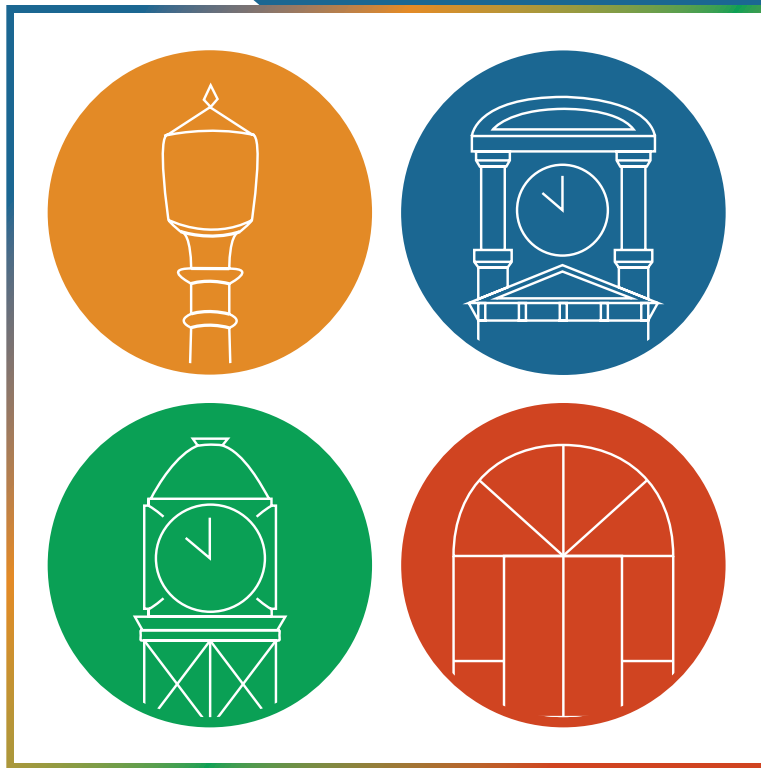


# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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**Madison County Chamber of Commerce  
and Community Improvement Corporation**



Clock tower face showing the time.

MADISON COUNTY  
VETERANS' WAR  
MEMORIAL

ded with gratitude  
Madison County Veterans  
gave their lives  
in the time of war.

# Message from Leadership:



**DAVID KELL**  
*Executive Director*  
*Madison County Chamber of Commerce*  
*Madison County Future, Inc.*

We are experiencing exciting times in Madison County. Strong partnerships, targeted investments and strategic planning have all prepared the County and its communities for growth and opportunities. In this report, you will find that Madison County is experiencing investment from various sectors, including industrial, commercial and residential. Our unemployment is low and wages, job growth and educational attainment continue to improve.

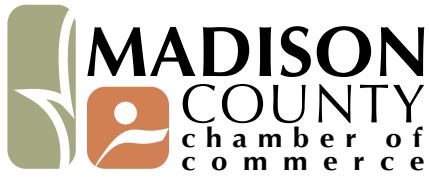
The Madison County Chamber of Commerce and Madison County Future, Inc. are committed to ensuring that our county has a strong and capable workforce. Both organizations have worked hard to connect our local business community with our local school districts. Through our efforts, local businesses and local school districts are working together and using resources such as RAMTEC to prepare students and workers for the jobs available now and in the future. Our local efforts have not gone unnoticed, as other communities and leaders in Ohio have looked to our programs and used them as models as they build their own.

We are proud of where we are as a community, but there are still challenges to overcome as we experience growth. The goals we set for the Madison County Chamber of Commerce

and Madison County Future, Inc. focus on creating and enhancing resources for the local business community, developing leaders and strengthening our local community through job growth and workforce development. Through the support of our members, investors and partners, we are certain that we will continue to meet the needs of businesses and residents for years to come.

It is with great pleasure that we present the 2017 Annual Report for the Madison County Chamber of Commerce and Madison County Future, Inc. to the businesses, residents, community leaders and investors of Madison County.





# Mission Statements

The Madison County Chamber of Commerce has the mission to enhance the economic, civic and cultural growth of Madison County and act as a “voice of the business community.” This mission will be accomplished through the development and support, including both participation and financial commitment of the membership. We serve the businesses, communities and residents of Madison County.



Madison County Future, Inc. is a collaborative economic development organization dedicated to supporting growth for the benefit of businesses and people of Madison County.

