

To promote free enterprise within & advance the business community of the Eaton-Preble County area.

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Member of Ohio Chamber of
Commerce & U.S. Chamber of
Commerce

Chamber Events

- 2/16** Preble County
Safety Council
12:00 Noon
Preble County YMCA
450 Washington-
Jackson Rd., Eaton
- 2/17** *"Toast of the Town"*
Preble County Council
On Aging
800 East St. Clair St.,
Eaton, Ohio
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

"Toast of the Town"

Preble County Council on Aging
800 East St. Clair Street, Eaton

Thursday, February 17th
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
R.S.V.P. 456-4947

Entertainment at 5:30 p.m.
*Hors d' oeuvres by Chef Christie Miller
* Beverages
*Door Prizes

President's Message

Dear Investors,

As I write this article, our Chamber of Commerce is still enjoying the positive press from our January 20th Awards dinner. In spite of the weather, many brave souls ventured out to attend what was, by all accounts, an outstanding celebration for our community. The line-up of awards presented demonstrated much more than just the individual accomplishments of our area individuals, businesses, and organizations. This year's program clearly showed that Preble County is "Open for Business" and that we are postured for even greater accomplishments in the future. That said, I do want to take a moment to recognize and congratulate all of our award winners and thank you for your continued efforts to make Preble County a wonderful place to live, learn, work, and do business! I also want to say thank you to the many people who worked so hard to make the awards program such a premier event.

Our annual Business EXPO is scheduled for Saturday, March 26th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Preble County Fairgrounds EXPO building. While the awards dinner is an event to celebrate the previous year's successes, the EXPO is a chance for our businesses and agencies to show off their products and services and reaffirm that we have great resources for consumer needs right here in our area. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this exciting event.

Bradley C. Neavin,
President, Preble County Chamber of Commerce

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**Promote your
Business at the
Preble County
EXPO**

Promoting your business at the Preble County EXPO is an excellent way to build your network and land a few customers at the same time.

The EXPO will be held on **Saturday, March 26th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the EXPO building at the Preble County Fairgrounds.** We moved the event back to its original location because we continue to grow the event, we want to support the Fairgrounds, and the EXPO building has great upside potential.

We have fantastic advertising packages for our Grand Sponsors and booth space is very generous. Please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 937-456-4949 if you are interested in being a Grand Sponsor or having a booth.

Custom pinstripe artist J.P. Cornett will be at the booth for Weber's Body & Frame during the EXPO! Cornett has been a custom pinstriper for several years and he loves displaying his talent at local shows. His work has been exhibited at the Cavalcade of Customs, Dayton Motorcycle Expo, various Cruise In events, and the Germantown Car Show. Although he began with an audience of car and motorcycle enthusiasts, he has pinstriped cameras, motorcycle helmets, leather jackets, lap tops, women's shoes, purses, cell phones, coffee mugs... and even toilet seats and packs of cigarettes!

We will also auction off several of J.P.'s custom made, free hand

pinstriped panels. Proceeds will be split between the Senior Citizens Center and the Preble County Youth Foundation.

**Preble County Building
Inspection Under New
Direction**

Reprinted from *The Register Herald*
By Eddie Mowen Jr., Editor

As the new year begins, the county's building department and inspections are under the direction of an outside company.

The Preble County Commissioners recently entered into an agreement with National Inspection Corporation to operate the county Building and Inspection Department. The county had been issuing permits for residential construction, but will now be accepting commercial applications as well.

NIC has been in business for more than 10 years and does building inspections in 17 jurisdictions in southwest Ohio, including Brookville, Carlisle, Englewood, Germantown and Oxford.

The county will also manage the village building departments around the county, with the exception of College Corner.

The City of Eaton's Building Department will be unaffected by this change, according to officials.

Plan submissions for building, electrical, and heating/air conditioning permits for all the townships in Preble County, along with the villages of Camden, Eldorado, Gratis, Lewisburg, Verona, New Paris,

West Alexandria, West Elkton and West Manchester, will be submitted to the Preble County Building Department. The office is located in the courthouse, 101 E. Main St., Eaton.

Plan reviews will typically be conducted in the order they are received, according to officials.

Plans will be reviewed in 2-3 business days for residential, and 3-10 business days for commercial projects.

Zoning approval will be required from the villages prior to submitting for a building permit.

To request an inspection, call National Inspection Corporation at 888-433-4642.

Inspections will be conducted the next business day. Any questions can be answered by NIC, or by Building Official John Bull Jr., 888-433-4642.

"From a county's standpoint, they won't lose money and that's the important thing here," Bull Jr. said.

