



**ERIE COUNTY**  
**CHAMBER of COMMERCE**  
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# NEWSLETTER

MARCH 19TH, 2024



## Dear Chamber Members,

As spring approaches, we expect there to be many exciting things going on with our members - golf outings galore, Mother's Day celebrations, etc. We just wanted to remind you that a benefit to your membership is the ability to advertise in our bi-weekly newsletter. If you have a happy announcement or an event on the horizon, please send it our way! You can send your flyers to me at [afisher@greatersandusky.com](mailto:afisher@greatersandusky.com).

Sincerely,

*Alissa*

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# Upcoming Events

**Friday, Mar. 22**  
9:00am

## **Strides Toward Wellness**

Get moving and learn with our monthly doctor-led walk, focusing on a variety of health topics.

[Learn More](#)

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10am - 11am

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[Learn More](#)

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**April 3 - 8**

## **Total Eclipse of SUNdusky**

An event of celestial proportions is coming to Sandusky two months from today. A Total Solar Eclipse will occur across the city's sky on April 8, 2024.

[Learn More](#)

**Friday, Apr. 12**  
8:00am - 1:00pm

## **BGSU Firelands Small Business Symposium**

Join us for the 3rd Annual BGSU Firelands Small Business Symposium featuring Keynote Speaker Mike Crawford from the Hall of Fame Village.

[Learn More](#)

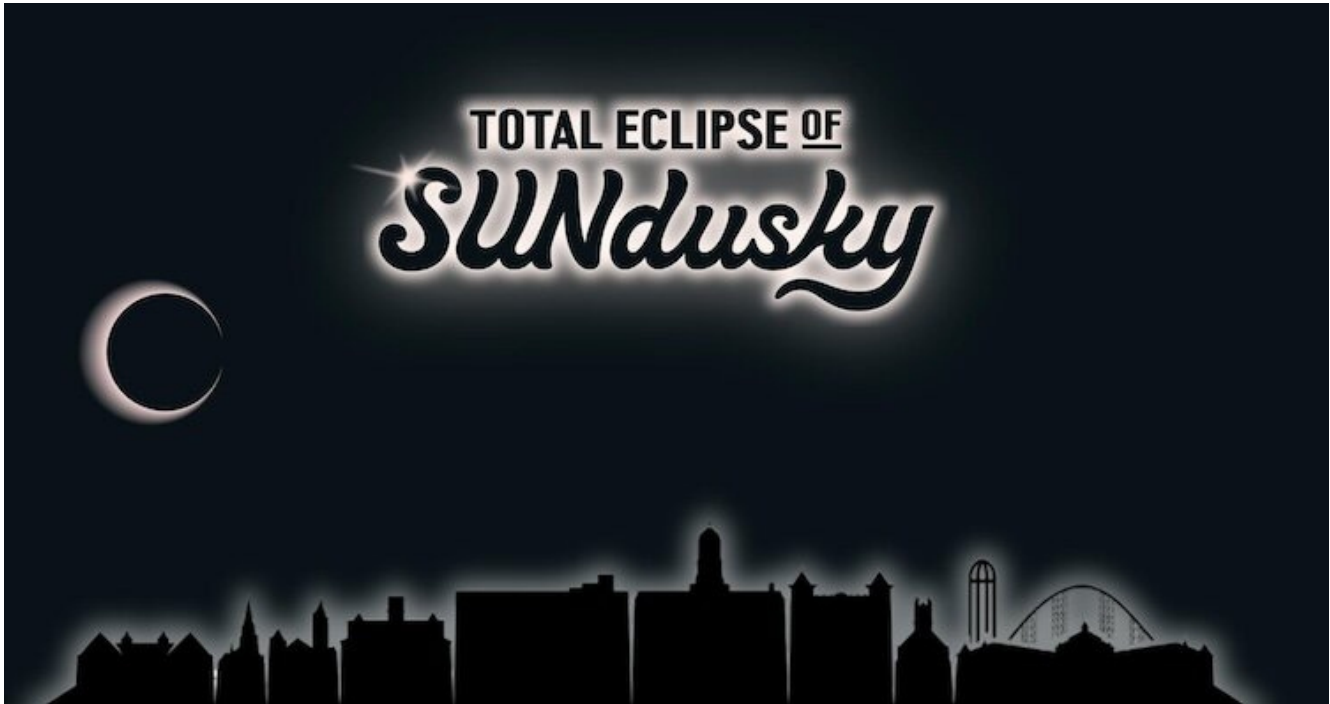
**To view all events and for more information, please visit:**

