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MEMBER NEWS

COVID-19 Crisis Edition 2

Active Shooter Lunch & Learn postponed

The previously scheduled (April 2) Homeland Security Active Shooter Response Training for businesses and non-profits has been postponed due to the CDC and Surgeon General's recommendation limiting gatherings to 10 people. Protective Security Advisor Greg Howard will reschedule as soon as it is permissible.

Member updates to keep you informed:

Preble County District Library has closed all of its facilities to the public through April 15, but you can still access materials online. Find out more at <https://www.hoopladigital.com/> and <https://ohdbks.overdrive.com>.

Brady Ware: Here is a link to information provided on the website of Brady Ware Capital (a division of Brady Ware). It details a loan program from SBA to help businesses with financing in these unprecedented times. <https://www.bradywarecapital.com/sba-coronavirus-relief-program/>

M & S Body Shop: M & S Body Shop will remain open and operating as normal, unless told otherwise by officials, Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. If an individual does not want to chance being exposed, they are able to conduct business without person-to-person interaction. Call or email to make arrangements: 937-456-3150 or msbodyshop@hotmail.com.

John's Tire Service: John's Tire Service will continue with regular business hours, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday.

Papa John's: Papa John's is still open for carry-out and delivery. Any waiters or waitresses who have temporarily lost their jobs due to any closings are offered temporary jobs. Call Ernie Hatmaker at 937-533-1519 to inquire. Store hours have slightly changed during this time; on Fridays and Saturdays the restaurant will close earlier (11 p.m.) This week's special: 1 large 1 topping pizza for \$8.99. Call 937-472-7272.

L&M Products closed operations at the end of day, Tuesday, March 17. Staff will be working through the end of the week.

Preble County Council on Aging (Senior Center): Decade's Diner is offering to go meals only, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. They recommend calling ahead to place your order, 937-456-4947. Transportation is operating chemotherapy, dialysis, and grocery runs. Information & Referral services are by appointment only. Home Delivered Meals/ Meals on Wheels is at normal status. Activities are canceled until further notice. This can change day-to-day, call the center with any questions, concerns and for updates, 937-456-4947.

Preble County Art Association will now be posting center hours daily.

Eaton Floral: Eaton Floral is open and running deliveries. "If you do not want a face-to-face delivery, we will call the recipient to make sure they are home; we will leave on the doorstep so that we do not have to have contact with the recipient. This is the perfect time to send happy flower," Owner Angela Bryant said. "And let's not forget the folks at the nursing home who can't have visitors at all -- wouldn't it be nice to send them a small arrangement just to let them know that we're thinking of them? If we can help you, give us a call 937-456-6151."

ODJFS providing common number to speed processing of COVID-19-related unemployment benefits — The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is instructing Ohio employers planning layoffs or shutdowns as a result the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic to share the following mass lay-off number with their employees to speed the processing of unemployment benefits: **2000180**.

The agency also is providing instructions for employers to share with their employees about how to apply for benefits.

"This measure will expedite the processing of benefits for individuals who lose their jobs as a result of the pandemic and allow them to receive their first benefit payments as quickly as possible," said ODJFS Director Kimberly Hall. "We want to make sure all employers are aware of this number so that we can provide seamless service when processing claims."

Ohioans can apply for unemployment online 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at unemployment.ohio.gov. It also is possible to file by phone at 1-877-OHIO-JOB (1-877-644-6562) or TTY at 1-888-642-8203, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Employers with questions should email UCTech@jfs.ohio.gov.

DeWine, Husted formally request federal assistance for small businesses

On Tuesday afternoon, Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted sent a letter and application to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to qualify the State of Ohio for the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program. This federal program will enable small businesses and non-profits throughout the state impacted by the outbreak of COVID-19 to apply for low-interest loans up to \$2 million in assistance that can provide vital economic support to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing.

“We understand the steps being taken to keep all Ohioans safe will have a significant impact on businesses across the state, which is why we are leaving no stone unturned to identify every possible way we can support them during this time,” said Governor DeWine. “Ohioans are resilient. We will get us through this.”

The Economic Injury Disaster Loans may be used by Ohio small business owners and non-profits to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact. The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses without credit available elsewhere; businesses with credit available elsewhere are not eligible. The interest rate for non-profits is 2.75%.

Once the state is qualified for the program, Ohio Development Services Agency (Development) will work with the SBA to notify entities that they can now apply for loans. To keep payments affordable, these loans are long-term, with up to a maximum of 30 years for repayment. Terms are determined on a case-by-case basis, based upon each borrower's ability to repay.

“We know Ohio businesses are struggling and we are going to do everything we can to help them,” said Lt. Governor Jon Husted. “We have taken quick steps to ensure the health and safety of Ohioans, and we are going to give that same attention to ensuring our businesses are successful and jobs remain available. I encourage the SBA to quickly approve our application.”

Development coordinated with the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and reached out to local businesses for information to compile the application.

“In the last three days, more than 1,500 businesses have shared their stories with us about the challenges they are facing, which informed our application for these disaster loans,” said Lydia Mihalik, Director of Development. “The need is urgent, and we are moving quickly to support Ohio's small businesses and non-profits.”

As efforts to combat the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus continue, Governor DeWine and his administration will continue to identify ways to support the state's small businesses and non-profits. Any of these entities impacted by the ongoing health crisis are encouraged to contact Development at BusinessHelp@Development.Ohio.Gov for assistance.

During the COVID-19 crisis, be sure and patronize the Preble County Chamber members below who are offering carryout and/or delivery services!



Eaton

1808 Café, 118 E. Main St., 937-336-5269, open for carryout only. Monday-Saturday, 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Daylight Donuts, 1309 N. Barron St., 937-456-1744, Open for carry-out and drive-thru, Monday-Sunday, 5 a.m.-2 p.m. Call ahead orders accepted.

KFC/A&W, 1200 N. Barron St., 937-402-1996. Drive-thru available.

McDonald's, 1317 N. Barron St., 937-456-3830, drive-thru open 24 hours

Olde Schoolhouse Winery, 152 Ohio 726, 937-472-9463, carryout currently available Tuesdays, 1-5 p.m. and Wednesday- Saturday, 1-6 p.m.

Papa John's, 1203 N. Barron St., 937-472-7272, Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-11 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Skyline Chili, 1704 N. Barron St., 937-336-5537, drive-thru available. Call ahead with large orders.

Wings, Etc., 1342 N. Barron St., Eaton, 937-456-3312, Open for carryout orders, Monday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4:30-9 p.m. Call-in orders accepted and curbside delivery to vehicle offered.

West Alexandria

Buckeye Jake's Eatery, 13 E. Dayton St., 937-839-5253, carry-out orders available Monday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Delivery available Monday-Sunday, noon-2 p.m. and 5-9 p.m.

Kierston's Coffee Stop, 12 S. Main St., 937-839-9002, Open for carryout, Monday-Friday through March 20, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Closing March 21-April 5. Reopening Monday, April 6. Call ahead orders accepted.

Note: Members The Bistro at Eagles Point, The Lampost and The Bison & The Boar have elected to close at this difficult time. Please be sure to patronize them when they reopen!



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Deadline to be included in the next day's update is 5 p.m.**