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NEW AIRPORT CHARTER SERVICE AVAILABLE IN MERCER COUNTY

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The Lakefield Airport in Montezuma is offering an exciting new service to area businesses. Miller Aviation is now the Fixed Base Operator at the local airport and is offering "On-Demand Charter Flights". This service provides greater flexibility to plan trips and bring in clients than commercial airlines can offer. As a private charter company, Miller Aviation provides "On-Demand" charter services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They fly your passengers and/or cargo according to your schedule and can usually be in position at Lakefield Airport to pick you up within an hour from the time you call. The charter service comes after the local airport completed a \$1 million runway extension and looks forward to the construction of a new ramp area and other improvements to be completed in 2011. The airport's physical improvements, along with this additional charter service, opens the door to more traveling options for area businesses.



CESSNA 310
• CRUISING SPEED: 212 MPH • SEATING FOR 5
• CARGO CAPACITY: 1000 LB



CESSNA 421 "GOLDEN EAGLE"
• CRUISING SPEED: 230 MPH
• CLUB SEATING FOR 7
• CARGO CAPACITY: 1800 LB

In business for over 20 years, Miller Aviation is an FAA Certified Part 135 Charter Operation, and has a fleet of 14 aircraft. The company employs an expert team of 10 pilots and has a client base of over 200 companies. They are able to fly into smaller county or regional airports to get you closer to your destination, avoiding the hassle of large airports and air carriers. This door-to-door convenience allows you to bypass security scanning and not worry about layovers, delays, and the heavy crowds.

Miller Aviation has three types of aircraft:
The Cessna 310 can carry up to five passengers. This aircraft has the flexibility to carry passengers, freight, or a combination of both.
The Cessna 421 offers cabin class seating and pressurization, which allows your employees and/or clients to fly in comfort and style. For businesses that transport several staff, the cost per seat is comparable to a business first class seat.

For larger cargo, they have the **Cessna 404**.

Here are some examples of what a round trip in the **Cessna 310** would cost:

Destination	Flight Time	Aircraft Cost
Celina OH to Washington D.C.	2:15	\$1,875.00
Celina to Atlanta GA	3:00	\$2,230.00
Celina to Chicago IL	1:15	\$1,000.00

The same flights in the **Cessna 421** would cost:

Destination	Flight Time	Aircraft Cost
Celina OH to Washington D.C.	2:10	\$2,715.00
Celina to Atlanta GA	2:30	\$3,240.00
Celina to Chicago IL	1:00	\$1,410.00

Call Miller Aviation at 877-314-5885 to obtain a custom quote or schedule your air charter. For more information about the services Miller Aviation offers, please visit their website at www.miller-aviation.com.



EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS
Unemployment rate for Mercer County for the month of January 2011:

January 2011	6.8%
December 2010	6.6%
January 2010	9.2%
Labor Force	25,100
Employment	23,400
Unemployment	1,700

Rates for surrounding counties:

Auglaize County	8.8%
Darke County	10.8%
Shelby County	11.1%
Van Wert County	10.8%

THE RLF PORTFOLIO OF MERCER COUNTY

Funds on Hand	\$562,510.21
Available Funds to Lend	\$363,490.14
Total # of Loans	26
Number of Jobs Created	1,363

If you know anyone interested in the RLF Program, please contact Mercer County Community Development at: 419.586.4209 or 419.586.2963

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Together, we can...

NEW FACES

ANNUAL COLDWATER CHAMBER AWARDS BANQUET

The Annual Coldwater Chamber Banquet was held at Overdrive on February 9, 2011. The banquet included a dinner and presentation of Awards as follows:

Jack Hartings presented Richard (Frank) Bonifas the "Citizen of the Year" award. Mr. Bonifas penned a book detailing his lifelong struggle with Tourette Syndrome. With the help and encouragement from many of his friends, it was a 15-year project. He wrote the book to educate the public of this disability to help us understand what others may be experiencing and how it feels to be in their shoes.

Liz Shindler was awarded the "Volunteer of the Year" award. Liz has been an active volunteer for many years in various activities throughout the Coldwater Community. Nominated by Briarwood Manor, Liz was honored for her support of all the functions and activities at the Center, making a difference in all the residents' lives.