<https://business.eriecounty.chamber.com/events>





*Stories you may have missed...*



## Erie County gears up for total solar eclipse

KRISTINA SMITH | WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

As the Sandusky area gets ready for [the total solar eclipse](#) on April 8, local officials and businesses are preparing for a large influx of people.

Erie County is in the path of totality, making it a premiere spot to see this once-in-life-time natural phenomenon. This eclipse will be the first total solar eclipse in Ohio since 1806.

“The hotels are filling up,” says Tim Jonovich, Erie County Emergency Management Agency Director. “Some of the campgrounds are even opening up. It’s going to be a little hectic out there.”

The good news for locals – in addition to the welcome boost to the economy – Jonovich stresses, is that Sandusky and the surrounding area are accustomed to handling large crowds, such as during busy weekends with Cedar Point traffic, driving home after the Fourth of July fireworks, and have the infrastructure to handle them.

[Read the full story at www.thehelmsandusky.com](http://www.thehelmsandusky.com)

# WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



## CYDNEY SALMONS

*RISE Coordinator*

Cydney finds joy in connecting resources to people and assisting small businesses in achieving their goals. In the RISE role, Cydney is looking forward to the opportunity to support the growth and success of local enterprises. Cydney previously served as Executive Director for the Huron Chamber of Commerce. She received the Sandusky County SPARK Award “for making a difference in the lives you touch” and the Positive People Award. Cydney is dedicated to making a positive impact in the Greater Sandusky community.



## PEYTON ZAMARELLI MINICH

*Events & Programs Manager*

With a passion for events, entertainment and cultivating meaningful connections, Peyton is excited to join the Greater Sandusky Partnership team as Programs and Events Manager. Peyton is originally from Alliance, OH where she completed her Bachelor of Arts in public relations and music performance at The University of Mount Union. Previously, she spent the last four years of her career at Cedar Point, where she expanded her skillset in retail, events and entertainment. During her time at Cedar Point, she worked on several different projects such as the opening of Castaway Bay Waterpark entertainment, Frontier Festival vendor management, and multiple other live shows and guest experiences. Peyton has additional experience in non-profits, journalism, and as a young entrepreneur, where she created her own public relations firm that assisted in kick starting small businesses.



## Community Conversations with Lorain Historical Society

*At the inaugural event of the Lorain Historical Society's Community Conversations series, Eric Wobser, CEO of Greater Sandusky Partnership (GSP), and Barb Piscopo, Executive Director for the Lorain Historical Society, shared valuable insights on community*

*revitalization. Their discussion emphasized the importance of engaging and retaining young talent by offering meaningful professional opportunities and fostering an authentic environment. Barb and Eric highlighted the necessity of incorporating new ideas and involving young people in shaping the future direction of the community, advocating for a collaborative approach to innovation.*

*The conversation also highlighted the entrepreneurial mindset as crucial for community revitalization, with practical strategies for downtown revitalization discussed, including incremental development and public-private partnerships. Leveraging local assets for sustained growth, such as historic landmarks*

*and waterfront areas, emerged as key themes. Barb and Eric's insights, alongside those of other community leaders, provided valuable perspectives on the multifaceted approach required for community advancement, emphasizing innovation, collaboration, and strategic planning as essential elements for success.*



*Barb Piscopo, Executive Director, Lorain Historical Society & Eric Wobser, CEO, GSP*



*The conversation facilitated by the Lorain Historical Society offered a platform for discussing practical approaches to community revitalization and growth. As communities strive for progress, these ideas can serve as tools for building vibrant and prosperous communities.*

*McKenzie Spriggs, Eric, Alissa Fisher, Peyton Zamarelli Minich & Nico Samaniego*

## Firelands FCU Wins Economic Vehicle Accessibility Award from Open Lending

*Firelands Federal Credit Union recognized for bringing vehicle ownership opportunities to underserved consumers*

**Washington, DC, March 14, 2024** -- Firelands Federal Credit Union (Firelands FCU) was honored with a 2023 Economic Vehicle Accessibility Award (EVAA) from Open Lending, an industry trailblazer in automotive lending enablement and risk analytics solutions for financial institutions. The inaugural EVAAs honor Open Lending's partners for their commitment to driving access to vehicle ownership through equitable financing opportunities for consumers in the near- and non-prime credit tiers.

