

# MEMBER NEWS

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## Member Updates & Resources



### DQ Grill & Chill® in Eaton hosting grand opening weekend

The new *DQ Grill & Chill*® in Eaton invites the community to attend a special Grand Opening celebration weekend full of door-busting promotions and family fun at the new North Barron Street location. The event, happening from Thursday, Sept. 17 to Saturday, Sept. 19, will follow the state's social distancing guidelines and features festivities including a ribbon cutting today, as well as presentation of an \$800 donation to the Preble County Fraternal Order of Police to benefit the annual Cops & Kids Christmas activity.

Above, the new Eaton location of DQ Grill & Chill celebrated its opening with a special ribbon cutting. Right, Rebecca Ogg presents a special donation to the Preble County FOP's Brad Moore for the Cops & Kids Christmas program.



Special deals are available all weekend, beginning today and

running through Saturday: 80 cents off any Blizzard flavor or size in celebration of Dairy Queen's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday; photo ops with the 20-foot blow up *Blizzard*® outside of the restaurant and \$2.99 double cheeseburgers. A Saturday-only deal will give the the first 100 fans to buy a cake during the celebration free Grill Burgers™ for a year!

The *DQ Grill & Chill*® team credits its growth and local store success to a combination of excellent employees, raving fans and a commitment to the Preble County community. The grand opening is planned to thank the Eaton community for the warm welcome and to further strengthen the *DQ*® team's connection to its fans. The Eaton restaurant has been open since early August and employs over 37 part-time and 18 full-time employees. The new equipment and building cost totaled up to more than \$1.4 million. The restaurant features a wide menu of freshly prepared chicken tenders, grilled burgers, coney dogs, salads and side dishes, a variety of made in-restaurant ice cream cakes, and of course, all the DQ ice cream treats!

The franchisee owner is local restaurateur Rebecca L. Ogg. DQ Grill & Chill is franchised by American Dairy Queen, as a part of the Berkshire-Hathaway Companies.

### Are you the next CASA volunteer?

The Preble County Court Appointed Special Advocate Program — court-appointed special advocates for abused and neglected children — is conducting a volunteer pre-service training on Tuesday evenings beginning Sept. 29 and ending Oct. 27. The training will be conducted through Google Classroom. Virtual meetings will occur on Tuesday evenings beginning at 5:30 p.m.



"If you have been considering volunteering as a CASA, but didn't think you had the time, now may be your perfect opportunity," Mary Warrick, Director of Preble County CASA, said. "The completely virtual platform provides additional flexibility to complete the training."

CASA volunteers are local, dedicated community members who advocate for children in the Preble County Juvenile Court, because the children have been

removed from their parents due to abuse or neglect or otherwise necessitated Children Services' involvement. As officers of the Court, the volunteers ensure that the children's needs are recognized, and their best interests are considered.

The only prerequisites for becoming a CASA volunteer are being at least 21 years of age, clearing an extensive background screening and successfully completing necessary hours of training.

Anyone interested in learning more about becoming a CASA volunteer or completing the training, should contact Debbie Huff at [debbie.prebcocasa@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.prebcocasa@gmail.com) or Mary Warrick at [prebcocasa@gmail.com](mailto:prebcocasa@gmail.com). More information may also be found by visiting [www.prebcocasa.org](http://www.prebcocasa.org) or by calling 937-456-2885.

The Preble County CASA Program is a member of the Ohio CASA Association, the only statewide organization supporting all local CASA programs in Ohio. The Preble County CASA Program is also a part of the National CASA Association, a network of more than 900 CASA programs serving children in 49 states and Washington D.C.

**As of Sept. 10, 20 Preble County's current CASA volunteers were serving 121 kids. Slightly more than half of the kids served are female. More than 2/3 of the kids served are age 4 or older.**



**Leadership PC  
accepting  
applications**

Are you interested in sending an employee or yourself through the LPC program? Applications are being accepted through Friday, Oct. 16, for the 2021-22 cohort. You can read more and download an application [HERE](#).

The Preble County Chamber of Commerce is excited for the fifth year of *Leadership Preble County* to kick off in November. As we finalize the current session, plans for kicking off the 2020-21 session are under way, with participants' safety top of mind. The mission of this program is to encourage, educate and stimulate individuals to become more familiar with, more interested in and engage in all facets of civic endeavor that affect the quality of life in Preble County. *Leadership Preble County* is a seven-month course designed to educate, train and encourage local Preble County professionals to take a leadership role in their communities. The students will meet each month for sessions covering topics such as Preble County History & Heritage, Business, Workforce and Economic Development, Agriculture, Health and Human Services, Local, County and State Government, Board Training, Public Safety and the Justice System, Quality of Life and Education.