"The ultimate goal is everybody wants to have a building built safely, make sure it meets code, and to get from point A to an opening in as much of a reasonable time as possible."

Safety Council Update



By Mike Jeffery

The Preble County Safety Council met on Wednesday, January 19th at the Preble County YMCA. The

speaker for this meeting was Brad Weber, Mgr. of Health & Safety Services and spoke on types of "Workplace Violence."

Examples such as:

- Violence by strangers
- Violence by co-workers
- Violence by customers or clients
- Violence by personal relations

Brad had a very good presentation and interacted with the members present.

Our next meeting of the Preble County Safety Council will be Wednesday, February 16th at the Preble County YMCA at 12:00 noon.

Our February meeting will be on OSHA Updates, presented by Olivea DeLegal, Industrial Safety Consultant Specialist.

Red Cross with New Location

Judy Elder of the American Red Cross has asked us to let people know that they have moved to: **101 N. Barron St., Eaton, OH. 45320.**

Please make a note of the change!

The Business Brown Bag Series



are practical programs for business people from experts with answers. Here is the next program:

Small Business Development Center to present workshops

The Preble County Chamber of Commerce has partnered with the Preble County District Library and Sinclair Community College to offer workshops for local business owner and budding entrepreneurs.

On February 17th, two different representatives from the Small Business Development Center will present workshops.

Pat Newcomb of the SBDC and The Entrepreneurs Center will be at the **Preble County District Library from Noon to 1 p.m.** to present "**Legal Issues in Succession Planning**". This is a critical area of planning for business continuity and organizational management for small business. Succession planning goes far beyond the needs of a family business. It also entails identifying and developing talented employees for greater responsibilities.

The class is part of the continuing **Brown Bag Business Cents** series sponsored by the PCDL and the Preble County Chamber of Commerce. Admission is free for PC Chamber members and \$5 for non-members.

Later that day, Jerry Alexander of the SBDC at Edison will conduct "**Starting a Business**"; a workshop for budding entrepreneurs. The workshop will be held at the Preble County Learning Center of **Sinclair Community College from 2 to 4 p.m.**

If you want to start a business, or even if you have already started one, you will benefit from this free workshop. The workshop is intended to provide a path for planning so that entrepreneurs can avoid common mistakes.

For resources available from the Brown Bag Series go to:

<http://www.pcdl.lib.oh.us/reference/business/index.html>

-- Director Abby Noland, M.Div, MLS
Preble County District Library

Tree Seedlings



The Annual Tree Seedling Sale is now underway at Preble SWCD, offering 17

different species of conifers, hardwoods, small trees and shrubs, as well as groundcover.

These plants can be used for windbreaks, landscaping, reforestation, and wildlife habitat.

There are no restrictions on where these seedlings may be planted, or how many may be ordered. New to the sale this year are our ‘Tree Cages’, designed to keep small wildlife away from your seedling trees.

The 1-3 year old seedlings are bare-rooted and sold in packages of 5 to 10 trees, depending on the species. Each package is dipped in a preservative gel to keep the roots moist, and then placed in a plastic bag. The seedlings should be planted as soon as they are received. Orders will be taken until Friday, March 18th. Payment must accompany the order in the form of cash or check. No orders will be taken by fax or e-mail. This year’s pickup date will be Tuesday, April 5th, at the Preble SWCD office. A reminder postcard will be sent out prior to the pickup date.

The order form and a description of the species available can be found at www.prebleswcd.com. If you would like more information about the plants for sale or their suitability for planting, please contact the office at (937) 456-5159.

Tribute to Rosie McNees at the Preble Fine Arts Center



The Preble County Art Association is pleased to announce that it will be hosting a tribute exhibit for Rosie McNees at the Preble Fine Arts Center in Eaton during the month of February.

Rosie was one of the founding members of the PCAA and was instrumental in raising funds to replace the Fine Arts Center when a fire destroyed the St. Clair building in downtown Eaton in 1987. She was a respected member of the business community in Eaton and a well known and talented artist.

Following Rosie’s passing on December 23, her family requested the PCAA host an exhibit of her art collection at the Preble Fine Arts Center. This exhibit will include over 100 different pieces and will be comprised of framed oils, pastels, watercolors and prints. There will be a raffle of some of Rosie’s prints during the month of February with proceeds of the raffle going to the PCAA.

A reception for the exhibit will be held on Saturday, February 12th from 2-4pm. Friends and community members are welcome to attend the reception to view the artwork and pay tribute to Rosie’s memory and reminisce about Rosie.