## BOARDS OF DIRECTORS

### *Chamber of Commerce*

President:..... Patrick Closser  
First VP: ..... Mike Browning  
Second VP: .....Kathy Henry  
Third VP: ..... Kevin Robertson  
Financial Secretary: .....David Beickman

Dean Bollinger, Susan Thompson,  
Greg Finchum, Ashley Winebrenner, Steve Lelonek,  
Debbie Vallery, Amy Rees, Cindy Stout, Tim Suter,  
Emmy Beeson, Kevin Henry, Traci Tate,  
Bob Patterson, Rick Schafer, Jim Christel

### *Madison County Future, Inc.*

President:.....Dusty Parker  
Vice President: ..... Mark Forrest  
Secretary: ..... Patrick Closser  
Treasurer ..... Kevin Wood

Ray Martin, Mark Bennett, Jeff Pfeil,  
Tim Suter, John Rucker,  
Lou Kramer and Ben Johnson



# Chamber Goals (2018)

1

Increase Promotion of  
Community Events

2

Increase Chamber  
membership by  
**net 15 members**  
through membership  
retention and  
new memberships

4

Support the development  
and implementation of the  
Madison County Leadership  
program in 2018 through  
partnership with Madison  
County Future, Inc.

3

Increase quality of  
events and fundraisers  
by implementing new  
activities and engagement  
opportunities  
for attendees

2

Create options to transport at  
least **twenty-five (25) workers**  
to and from jobs and increase  
by at least **fifteen (15)  
workers** each year.

1

Increase completion of the  
Madison County Workforce  
Readiness Credential  
Program by 100% each year  
to reach **two hundred  
(200)** by Spring  
of 2020.

3

By August 1, 2018,  
implement a Leadership  
Development/Training  
Program for at least **five (5)  
future leaders** in year one  
and at least **ten (10)**  
in year two.

**Madison  
County  
Future, Inc.**  
**Goals (2017-2019)**



# Why join the Chamber?

## FREE DIGITAL MARKETING

Become a recognizable face in the community by enhancing your online presence

## CREDIBILITY

Create a professional image by being a part of a community-driven organization

## LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

Free monthly educational session geared towards strengthening your business

## RIBBON CUTTINGS & BUSINESS PROMOTION

Increase publicity through email newsletters, photo ops, and social media

## SAFETY COUNCIL

Earn up to a **3% REBATE** on workers comp insurance

## PRIVATE INSURANCE DISCOUNTS

Take advantage of benefits through the Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance

*Become  
a part of  
something  
BIGGER.*



# 2017 Events







## Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner

- Distributed awards to Nissen Chemitec America and Wilson Printing and Graphics
- Named Angie Wilderman the 2017 Bell Ringer
- **Educated over 120 community members about the goals and achievements of the organization**



## Golf Outing

- Spent an afternoon on the course fostering friendly competition
- Consumed plenty of cold beverages and American-style food
- **Raised over \$7,000**



## Farm Science Review

- Braved the rain, mud, and mess amongst 53 volunteers
- Greeted over 100,000 people with smiles
- **Raised over \$5,000**



## Bonanza

- Featured a silent auction with over 50 items
- Distributed \$3500 in prize money
- Served over 200 people a delicious prime rib dinner
- **Raised over \$16,500**

# SHAPING OUR COMMUNITY:

## 2017 Projects and Investments

### **Madison County, Township Trustees and Madison County Parks and Trails**

- Resurfaced over 100 miles of roadway
- Completed over 60 culvert replacements
- 1,700 linear feet of paved multi-use trail to be completed April 2018
- Continue to move forward with sewer and water utilities to service the US 42 corridor at Interstate 70
- Somerford Township added 4 squad bays to its emergency services facility.
- Madison County Board of Developmental Disabilities expanded their existing garage to allow for more fleet maintenance

### **Madison County Fairgrounds**

- Madison County Engineer completed 1,200 linear feet of storm sewer and 760 tons of hot mix asphalt paving at the Fairgrounds
- A new roof was built over the Fairgrounds Horse Show Arena

### **West Jefferson**

- Purchased the former Zion Lutheran Church to be used a community center
- Water treatment plant project will improve the treatment process and computerized controls while also expanding treatment capacity for redundant backup safety measures.
- Purchased one small mower and trailer for the Street Department and Parks maintenance crews, one pickup truck for the Public Service Supervisor, and one Police cruiser for the Police Department.
- Milling and resurfacing of Center Avenue, S. Bridge Street, Mill Road, East Street, South Street, Jones Street, Franklin Avenue, Heath Avenue, N. Twin Street, the back Parking lot at Converse Park and the entry driveway at the Community Center.