"Open Lending is proud to recognize the incredible work that credit unions and banks do to bring loan opportunities to underserved consumers," said Kevin Filan, senior vice president of marketing at Open Lending. "Creditworthy near- and non-prime loan applicants are frequently overlooked, and they often need financing opportunities to become vehicle owners and achieve upward credit mobility. We established the EVAAs to honor partners like Firelands FCU for going above and beyond in their service to these consumers, and to inspire other financial institutions to do the same."

Open Lending helps financial institutions reduce risk, increase loan approvals, expand lending portfolios and optimize the loan origination process. Lenders working with Open Lending are enabled to identify creditworthy auto loan applicants often overlooked by traditional underwriting methods.

"We're honored to accept this award and proud to provide vehicle financing to those that might not have access to other traditional options, prioritizing quality vehicles and clear, affordable loan terms for all," said Ashley Smith, Vice President of Lending at Firelands FCU. "As a financial cooperative, making sound and inclusive lending decisions is imperative, and our partnership with Open Lending empowers us to confidently offer loans that may otherwise be out of reach. This award underscores our mission to strengthen communities and improve lives through stress-free banking products, financial education, and locally-tailored services."

### Methodology

Awards are based on categories defined by the asset size of the credit union and judged by the number of Lenders Protection certified loans booked for the 2023 calendar year.

### About Firelands FCU

Firelands Federal Credit Union had its humble beginnings in 1955, when seven Nickel Plate Road employees joined together to form a financial savings club. When officially chartered in 1957, the credit union was open only to railroad employees, but in 1970, opened its membership to include anyone who lives or works in Erie, Huron and Crawford counties. Today, Firelands FCU serves over 35,510 members. As a member-owned credit union, the earnings on Firelands FCU's business activities are returned to the member-owner in the form of higher earnings on savings, lower rates on loans, and a wide range of related financial services at the lowest possible cost. Learn more by visiting: [www.firelandsfcu.org](http://www.firelandsfcu.org).

### About Open Lending

Open Lending (NASDAQ: LPRO) provides loan analytics, risk-based pricing, risk modeling, and default insurance to auto lenders throughout the United States. For over 20 years we have been empowering financial institutions to create profitable auto loan portfolios with less risk and more reward. For more information, please visit [www.openlending.com](http://www.openlending.com).

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Brett Montague, President & CEO, with Ashley Smith, VP Lending, and John Bricker Account Executive at Open Lending





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# Encouraging Environmental Excellence

Ohio EPA's Encouraging Environmental Excellence (E3) Program recognizes exceptional achievements in environmental stewardship. Any business, industry, trade association, professional organization, or local government of Ohio can be recognized for their commitment to environmental excellence.

Organizations may receive one of four award levels based on their commitment to Environmental Excellence: Achievement, Silver, Gold, or Platinum.

Ohio EPA evaluates applications using the following 15 environmental stewardship criteria:

- Sustainable materials and purchasing
- Pollution prevention
- Energy efficiency
- Recycling programs
- Organics diversion
- Green building
- Renewable energy
- Management commitment
- Employee involvement
- Continuous improvement
- Innovation
- Life cycle assessment
- Green infrastructure and storm water best management practices
- Economic benefits
- Promotion and dissemination

E3 Platinum Level applicants need to provide additional information describing how their overall environmental stewardship program addresses these six community and regional sustainability criteria:

- Product or service design
- Community education
- Improving the supply and delivery chain
- Community and regional environmental priorities
- Habitat and biodiversity improvements
- Community support

*Applications are due by April 30 of each year. To learn more about the E3 awards program, or to apply for recognition, please visit our website.*



