Machine Business Expands and Purchases New Equipment
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Employee Jonathan Mancino operates Niles Building Product's new roll forming line.

Niles Building Products Expands
TRUMBULL- Niles Building Products has expanded at its current location with the addition of a new roll forming line. Established in 1973, Niles Building Products manufactures metal building products used for interior walls and ceilings, as well as other items used in the construction of larger commercial buildings.

The company has twenty-five employees, with an expected expansion of seven new manufacturing jobs with the addition of the new roll line.

Funding for the expansion came from Chase Bank, the State of Ohio “166” program and the MVEDC’s Mahoning Valley Industrial Loan Fund.

Cardinal Environmental Labs, 2870 Salt Springs Road, Youngstown, Ohio.

Environmental Lab Under New Ownership
MAHONING- John and Tracy Pflugh have taken over the real estate and equipment assets of Tri-State Laboratories to form a new company known as Cardinal Environmental Labs. The new business will concentrate on environmental testing, including water and soil testing for engineering, consulting firms and personal properties.

Tri-State Labs had been in business since 1978 in a 10,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility at 2870 Salt Springs Road in Youngstown.

Financing for the project comes from Zion’s Bank and the U.S. Small Business Administration’s 504 Loan Program, administered by MVEDC.

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Machine Business Expands Services

CHAUDON- John Brkic has started a new company, QP Manufacturing, at 215 Fifth Avenue in Chardon.

The company machines and grinds precision parts for a variety of applications in the automotive and heavy equipment industries. The company also offers production, assembly, design and prototype services.

Funding for the project was provided by Lake National Bank and the State of Ohio "166" program, administered by MVEDC.

Produce Supplier Grows into New Location

RAVENNA- Sirna and Sons, Inc. has expanded their business from Aurora to a new facility at 717 State Route 88 in Ravenna. The 48,000 square foot facility was formerly a Krispy Kreme production facility.

Sirna provides fresh fruits and vegetables to restaurants, country clubs and others, with customers in Ohio and western Pennsylvania. Sirna & Sons currently employs 150, with an expected addition of 10 employees once the move is completed. Family members Vince and Joseph Sirna and Serena Wagner also work in the company as officers.

Financing for the project is from Portage Community Bank and the State of Ohio "166" Program, administered by MVEDC.

Roofing Business Under New Ownership

SEBRING- Boyd & Hawkins Roofing in Sebring is under new ownership. Jon Walker, a Sebring native, completed the purchase from previous owner John Hawkins. The company specializes in several roofing systems, including custom metal and shingle roofs.

Walker plans to expand the company's geographical market, add roofing specialties, work with more general contractors and increase advertising.

Funding for this project was provided by Sky Bank and the MVEDC's Mahoning Valley Industrial Loan Fund.
Cycle Supply Business on the Move

Youngstown Cycle Supply relocates to 6911 Market Street, Youngstown, Ohio

YOUNGSTOWN- Cyclists will be enthused to hear about the expansion of Youngstown Cycle Supply to a new, larger location at 6911 Market Street in Boardman, the former Prizant’s Carpet. Owner James Nadasky has operated a retail outlet at 3616 Market Street since 1968.

Youngstown Cycle Supply carries aftermarket motorcycle apparel, safety equipment, parts and accessories for motorcycle riders. The move will allow expansion of the motorcycle service component of the business.

Funding for the project came from National City Bank and the Mahoning Valley Industrial Loan Fund.

Specialty Auto Business Moving to Salem

SALEM- Phantom Auto Works, a specialty auto product manufacturer, has relocated to Salem from Knoxville, Tennessee. The company provides interior upholstery kits, from the original dies, for Studebaker automobiles.

Phantom also provides dashboard covers, door panel sets, carpet sets and trunk mats. New owners Nicole Paolozzi and Nick Bush plan to attend additional Studebaker and vintage car shows across the country to expand their customer base.

Funding for the project came from Sky Bank, MVEDC’s Intermediary Relending Program and the Columbiana County Mini-Loan Fund.

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Business Update

MAHONING- Dan Best is now operating Best Limousine, offering safe, luxurious transportation services from its headquarters in North Lima. The project was funded in part by the Mahoning/Youngstown Mini-Loan Fund.

MAHONING- Rebecca Velazquez and Marisa Vasquez are the proud owners of Salon V, a hair care facility, at 565 East Main Street in Canfield. Both owners are also stylists in the business. Funding for the project was provided by the Mahoning/Youngstown Mini-Loan Fund.

COLUMBIANA- Under the guidance of owner Susan DelVichio, Hedz Up Salon and Day Spa is pampering women from its location at 2423 Clark Road in Salem. Support for the project came from the Columbiana County Mini-Loan Fund.

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