### Plain City

- Rt. 42 widening and an added turn lane at West Avenue
- Used Ohio grant dollars to purchase advanced meter reading devices to remotely read residents water meters
- Worked with consultant to conduct a feasibility study for utility services and decided to partner with the City of Columbus to support existing and future water and sewer needs
- Created a list of capital improvement projects that will be address using monies generated from the new Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Tax Levy

### London

- Repaired upgraded and installed new storm sewers on East High Street, Graham Avenue, South Main Street, Toland Street and Lincoln Avenue
- Resurfaced Oak Street, Madison Road, Liberty Street and Logan Street
- Completed Safe Routes to Schools
- Completed construction of second water tower, increasing excess capacity of city water by 700,000 gallons per day
- Started the renovation project for 20 South Walnut Street, which will serve as city administrative offices

*\*Communities are responsible for the submission of the information/statistics contained in this report.*

### ALCOTT HOLDINGS LLC

28 Clark Street, Mt. Sterling  
Operations: Distribution and Fulfillment

**20 Jobs**

**Investment: \$2 M**



### EliteFTS

30,000 sf

**5 New Jobs**

**Investment: \$1.5 M**

## 2017 Economic Development Projects

### JEFFERSON INDUSTRIES CORPORATION

6670 OH-29,  
West Jefferson  
Operations:  
Manufacturing

**20 Jobs**

**Investment: \$18 M**



### MADISON HEALTH

210 N. Main Street, London  
Operations: Healthcare

**Investment: \$25 M**



# Workforce Development





## *Madison County Workforce Readiness Credential*

**32**

NUMBER OF STUDENTS  
THAT SUCCESSFULLY  
COMPLETED THE  
PROGRAM IN 2017

**15**

NUMBER OF  
MADISON COUNTY  
BUSINESSES  
PARTICIPATING  
IN THE PROGRAM

**2**

NUMBER OF  
\$500 SCHOLARSHIPS  
AVAILABLE FOR MADISON  
COUNTY STUDENTS TO  
APPLY FOR IF THEY  
COMPLETE THE  
PROGRAM IN 2018

**55**

TOTAL NUMBER OF  
STUDENTS THAT HAVE  
COMPLETED THE  
PROGRAM  
SINCE 2015

## **MANUFACTURING TOURS**

MANUFACTURING  
MONTH:

**October**

NUMBER OF  
MADISON COUNTY  
STUDENTS THAT  
WENT ON TOURS  
IN 2017

**115**

NUMBER OF  
MADISON COUNTY  
STUDENTS THAT  
WENT ON TOURS  
FROM 2015-2017

**358**



## **NEW BUSINESSES**

Red Hot Propane

Gizzy's Corner

Layla's Ice Cream

Domino's Pizza

Cricket Wireless\*

7Forty Designs, LLC\*

Boost Mobile\*

Vallery Farmhouse Bakery

Thomas Media Group, LLC\*

Diamond Z Batting Cages  
and Indoor Sporting Facility\*

Willow and Twine Décor

Old 42 Antiques and

Vintage Marketplace

House of Martial Arts College, LLC

Smokin' Aces\*

Holy Shnikies Printing  
and Designs, LLC\*

The Daily Buzz\*

Sweet Madeline's Bakery

Eat Greek

Mad Hatter's Coffee Shop

The Barn in Sterling

*\*Denotes Chamber Member*

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Dunkley Enterprises, Inc.  
DBA Midwest Air Equipment

Counseling and  
Neurotherapy Associates LLC

Smokin' Aces Armory

Castle Bail Bonds

Alber Enterprise Center

DiamondZ Batting Cages  
& Indoor Sporting Facility

Main Street Deli

Creative Flooring

Thomas Media Group LLC

Boost Mobile

Greg King, Edward Jones  
Financial Advisor

Cricket Wireless

7Forty Designs, LLC

The Daily Buzz

Fine Designs and Interiors Ltd

Eva Marie's Salon

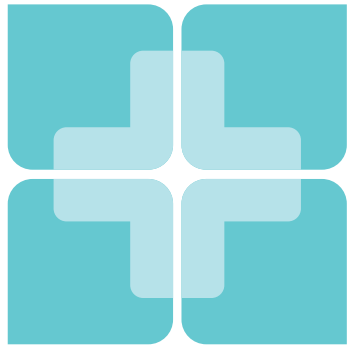
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## BRILLO INDUSTRIAL AWARD