## **A message from Preble County Council on Aging:**

As you may know, Governor DeWine has lifted the Executive Order for Senior Centers to re-open. We have been diligently prepping for our re-opening. We are happy that the order has been lifted, and since Preble County is still in the red, we are opening cautiously. We will be opening in phases, as you can see below.

Phase 1: September

- Stay Home/ Stay Safe Order
- Essential services continue to be provided
- Innovative services in response to the pandemic

Phase 2: Oct. 1

- Continue essential services and conduct remotely when possible
- Advise/Educate against anyone with underlying health conditions from leaving their home, unless absolutely necessary
- Limited activities during limited hours (Mondays- Fridays, 1-4 p.m.)
- Require face coverings unless there is a health or safety reason why it should not be worn
- Provide a blend of virtual and in person classes
- Senior Activities will be closed during and two weeks following Preble County being designated as a RED Count

"These guidelines on reopening senior centers could change at any time. As this is our plan, things could change as they change guidelines for us. Please continue to be patient as we reopen as safe as we can and in the best possible way. We do miss seeing everyone and honestly, cannot wait to reopen," said Stacey Fullmer, Senior Center Manager.



Bureau of Workers' Compensation

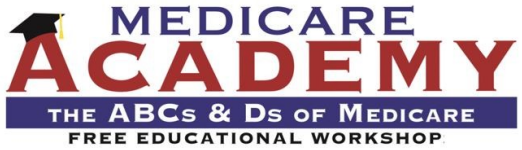
## What's Wrong with That? BWC to provide look at 'real fire hazards'

BWC is hosting a webinar titled "What's Wrong with That? A Look at Real Fire Hazards" on Tuesday, Sept. 22 (11 a.m.-noon.) Instructed by the Ohio Division of State Fire Marshal, the webinar will include many visual examples of fire code violations from recent inspections and will focus on kitchens, exit ways, common areas, facility maintenance, and system control areas. This webinar will be instructed by Steve Waltman, a Fire and Life Safety Educator with the Ohio Division of State Fire Marshal. Additional information, including registration instructions, can be found in the [HERE](#). For more information or assistance when registering, contact BWC's Kaylee Blevings at [Kaylee.b.1@bwc.state.oh.us](mailto:Kaylee.b.1@bwc.state.oh.us).

## House Bill 606 to provide businesses protection

From **FASTLANE**: Governor DeWine signed House Bill 606 on Monday, Sept. 14. [Watch the videoconference ceremony](#). The Ohio Manufacturing Association (OMA) supported this legislation to provide legal liability protections to businesses and other entities during COVID-19, as long as they have not shown reckless, intentional or willful misconduct. [Read OMA's statement](#). This new law will become effective Dec. 13. Its qualified immunity provisions apply retroactively from March 9 and extend through Sept. 30, 2021.

## Medicare Academy presentations from Medicare Resource Center



It's that time of year. Are you, an employee, client, or family member needing more information regarding Medicare enrollment? PC Chamber Member **Medicare Resource Center's** James Ritchie will present two special "Medicare Academy" webinars in the coming month: one on Thursday, Sept. 24, and one on Thursday, Oct. 1. Both sessions will begin at 9 a.m. You can register for the Sept. 24, session [HERE](#). Or, register for the Oct. 1 session [HERE](#). The presentation will cover everything from the basic parts of Medicare and enrollment timeframes, Medicare penalties, options for private insurance and more.



## West –Central Ohio Chamber Wage, Salary & Benefit Survey results available now

The West-Central Ohio Chambers, which include the counties of Auglaize, Darke, Mercer, Miami, Preble, and Shelby, along with the Human Resources Association of Western Ohio, conducted a Wage, Salary & Benefits Survey for area employees in the summer of 2020. All area organizations were invited to complete this survey. Survey results are now available. The results are available electronically, free of charge, to those who participated. Participants should have received an email with their link to the full results. Some 131 companies completed this survey, and we thank you for your involvement. As required by law, to protect the confidentiality of the data submitted, job classifications with less than 5 responses are not included in the report. Also included with the survey results are four additional, industry-specific, results! Thanks again to everyone who participated. The West-Central Ohio Chambers are very appreciative of your time. Chamber member businesses which did not participate can purchase the survey results at \$50/copy. Non-member cost will be \$100. Email [leslie.collins@preblecountyohio.com](mailto:leslie.collins@preblecountyohio.com) for more information or to purchase a copy.

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