**800.329.7518**

**[epa.ohio.gov/ohioE3](http://epa.ohio.gov/ohioE3)**





# FREE WEBINAR

# REDUCING ENERGY COSTS

## Maximizing Grants & Incentives Available for Energy Efficiency Projects

### IN THIS FREE EDUCATIONAL WEBINAR, YOU WILL LEARN:

- Efficiency measures that can help to drive down your monthly energy bill
- Maximizing your project ROI with incentives and grants available through a combination of federal, state, and local programs
- Financing options to fit your budget and objectives (including on-bill financing)
- Best practices for responding to vendor and customer pressures to become sustainable
- Electric and natural gas supply procurement strategies to lower your remaining utility costs

### EVENT DETAILS:

Thursday, March 21st, 2024  
12:00-1:00 PM



Register Online:

<https://bit.ly/ReduceEnergyCostsWebinar>

### PRESENTED BY:



Kathy Elseser  
Energy Program Manager  
Chamber Energy Program



Alex Gribble  
Energy Management Associate  
Chamber Sustainability Program

In 2023, we assisted customers in applying for over \$2,000,000 in state and federal grants. Don't miss out on these project funding opportunities. Attend our webinar to learn more!



# Want to Provide Additional Value to your Clients?



As a valued member of our chamber, we wanted to extend to you the opportunity to enhance your client's experience. With our complimentary bill review service, your clients can enjoy additional benefits that set your business apart from the rest.

## What does the free bill review include?

Our team of experts will examine your client's energy bills and identify potential areas for savings and optimization. Whether it's electric or natural gas, we'll ensure your clients are getting the best value for their money. Additionally, we'll search for grants and incentives to provide financial support for their efficiency projects.

## Why share this with your clients?



### Enhance Client Satisfaction

Show your clients that you're committed to their success by providing them with valuable resources to save money, improve efficiency, and minimize project costs.



### Differentiate Your Business

Stand out in the competitive landscape by offering a unique value-add that demonstrates your dedication to your client's financial well-being.



### Build Trust & Loyalty

By offering your clients a free bill review, you're not only helping them manage their costs, but you're also building trust and loyalty that can lead to long-term relationships.

## Check out how this commercial real estate agent saved their client thousands!

SVN reached out to the Chamber Energy Program for help cutting their client's energy costs. Through this simple introduction, SVN's client realized savings totaling over \$3,500. Now we are facilitating the client's LED lighting and HVAC upgrades, and are applying for a grant to offset associated project costs.

**Ready to Get Started?**

**Start providing extra value and savings to your clients today.** Simply refer them via email, by reaching out to our Energy Program Manager, Kathy Elseser at [kelseser@ceateam.com](mailto:kelseser@ceateam.com).

# Connecting Mobility & Growth

## Listening Sessions

Strategic  
Transportation  
& Development  
Analysis



## Connecting Sandusky to Columbus

Join the Conversation

Wednesday, March 27th

Kalahari Resorts & Conventions

Governor Mike DeWine and the Ohio Legislature directed the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to conduct a strategic analysis of Ohio's transportation system and how it can support statewide economic growth.

We are excited to gather many to continue the conversation and present a strong, shared message from our region. We hope you can attend March 27th to keep our process and concerns at the top of the page.

**Date: March 27th**

**Time: 10:00am**

**Location:**

**Kalahari Resorts & Conventions**



**REGISTER NOW**



What's going on at the Mall?



**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny: Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

10am – 11am – Reservations are required.

Kids \$7 and Adults \$13 – **CASH ONLY**. No credit/debit cards.

Have breakfast with the Easter Bunny! Enjoy hot-boxed breakfasts provided by **Another Broken Egg**. **Reservations required**. Call the Mall Office (during office hours) for reservations **419-626-8575, Ext. 102** by March 20<sup>th</sup>. After breakfast, in Center Court, there will be coloring and crafts for the kids to do or take home **PLUS... a Bouncy House and Glitter Tattoo Artist from 10:30am – 2:30pm**.



**Kids Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt: March 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>**

The Mall will be conducting a mall-wide **Kids Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt**. Shoppers/kids will pick up an entry form at the *Information Booth*, write down which store window each egg is located and turn it back in to the *Information Booth* for a prize! Only one prize per person. *While supplies last*.