*This award is presented by the Madison County Chamber of Commerce and Madison County Future, Inc. in recognition of a business in the manufacturing or distribution industry that has distinguished itself in the community.*

### STANLEY ELECTRIC US

Founded in 1981, Stanley Electric U.S. (SUS) opened its doors in the picturesque city of London, Ohio. For over 30 years, SUS has continually challenged the automotive lighting industry by creating innovative, modern, and stylish products. SUS has built a strong connection, not only with their associates, but with the Madison County community as a whole. SUS partners with a variety of local and national organizations that are committed to the well-being and advancement of the communities where we work and live. Hosting programs like the Giving Tree (benefiting Lifepoint Family Center), coat and food drives (benefiting the Help House), associate contributions to The United Way, and purchasing a blow-up movie screen for London's Movies by Moonlight summer event, are just a few of the ways SUS has planted firm roots in our community. SUS is also a proud member of the Madison County Workforce Readiness Credential Program, opening its doors to students who are interested in the manufacturing and auto lighting industry. By giving back to the Madison County community, SUS hopes its Outshining Light will spread across the county, encouraging others to plant the same firm roots.

## DWYER BROS. HARDWARE RETAIL/SERVICE AWARD

*This award is presented by the Madison County Chamber of Commerce and Madison County Future, Inc. in recognition of a business in the retail or service industry that has distinguished itself in the community.*

### WEST JEFFERSON HARDWARE

West Jefferson Hardware opened its doors to the West Jefferson community in 1974. In 2000, owner, Carol Beachy, began identifying and overcoming the challenges any small business owner might face. She adapted to meet the constant needs of the younger generation of homeowners, as well as the more established, they joined the "Do it Best" group, and adopted a philosophy of making the "crisis" in someone's home easy. The business's success can be attributed to its positive face in the community- when Carol isn't manning the store, she's greeting her customers out in the community through her extensive involvement. "Being involved in the customers' lives and the community activities is a joy and honor," Carol says, "our success is measured by the smiles and gratefulness of the clients."



## NON-PROFIT AWARD

*This award is presented by the Madison County Chamber of Commerce and Madison County Future, Inc. in recognition of a non-profit organization that has distinguished itself in the community.*

### FRIENDS OF MADISON COUNTY PARKS AND TRAILS

Friends of Madison County Parks and Trails is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization staffed by volunteers who are dedicated to supporting the Madison County Park District and the City of London. The organization's primary goal has been to complete and maintain the critical link of the Ohio to Erie Trail through Madison County as it goes from the Ohio River to Lake Erie. The Friends of Madison County Parks and Trails collaborates with many other non-profits and communities to support various events and initiatives. The organization also works directly with many small and large businesses to provide business advertisements while raising awareness of the businesses to trail users, which has helped raise money for trail construction and trail maintenance for the good of the community.

## BELL RINGER

*The Bell Ringer award is presented by the Madison County Chamber of Commerce each year to an investor who best exemplifies the aims and purposes of the Madison County Chamber of Commerce and who gives unselfishly of their time, efforts, and resources for the betterment of the Madison County Community.*

### PAST BELL RINGERS

1976 - Jim Wallis  
1977 - Rita Kulp  
1978 - T.J. Dwyer  
1979 - Art Hamilton  
1980 - Bill Robison  
1981 - Joe Londergan  
1982 - Clyde Goodyear  
1983 - Bill Miller  
1984 - Fred White  
1985 - Harry Heath, DVM  
1986 - Ted Hoey

1987 - Robert Decker  
1988 - Neil Babb  
1989 - Steve Coy  
1990 - Pete Misslin  
1991 - David Wheatley  
1992 - Dr. Jacob Froning  
1993 - Robert Rodabaugh  
1994 - Larry Wheeler  
1995 - Richard Nagy  
1996 - Tim Wilson  
1997 - Phil Goodyear

1998 - Mike Lynch  
1999 - Jim Hall  
2000 - Karen Peters  
2001 - Dave Hume  
2002 - Doug Deaver  
2003 - Jim Canney  
2004 - Dr. Alan Knowles  
2005 - Bud Brown/  
Stanley Electric  
2006 - Mike Quilter  
2007 - Al Wilderman

2008 - Robert Poe III  
2009 - Joan Denes  
2010 - Tim Suter  
2011 - Dave Joslin  
2012 - Jerry Alcott  
2013 - Gary Feliks  
2014 - Steve Lelonek  
2015 - Mike Boerger  
2016 - Mark Cowan  
2017 - Angela Wilderman