

New Businesses and Owners

1. (THE) ADA ICON

Fred and Mary Steiner are the owners of The Ada Icon. Ada Icon is a free online news and advertising source for the Ada community. It was launched in March 2012 and now has 2,000 views over a 30-day period. Mr. Steiner holds the Journalism degree from Bowling Green State University. Mrs. Steiner holds the Master's of Organizational Management from Bluffton University. Fred is also CEO of the Bluffton Area Chamber of Commerce, and Mary is a recruiter for the Bluffton University adult education programs. Fred and Mary have two children—Lindsay (29) and Anne (27).

2. ADA SERVICES

Dale Bracy is the owner of Ada Services. The business offers heating, cooling, plumbing, and electrical services to Ada and the surrounding area. They hold an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau. His hobbies include fishing, golf, and spending time with family. Dale and his wife, Chasity, have two children—Brandon (15) and Allen (14).

3. ADA THEATRE

James and Sheri Curlis own the Ada Theatre. Mr. Curlis holds the Bachelor's degree in Business and Sheri a Master's in Education. Their hobbies include old cars (Jim), reading (Sheri), and both enjoy vacationing with family. Jim and Sheri have three children—Jayce (10), Ellie (8), Lia (Shane) Hill, and a granddaughter, Addison Hill.

4. HEALTH TRENDS

Ursula Minich is the owner of Health Trends, fitness and tanning center. Mrs. Minich enjoys all sports and loves hanging out with her family. Ursula and her husband, Jason, have four children—Heather Winegardner (27), Zach Winegardner (23), Mary Winegardner (17), and Donavin Minich (11).

5. NEW BEGINNINGS PRIMITIVES

Beth Price is the owner of New Beginnings Primitives where you can find country/primitive home décor. Custom work is also offered from area crafters, as well as Beth. Her hobbies include primitive crafting and attending her children's sporting events. Beth's husband, Joe, is deceased. Beth has three children—Emily Long (23), Hannah Price (17), and Mallory Price (13).

Newcomers to the Community

1. **David AMES** (Teacher, Ada School) is High School English Teacher in the Ada Exempted Village School System. Mr. Ames holds the B.A. in English with a focus in creative writing. He has won 1st and 3rd place in the Arbuckle Creative Writing Contest. His hobbies are music and working to publish a collection of short stories and a novella. David and his wife, Brenda, have one child—Rein (19 months)

2. **William BALLARD** (Vice President, ONU) is Vice President for Finance at Ohio Northern University. Mr. Ballard holds the B.A. and M.B.A. from The Ohio State University. His hobbies include gardening, reading, and photography. Bill is married to Diane.

3. **Amanda BENNETT** (Ada Public Library) is the Director of the Ada Public Library. Ms. Bennett holds the B.A. from Oakland University, M.L.I.S. from Wayne State University, and was the AmeriCorps Education Award Winner 2003-2005. Her hobbies include travel, gardening, reading, writing, cooking, hiking/walking, and spending time with family and friends.

4. **Bryan BOULANGER** (Engineering, ONU) is Associate Professor of Civil Engineering at Ohio Northern University. Dr. Boulanger holds a Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering. His hobbies are hiking, climbing, and running. Bryan and his wife, Paula, have four children—Liam (8), Alden (6), Neilan (4), Maire (2), and are expecting a baby boy in January.