The Rosie McNees Tribute Exhibit will begin on Wednesday, February 2 at the Preble Fine Arts Center, located at 601 Hillcrest Drive in Eaton, Ohio, directly across from the Eaton High School. This exhibit, the reception, and the auction to follow on March 5 are free and open to the public.

The Fine Arts Center hours are 10 am to 2 pm, Tuesday through Thursday and 1 pm to 5 pm, Fridays and Saturdays.

For additional information and detailed directions, please visit www.takepartinart.net, call during regular business hours at (937) 456-3999 or email at office@takepartinart.net.

GENERAL SAFETY RULES

A Company’s General Health and Safety Rules are put in place to protect all workers and visitors. These workers may be contractors entering your facility or job site or they may be your own employees. The rules are to be reviewed and followed by everyone to ensure their safety.

General Safety Rules will ensure that all Company personnel understand and follow the basic safety guidelines. They will apply to associates as well as visitors, contractors, and vendors. The General Safety Rules are to be followed at all times. For the associates of the company, the rules are a condition of their employment. They are not an option but a requirement.

All safety signs must be obeyed. They may be used to designate areas as HEARING PROTECTION REQUIRED or HARD HAT REQUIRED. Safety signs will be used to convey important information to anyone entering an area. Notify management if safety signs are missing, damaged, or illegible so they may be replaced.

When working with equipment, it is always important to know the hazard. Know what it is that you are working with and the proper way to operate. Read the operator manual before using a new piece of equipment or get the proper training for its use.

Some general rules that must be followed while in a facility or on a jobsite are:

- Associates must learn and follow the specific safety rules for their department or area.
- All personnel working alone in an area must notify their supervisor or security so they may be checked on periodically.
- Horseplay is not permitted on jobsites or in facilities due to the possibility of resulting in accidents or injuries.
- Every associate must participate in good housekeeping

Visitors, vendors, and customers are an integral part of business. They may want to see the facility they are servicing or just see how your facility operates. In any case, they need to be kept safe from any hazards that may be encountered throughout the facility. An associate from your facility should always accompany these people and are responsible for informing and ensuring visitors follow all of the appropriate safety rules. In the event that there is an emergency or evacuation of any kind, the company policy will be followed and the visitors, vendors, and customers should be escorted to safety following the rules put in place.

All general safety rules are put into place to protect everyone entering a facility or work site. It is very important to know what these rules are and to follow them. If you are escorted by an associate, you should stay with that associate. They will ensure your experience is a safe and healthy one.

Contributed by Frank Gates/Avizent

The Entrepreneurial Development Network Presents...

'Like It' or Not: Social Media for the Novice

Tuesday, February 8, 2011 The Entrepreneurs Center
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM 714 East Monument Avenue
Dayton, Ohio 45402

You've got the nuts and bolts of social media and your "friends" list continues to grow, but what about the return on investment? Are you using your social media sites the right way?

Come join us for an insightful workshop with Richard Kaiser, Marketing Strategist for Penny Ohlmann Neiman, as he discusses strategies to effectively use the various social media platforms in your company's marketing & communication plans.

Key Session Elements:

- **Understand the platforms that target your customer base**
- **Discuss strategies to speak to your business needs**
- **Understand how social media fits in your overall marketing strategy**

There is no charge to attend the seminar – but you must register in advance. A box lunch and beverage can be ordered in advance for \$9.00.

Registration must be received by 5PM Friday, February 4, 2011.

Please contact Kimberly Brown at the Dayton Development Coalition to register: 937-222-4422 (phone), 937-222-1323 (fax) or email us at ednboxlunch@daytonregion.com

Make checks payable to Dayton Development Coalition. Mail (with payment) to: Dayton Development Coalition, 900 Kettering Tower, Dayton, Ohio 45423 or you may pay at the door.

“Welcome” New Members!

Atrium Medical Center
1 Medical Center Dr.
Middletown, OH 45005
Phone: 513-470-5144

Ad Products of Dayton, Inc.
435 Littell Ave., Dayton, OH 45419
Phone: 937-298-8793

Lines Unlimited
P.O. Box 765, Eaton, OH 45320
Phone: 937-456-6410

Unger Fabrications
6963 Eaton Gettysburg Rd., Eaton, OH
Phone: 937-456-2247

Workforce Café
2827 US Route 35 E.,
West Alexandria, OH
Phone: 937-456-2230

RevsCars, L.L.C.
400 North East St.,
West Manchester, OH
Phone: 937-533-6275

Garber Contracting, LLC
3288 Crubaugh Rd., New Paris, OH
Phone: 937-533-0637

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