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Drywall Barn Serves Building Industry



The Drywall Barn renovated this building at 408 North Meridian Road for its new location.

AUSTINTOWN- The Drywall Barn is moving forward at its new location in Austintown. Funding from 1st National Commonwealth Bank and the Mahoning Valley Industrial Loan Fund, through MVEDC, assisted in the renovation of an existing building on Meridian Road. This location offers quick access to the Interstate highway system.

The Drywall Barn is a wholesale building product supplier, with customers throughout

northeast Ohio. In addition to drywall, the company offers insulation, metal framing, ceiling tile and wall panel systems, as well as needed construction supplies.

The Drywall Barn is owned by Mark Markota and Joyce Vitakis. The Markotas have owned the company since 1999. The business employs 20 and expects to add six additional positions with the move to the new location.

Childcare Providers Merge to Glenwood Avenue



YOUNGSTOWN- Parents in Youngstown know their children are in good hands at Precious Little Ones Child Care Center. The Glenwood Avenue facility merges three childcare businesses into one central location. Among them, owners Loretta, James and Natasha Eiland and Henrietta Cameron have experience in child care beginning in 1997. The facility offers play space that accommodates children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. The business re-location was made possible by a loan from MVEDC through the Child Day Care Loan Program. Pictured (left to right): Indoor play area, ribbon cutting ceremony, outdoor recreation space.

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Simon Roofing Opens Manufacturing Plant



Simon Roofing purchased new tanks for their manufacturing facility in Struthers.

BOARDMAN- Long-time Boardman business Simon Roofing has purchased needed equipment for their new manufacturing facility in Struthers.

Simon Roofing is operated by the third generation of Simons and has entered its second one hundred years of manufacturing and installing roofing systems. The company offers commercial roofing systems including built-up, modified, single-ply and standing seam metal roofing systems. Equipment purchased for the new facility includes

outdoor tanks, piping equipment, and motors.

Owners Alex and James Simon are grandsons of company founder Alex Simon. They are joined in the business by Anthony Vross. The equipment purchases were made possible by funding from National City Bank, a state of Ohio "166" loan and a Struthers Community Development Block Grant, through MVEDC. The company expects to add five employees in the next three years.

New Kennel Offers Full-Service Canine Care



Co-owner Tony Hostutler installs cages at the new Broadview Acres Country Canine Resort.

MINERAL RIDGE- Area pet owners have a new dog care alternative, with the opening of Broadview Acres Country Canine Resort in Mineral Ridge. Located on Salt Springs Road, the kennel includes boarding for 25-48 dogs a day, as well as grooming services, nature walks, massage and other specialized services upon request.

Owner Carrie Decesare provides the grooming and hands-on care for the

animals; she has also trained dogs for competition. Her co-owner and husband, Troy Hostutler, oversees maintenance and business operations for the facility. They expect to add an additional groomer as well as another employee in the next three years.

Construction of the business was made possible by Farmer's National Bank and a loan from the Mahoning Valley Industrial Loan Fund, through MVEDC.

Embroidery Company Serves Promotion Industry



Michelle Lamb checks a machine preparing a custom embroidery job at Color 3 Embroidery in Niles.

NILES- With loan assistance from the Mahoning Valley Industrial Loan Fund, Color 3 Embroidery is serving the contract embroidery needs of wholesale customers. Traci Miller started Color 3 as a home-based business in 1996. The company has since grown to become a wholesale supplier of custom embroidered products for the promotional products industry, soft goods manufacturers, silk screen companies and retail embroiderers. The company employs six at its location on Youngstown-Warren Road in Niles.

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Business Updates

BOARDMAN- Cosmetologist Erin Hoey has opened Erin's Beauty Salon in the former Joseph's Styling Salon on West Boulevard in Boardman. A graduate of Choffin Career and Technical Center, Erin specializes in ethnic hair design, providing distinctive hair styling and care, along with services not typically offered at area salons.

Joseph's, a full-service salon, had been in business for twenty years. There are three stylists currently at the salon, with an additional two to be hired as business expands. Purchase of the business assets was made possible by the Mahoning Valley Industrial Loan Fund, through MVEDC.

YOUNGSTOWN- Youngstown Mechanics is now in business on Midlothian Boulevard in Youngstown. Owned by area resident Jennifer Simon, the business is an automobile repair shop, focusing on excellent customer service.

Repair services will be provided by Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certified mechanic Gregory Fedor who has more than 10 years experience in auto repair. The shop provides service to all makes and models, as well as light duty commercial vehicles.

Funding for the purchase of the building and equipment was made possible by the Mahoning Valley Industrial Loan Fund, through MVEDC.

CANFIELD- Engineering company B.E. Studer in Canfield has received an injection of capital from the Mahoning Valley Industrial Loan Fund, through MVEDC. The full-service design/build, engineering, contracting and construction management company is owned by Bryan and Jenifer Studer. The company works with experienced architects and engineers, focusing on commercial and industrial construction projects throughout the U.S. and Canada, including big box retail and restaurant construction.

Buildings Available in Youngstown and Warren Commerce Parks



NORTH JACKSON- The Youngstown Commerce Park, 12356 Mahoning Avenue in North Jackson, has a 12,000 square foot building for sale or lease. The pre-engineered steel building includes 18 foot ceilings, exterior and drive-in truck doors, 400 amp electrical service, and a reinforced concrete floor. All utilities are in place and the building has a paved parking lot.

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WARREN- The Warren Commerce Park, 12840 Sferra Drive in Warren, has a 10,000 square foot pre-engineered steel building for sale or lease. The facility includes 18 foot ceilings, exterior and drive-in truck doors, 400 amp electrical service, special air handling equipment, air conditioning and a reinforced concrete floor. All utilities are in place and the building has a paved parking lot.



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