



Q2 2023

WEDCO Quarterly

Upcoming Events "WEDCO WEDNESDAYS"

Professional Headshot Day - July 26
Get your headshot updated at the @
East Annex Conference Room
8a-11a and 4p-6p.
\$60 for members/ \$75 non-members

Lunch & Learn - August 16
Topic: Business Funding, Speaker:
Toledo Lucas Co Port Authority
@ East Annex Conference Room
Noon-1p



Past Event Photos

Did you get snapped at our
last event? Check out the photos
below and also our social media
to see if you were snapped!

Edgerton Job Fair
March 3



WEDCO Annual
Meeting March 30



OEDA Basic Economic
Development Course
May 1-4



Do you have an event idea?
We'd love to hear it!



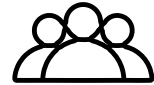
Annual Meeting was a success!

Thank you to everyone who attended and assisted with our annual meeting on March 30th. It was a great icebreaker for the new WEDCO staff and a great time to recognize the successes of Williams County. To recap, Suzie's Catering provided a variety of wraps and salads for lunch while Bill Martian spoke about the Williams County Port Authority and their housing initiative. Then Tori Adkinson and Logan Badenhop presented a presentation about Custom Training Solutions, a great resource for companies that includes short term training and customizable work-based learning programs.

We finished the event with celebration of Community of the Year (Village of Montpelier), Business of the Year (Spangler Candy Co.) and NEW Business of the Year (Cadet Car Wash). Then congratulated Al Fiser and Nathan Gardner on their retirement from the WEDCO Board.

A Message from the Director

Hello! I can't believe I am officially, *almost*, 6 months into this new role, time flies when you're having fun! This is a little delayed but you can expect a quarterly newsletter the third Wednesday of every quarter, beginning June 21st! -Ashley



Building Relationships

Educator Bootcamp

During this week-long event in June, we tour with a group of educators to local businesses to introduce them to the world of business and industry.

Businesses provide an overview of their product, careers available (present & future) as well as highlight the skills needed to be successful in these careers (not just vocational skills). This is a great event to build relationships between education and industry.

WEDCO Education Business Advisory Council

There has been a lot of discussion about the disconnect between business and education. Many people feel that the skills and knowledge that are being taught in schools are not always aligned with the needs of the workforce. As a result, graduates may not be as prepared as they could be for the jobs that are available.

To address these challenges, WEDCO created a county wide group that consists of businesses and educators that will meet quarterly and collaborate.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller

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- West Unity - Gathering Days (June 2nd & 3rd)
- Montpelier- Outdoor Movie at Miller Park (June 9th @ 9pm)
- Bryan - Jubilee (June 15th -17th)



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