The "Business of the Year" award was given to Deanna Davis and Kristi Kahlig, owners of Innergy Fitness. They recently opened their newly constructed facility and offer many new services for their members. Deanna and Kristi have become

active members in the community and started the Patriot 7K race to benefit various groups.

Southside of Coldwater, owned and operated by the Chris and Rose Post family were awarded the "Business Improvement of the Year" award. They purchased the business in August, 2009, and renovated the inside of the building with old Harley Davidson décor, as well as pictures of Coldwater history, New Idea history, and local sports. Southside is now a prominent restaurant, offering another dining option in Coldwater.



ANNUAL CELINA-MERCER CHAMBER AWARDS BANQUET

The Celina-Mercer County Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet was held Thursday, February 24th at The Galleria in Celina. Past President Shirley Gross reviewed 2010 and upcoming President Betty DuBry looked forward to 2011 chamber activities and goals.

Guest speaker, Dr. Jim Collins has been teaching in colleges and universities as well as consulting health care facilities for years and he has always believed in education and how it improves people's lives. He has provided continuing education and training for almost two decades to a wide variety of health care professionals and organizations. His program was "The Power of Purpose, Self-Motivation and Positive Attitudes: Creating a Culture of Happiness at Work." Dr. Collins was sponsored by the Gardens in Celina Skilled Nursing and Assisted Living Facility.

Joan Kiser of the Neurological Center in Burkettsville was given the Citizen of the Year Award for 2010. Kiser has been the director since the center opened in St. Peter in 1984. While Joan is not working at the center, she speaks to organizations about the center and takes disabled clients on trips.

Cooper Farms was honored with the 2010 Business of the Year Award. The St. Henry and Ft. Recovery based business employs nearly 800 people and conducts a gain-sharing bonus program for the employees to share in the company's success. They encourage staff to participate in community activities and wellness incentive programs.

The Grand Lake Restoration Commission was given the Achievement Award for preparing a master plan of actions for the improvement of Grand Lake, as well as raising approximately \$600,000 to put these actions into place.

The Sisters of the Disorder were given the Humanitarian Award for 2010. This organization (consisting of 12 local women) has donated \$20,000 to charities while entertaining audiences in nun attire over the past 10 years.

For more information on Chamber events and activities, visit www.celinamercer.com or visit them on Facebook.



DR. JIM COLLINS

The new year has introduced some new faces in Mercer County:

The Mercer County Community Development office welcomes Renee Muhlenkamp, who will assume full responsibilities of Grant Administrator and Assistant to the Community Development Director, as Susan McKanna plans her retirement. Renee previously worked as grant administrator for Fanning Howey Engineering Group for 11 years. Susan McKanna will train Renee in her new role until the end of June and will assist in the office as needed on a part-time basis. The department administers the RLF, CHIP grant, CDBG Formula funds, and CDBG Water and Sewer funds.

In St. Henry, Ron Gelhaus was recently hired as the new Village Administrator, replacing veteran Don Hess.

After working for the Village of St. Henry for 32 years, Don Hess officially retires May 31 as Village Administrator. Ron Gelhaus, a native of St. Henry, will take over the reigns and train with Hess until that time.

Previously, Gelhaus worked as senior project manager for Ayers Mechanical Group in Van Wert for 13 years. , and prior to that he was a plumber for Ohio Plumbing and Electric in Celina for 13 years. Ron was the President of the St. Henry School Board and decided to step down to focus on his new duties as Village Administrator.

Gelhaus looks forward to the opportunity to work where he grew up. "It's a great area, a great community" he said. The Mercer County Community Development Department welcomes Ron to his new post and looks forward to working with him and the Village of St. Henry in the future.



SUSAN MCKANNA AND RENEE MUHLENKAMP



DON HESS AND RON GELHAUS

LOCAL BUSINESS UPDATE



3-WAY MACHINE AND TOOL

3-Way Machine and Tool is a tool and die production company specializing in CNC machining and tool and die prototype. In October, 2010, they paid off a 10-year RLF loan and were able to meet the five new hires required as part of that agreement.

David Moorman is President of the company located at 2411 Cassella Montezuma Road, Maria Stein. The company started in 2000 and required the loan to purchase new machinery and welding equipment. Currently they employ six people.