**Pet Photos with the Easter Bunny:**

Monday - March 25<sup>th</sup> 5pm – 7pm

**Easter Bunny Set Schedule:**

Mon – Fri	4pm – 8pm
Saturdays	11am – 8pm
Sundays	11am – 6pm
<b>Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup></b>	11am – 8pm
<b>Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup></b>	11am – 8pm



**Sports Card and Collectibles Show**

March 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am – 4pm

Sponsored by **W&W Cards and Collectibles**.



**NEW THIS YEAR!** Have a favorite sports player or team? Stop out to the Sandusky Mall and check out the Sports Card and Collectibles Show!





## Kindness Carrot Patch and Selfie Stations March 15<sup>th</sup> – March 30<sup>th</sup>

In Center Court there will be a Kindness Carrot Patch and a Kids Activity Table where you can write your name on a carrot and we will add it to our Kindness Wall. There will be selfie stations, and kid's activity kits and coloring pages at the Kids Activity Table.



## STRIDES TOWARD WELLNESS

March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9am

*Sponsored by Firelands Health.*

Get moving and learn with our monthly doctor-led walks, focusing on a variety of health topics. Sponsored by Firelands Health. The doctor will speak at the beginning and end of the walk and be available for questions throughout. We encourage walkers of all ages and abilities. The topic this month will be "Strategies to Prevent & Treat Obesity".



## SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING PARTY

Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

Noon – 4pm

*Free and open to the public!*

Come out to the Sandusky Mall **SOUTH ENTRANCE Parking Lot** for the **FREE Eclipse Viewing Party!** DJ, prizes, popcorn, special solar glasses (while supplies last) and fun for all! Additional parking behind the mall by the Villas. Come out and watch this once in a lifetime event at the Sandusky Mall!



## SENIOR WELLNESS EXPO

Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

10am – 2pm

*Free and open to the public!*

Experts will be on hand to discuss aging topics & health concerns for people age 55 +. Meet and collect resources from local vendors. Sponsored by Heartland Hospice.

Wellness Talks - Door prizes - FUN!

Physical, Mental, Emotional & Financial Health

# Strides

Toward Wellness



9 a.m. at the  
Sandusky Mall

Main entrance. The walk  
begins in the food court

Friday  
March 22nd  
9am

Get moving and learn with our monthly doctor-led walk, focusing on a variety of health topics.

- Monthly doctor-led walk.
- Monthly wellness topics.
- Free and open to all fitness levels.



*For more information*  
go to [firelands.com/strides](http://firelands.com/strides) or call 419-557-7410



SANDUSKY  
MALL

# SPORTS & CARDS & COLLECTIBLES SHOW

**MARCH 23**  
**10AM-4PM**

LOCATED NEAR THE  
JCPENNEY ENTRANCE

VISIT [SANDUSKYMALL.COM](https://www.sandusky Mall.com) FOR DETAILS!

All events are subject to change or cancellation without notice.  
See the Information/Security Booth or call (419) 626-8575 for complete details.

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# Hoppy Fun!

**BREAKFAST WITH  
THE EASTER BUNNY!**

**MARCH 23**

**10AM-11AM • FOOD COURT**

**\$7 Kids, \$13 Adults**

**Reservation required. Call 419-626-8575 for  
reservations and information.**

**Activities and fun in Center Court following breakfast!**

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**JOIN US:**

**Monday, March 25th**

- 8:30am
- 10:30am
- 1:30pm
- 3:00pm

**Tuesday, March 26th**

- 8:30am
- 10:30am
- 1:30pm
- 3:00pm

**Wednesday, March 27th**

- 8:30am
- 10:30am

**Location:**

Kalahari Resort & Conference Center  
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# 2024 ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

## NASA ARMSTRONG ADVOCACY COALITION

FEATURING



March 26th



5PM -7PM



EHOVE- The Center  
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Milan, Ohio



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## ***NASA Armstrong Advocacy Coalition Presents 2024 Annual Meeting of Members***

**MARCH 26th, 2024  
5:00pm - 7:00pm  
EHOVE - The Center**

Join the NASA Armstrong Advocacy Committee for its annual meeting of members presented by HX5 Sierra. Enjoy Hors D'oeuvres and networking with Armstrong Test Facility Leadership. Following brief club business, enjoy keynote presentations from NASA Astronaut and US Army Colonel Retired, Douglas H. Wheelock and Governor Mike DeWine's Senior Advisor for Aerospace & Defense and US Air Force Colonel Retired, Joseph E. Zeis Jr.

