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Fairfield OH BUSINESS BOOSTER

May 2012

Chamber awards annual honors

On Thursday, March 29, the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 56th Annual Dinner with numerous awards and honors. Winners included:

Business Person of the Year

Paul Avance

Avance Funeral Home & Crematory

Community Appearance Award

Landform Services

1485 Symmes Road

President's Award

Jack Wesseler

Business Student of the Year

Fernanda Rivera

Fairfield High School

Chamber golf outing is May 16

The Fairfield Chamber of Commerce 2012 Annual Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 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 event 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.

Two industrial projects create 59 new jobs

Two new industrial projects were recently announced, that will create new jobs and investment in Fairfield.

Rolled Alloys, Inc. is a specialty metals products manufacturer with 18 locations across North America, Europe, and Asia. The company will construct a new 65,000 square foot facility on an 8-acre site on Thunderbird Lane in Fairfield. The site is large enough to accommodate additional future expansion on the remaining acreage.

Total investment in the project will exceed \$5.5 million, with 34 jobs to be created. Construction began earlier this spring, and

should be completed by late 2012.

The O'Gara Group is a security products and services provider based in Sycamore Township. The company recently leased an existing building at 310 Osborne Drive in Fairfield for its vehicle armoring division, a division named Protection Devices Inc. PDI has recently secured several contracts to supply armor protected vehicles for governmental and private customers, and more contracts are expected in coming years.

In order to accommodate this projected growth, the company needed additional space. The

Fairfield plant will initially employ about 25, with hopes to grow to nearly 100 employees within a couple of years.

Industrial development has been slow over the past few years due to the recession and continued economic uncertainty. The Rolled Alloys project represents the largest new industrial construction development in Fairfield in more than 2 years. Similarly, the O'Gara project represents one of the largest potential job creation projects in Fairfield in several years. These projects offer hope that the economy is improving and 2012 will bring more jobs and investment to Fairfield.

Fairfield Pharmacy plans move & expansion

When big chain drugstores are seemingly located on every other corner, it makes it hard for locally owned and operated pharmacies to compete. Despite the strong competition, **Fairfield Pharmacy** is not only surviving, it is growing.

After 60 years in business, including the last 30 years at a location on Pleasant Avenue, Fairfield Pharmacy is moving a couple of blocks to larger space at the corner of Nilles and Bibury, across from the YMCA. The new space, scheduled to be open in May, offers much better exposure, more space for a wider range of products, more storage area, and a convenient drive through.

Pharmacy Manager Chad

Brewer, a Fairfield resident, attributes the company's success to

its ability to offer great customer service with a personal touch.

"I know that the way to help people the most is to have a personal relationship with them," he said. "I am excited to be able to do that for the people from my hometown."

Fairfield Pharmacy takes great pride in working with the Fairfield community in a variety of ways, such as providing educational seminars to senior living facilities and nursing homes. It is the pharmaceutical



supplier to the children of One Way Farm. It has recently hired two bilingual

technicians to cater to an underserved population that needs health care. It even serves those that can't drive by offering free delivery.

Recently, Fairfield Pharmacy has partnered with the Fairfield School District Parent-Teacher Council on a "Lids 4 Kids" program. For every 100 Fairfield Pharmacy lids turned in, the company will donate \$25 to the PTC.

For more information, contact Fairfield Pharmacy at 863-3350.

Hot Heads Burritos opening in Fairfield

Kobe Japanese Cuisine opens

Kobe Japanese Cuisine plans to open soon at 6679 Dixie Highway, just south of Boymel Drive. The independently-owned and operated restaurant adds to Route 4's strong collection of dining options.

New center earns full accreditation

Mercy Hospital's Acute Rehabilitation Center has received three-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities International, just two years after opening. The center has 14 beds for hospital and referral patients who need physical, speech and occupational therapy. Typical patients include people who have suffered a stroke, hip fracture, muscle weakness or brain injury.

Hot Head Burritos plans to open in Fairfield in May at 690 Nilles Road, next to Fairfield Hardware. The owners of the Fairfield franchise are Kevin Ketring and his son Zachery Ketring. The Ketrings' own three other Hot Head Burrito franchises, in Liberty Township, Middletown, and Fields Ertel. Zachery is a Fairfield resident who lives five minutes from the new shop.

Hot Head Burritos is a fast growing regional chain. It was founded in Dayton in 2007. Since then, it has expanded to 24 stores, with another 20 openings planned for coming months across Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Tennessee.



"I was attracted to Fairfield because the city is trying to develop a downtown that

has all the goods and services located close to one another" said Zachery. "Adding to the City's vision was worth waiting for the right location. We considered a Route 4 location, but felt that opening in the downtown district would be a better fit."

Rolling Hills Swim Club: In the heart of Fairfield

Summer is just around the corner, and the Rolling Hills Swim and Tennis Club is getting ready for another great season. For over 50 years, Rolling Hills has been "the place to be" on those hot summer days. Whether you enjoy a game of doubles, swimming laps, or just socializing with friends, the club has something for everyone in your family.



socials designed just for them.

Contrary to popular myth, you do not have to be a resident of the Rolling Hills neighborhood to be a member.

New family memberships are \$399, with single and senior rates available.

For information, call 829-1682 or visit www.rollinghillsswimandtennisclub.com.

The Ketrings' have been looking for a location in Fairfield since they first began dealing with the fast growing company in 2010. Zachery is especially excited to be opening a Hot Head Burritos in his own backyard. Having a location closer to his house will save him in travel time and costs since his 3 year old daughter constantly wants to eat there.

And don't worry if you don't like spicy foods. Despite the name, Hot Head Burritos has 15 sauces that range from "Mild to Wild".

For information or to view a menu, visit www.hothheadburritos.com.

Located in the heart of Fairfield, Rolling Hills has made a lot of changes recently, including upgrades to the pool and

concession area, new patio furniture, and a host of new social activities, including swim and dive teams, swim lessons, volleyball, corn hole and tetherball.

Rolling Hills has that "Cheers" feeling where "everybody knows your name." Members are comfortable bringing their children and grandchildren to the supervised facility, and they feel valued when they attend the summer



Safety-Kleen celebrates grand opening

In January, City officials helped Safety-Kleen Systems company representatives celebrate a grand opening of its new manufacturing facility on Thunderbird Lane. The 12,000 square foot building will accommodate 25 employees and serve as the company's regional headquarters.

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