these rebounding numbers will continue in 2013.

Building Permit Valuation 2008-2012 (shown in millions)



Kroger fuel center to open by summer

Kroger will soon begin construction of a new fuel center in the Town Center area (at the southeast corner of Pleasant Avenue and Nilles Road). The retail site has sat vacant for several years.

The City and Kroger collaborated in a lengthy design process in order to create a fuel facility that blended with the architectural character of the Town Center. Some key features include a small convenience store in lieu of Kroger's standard kiosk, all brick



structures, extensive landscaping, and a restricted right-in only entrance on Pleasant Avenue with a full service entrance on Nilles Road.

Demolition and site clearance is expected to be underway as soon as weather permits, with the new facility projected to be open by Summer 2013.

Large, small business expansions underway



BizTech offers three free social media workshops

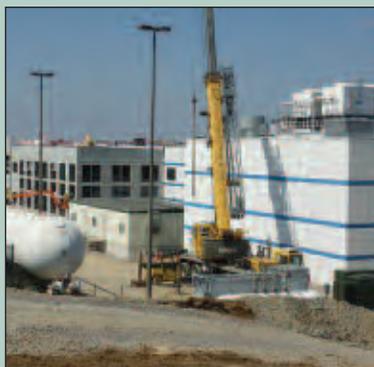
The BizTech Center, an Ohio small business development center, is offering free hands-on social media workshops for business people. Upcoming sessions include:

- **LinkedIn for Business**
April 16 • 9-11 am
- **Facebook for Business**
April 30 • 9-11 am
- **Creating a Social Media Strategy**
May 14 • 9-11 am

For more information or to register for any of these free sessions, visit www.biztechcenter.com.

Koch Foods

In summer 2012, Koch Foods announced a major expansion that would significantly increase jobs and production at its Port Union Road facility. Shortly after the expansion announcement was made, however, the company delayed the project due to uncertain grain prices. In January, the project finally began with underground utility work and site clearance. The major portion



of the expansion is expected to begin later this year. The expansion will add 185,000 square feet in production space, nearly doubling the facility's size. The expansion will also create about 400 new jobs when the work is completed.

Mulhern Belting

Mulhern Belting, located on Osborne Drive, is one of the largest conveyor belting wholesalers and fabricators in the world. As the company increased sales in recent years, it outgrew its 30,000 square foot facility.



In late 2012, the company purchased and moved into a vacant 60,000 square foot facility right across the street. The new facility provides the company with double the square footage so it can continue to grow.

Sawasdee Thai Cuisine

Sawasdee Thai Cuisine, located at 6600 Dixie Highway in the Diplomat Village shopping center, recently expanded into the vacant storefront next door. The restaurant opened in late 2010 with only a few tables in a small storefront. After a successful first couple of years, it now has added more tables for customer seating and some additional storage space in the back.



Jeff Wyler Cadillac

Jeff Wyler Cadillac is completing a major renovation of its showroom and service department. This project comes on the heels of the 2011 major renovation of the Jeff Wyler Nissan dealership next door. Together, these dealership investments serve to strengthen the Route 4 Auto Mile.



PowerNet Global celebrates 20th

In late 2012, PowerNet Global, a telecommunications service provider, celebrated its 20th anniversary. Offering voice, data, and other managed



solutions to thousands of commercial and residential customers nationwide, PowerNet Global is located in a Route 4 office building. Surviving and thriving for 20 years in the ever-changing telecommunications industry is certainly an achievement worth celebrating.

Fairfield congratulates PowerNet Global.



Ohio's first Hyundai dealership turns 25

Earlier this year, Superior Hyundai North on Route 4 celebrated its 25th anniversary. When the dealership opened its doors in 1988, it became the first Hyundai dealership in the state of Ohio. In 2012, the company completed a major showroom renovation to prepare for the next 25 years.

Fairfield congratulates Superior Hyundai North.

Numbers to Know

- Building/Zoning:** 513/867-5318
- Development Services:** 513/867-5345
- Fire Prevention:** 513/867-5379
- Economic Development:** 513/867-5345
- City Income Tax:** 513/867-5327
- Utilities/Billing:** 513/867-5370
- General Info:** 513/867-5300