Renewing members, please check your e-mail for your promo code.

Please give us a call at 419-668-9858 with any questions.

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**

# Kalahari®

# Easter

## BRUNCH BUFFET



Gather with family & friends this Easter Sunday and create new traditions at our annual Easter Brunch Buffet! Enjoy an eggstravagant all-you-can-eat spread of breakfast favorites, savory chef-carved meats, and delicious desserts that'll have you hopping back for seconds.



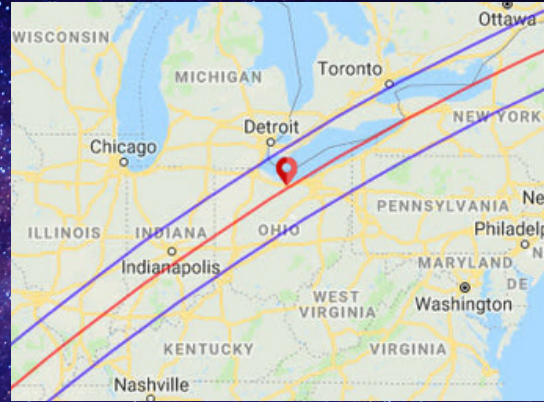
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# Save the Date!

Solar Eclipse  
**SHORES &  
ISLANDS**  
OHIO **04.08.24**



Learn fun facts, plus stay informed on local events & safety protocols.



## Businesses, be prepared for this stellar experience!

On April 8, 2024, the moon will completely block out the sun for a rare total solar eclipse. Due to our global position directly in the path of totality, our communities in and around Shores & Islands Ohio will enjoy incredible, unobstructed viewing time of approximately four minutes. With this exciting event, comes a need to prepare. **Join us April 2nd to get your most pressing questions answered!**

### Join the meeting here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82962717351?pwd=UzbdjCS38TeaZFsW9PzsWNJKqazj8R.1>

### Or Scan the code:



Meeting ID: 829 6271 7351  
Passcode: 298362



9 a.m.



Friday,  
April 2nd



Zoom

# Understanding the Intersection Between the Hospitality Industry, Community Resources and Human Trafficking

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

## Kalahari Resorts & Conventions— Zambezi Room

This is a **FREE** event with a light breakfast and lunch provided.

Please use the QR code to register by March 29, 2024.

For more information, please email [EmpowermentSeeds@gmail.com](mailto:EmpowermentSeeds@gmail.com)

Registration



### Thank you to our Sponsors & Supporters



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8:00 - 8:45am Registration/check-in

8:45 - 9:00am Introduction and thank you to sponsors and speakers

9:00 - 10:30am **Human Trafficking 101:** Presentation by Linda Powers and Mary Kate Waggoner of the Ohio Attorney General's Human Trafficking Initiative.

10:30 - 10:45am Break

10:45am - 12:00pm **Hotel Operations Anti-Trafficking Training:** Presented by our Keynote speaker Joe Savarise from the Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association.

12:00 - 1:00pm Lunch

1:00 - 2:00pm **The Importance of Community:** Presented by Tracy McGinley and Lara Wilken of BGSU Firelands and co-founders of Seeds of Empowerment.

2:00 - 3:30pm **Survivor Panel:** Three survivors of human trafficking will provide a meaningful discussion on the importance and value of listening to survivors.

3:30 - 4:00pm **Q&A and Conclusion**





Alzheimer's disease affects millions of individuals worldwide, and its prevalence continues to grow. As a community, it is crucial that we come together to learn about this disease, share experiences, and explore ways to make a positive impact.

*Please join us for*

## **The Impact of Alzheimer's Disease in Our Community**

**Wednesday, April 3, 2024**

**7:45-9:00am**

**Sandusky Yacht Club**

**529 E. Water St.**

**Light refreshments will be served**

This forum will be an opportunity to connect with others who are passionate about addressing Alzheimer's and to become empowered to take action. Whether you are a caregiver, healthcare professional, community leader, or someone interested in learning more about Alzheimer's, your presence and contributions are invaluable.

### **TOPICS OF DISCUSSION**

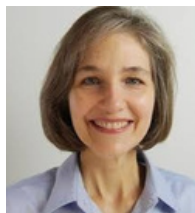
**Research and Treatment:** Hear from experts in the field about the latest advancements in Alzheimer's research and potential treatment options.

**Community Action:** Brainstorm ideas and initiatives to raise awareness, provide support, and make a difference in the lives of those affected by Alzheimer's in our community.

### **PANELISTS**



Camren Harris,  
Ohio Public Policy,  
Alzheimer's Association



Sue Daugherty,  
Executive Director,  
Serving Our Seniors



Peter Schade,  
Health Commissioner,  
Erie Co. Health Dept.

**[Click here](#) to register by April 1  
or contact**

**Erica Parnisari: [elparnisari@alz.org](mailto:elparnisari@alz.org)  
419.216.2973**

# TOTAL ECLIPSE OF *SUNdusky*

To celebrate this historic event, the City of Sandusky and Destination Sandusky are planning the Total Eclipse of SUNdusky Festival, a cosmic extravaganza that includes educational events, a music festival, and an out of this world market.

## The Total Eclipse of SUNdusky schedule includes:

- Wednesday, April 3 – “When Day Becomes Dusk” with the Cleveland Museum of Natural History’s Senior Astronomer Nick Anderson (6pm)
- Thursday, April 4 – Jeepclipse: A Celebration of 4x4s on April 4 (4/4) (4-8pm)
- Friday, April 5 – Little Shop of Horrors movie screening (7pm) and Pavilion Plant Takeover with the Friends of the Sandusky Greenhouse (4-8pm)
- Saturday, April 6 – Twilight: Eclipse movie screening (7pm)
- Saturday, April 6 - Monday, April 8 – Music Festival

## Music Schedule

### Saturday, April 6

- 12pm - Flyin Jays
- 2pm - SWAGG
- 5pm - The Kinsman Dazz Band

### Sunday, April 7

- 12pm - Steve Brownell
- 2pm - Follow the Sun
- 5pm - Killer Flamingos

### Monday, April 8

- 12pm - The Menus



DESTINATION  
*Sandusky*

All events will be free and open to the public. “When Day Becomes Dusk” on April 3 will take place at the Cedar Point Sports Center and all other events will be on the Jackson Street Pier.





National Alliance on Mental Illness

**NAMI**

Erie County  
Ohio

**is hosting our first annual art competition fundraiser - a dinner and art event that you won't want to miss:**

## *The Colors of Emotion*

**The food will be catered by Berardi's Restaurant of Huron. We will be featuring art from local artists, knowledgeable speakers on mental health, entertainment, and a silent auction!**

**Date: April 20th, 2024**

**Time: 6-9 pm**

**Location: Mylander Pavilion  
(223 W Shoreline Dr.  
Sandusky, OH 44870)**

**Ticket Price : \$50**

**(includes your seat and meal)**

**Table Price: \$400**

**(includes 8 seats and meals)**

**Purchase your tickets by April 1st, 2024 by calling 419-370-6352 or by emailing [nami.in.erie@gmail.com](mailto:nami.in.erie@gmail.com)**

JOIN US FOR THE

# WAC/CMCA Conference 2024!



Join the Minority and Community Affairs and Women's Action committees for their joint 2024 conference! This will be a fun-filled event with great speakers and solidarity with your union sisters and brothers.

Vendor booths will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

### **LOCATION:**

Kalahari Resort and Convention Center,  
7000 Kalahari Drive, Sandusky, OH 44870

### **DATES:**

Friday, May 3 – Sunday, May 5, 2024



**VENDOR APPLICATION**

OCSEA AFSCME Local 11 AFL-CIO

**2024 Committee for Minority and Community Affairs (CMCA) & Women's Action Committee (WAC)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(State)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Zip Code)

Product(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 per table \_\_\_\_\_ (table size – approx. 6 ft.)

**VENDORS MAY NOT BRING THEIR OWN TABLES**

Do you need electric? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_; **AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** \$\_\_\_\_\_

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**Set up time:** 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. **Saturday, May 4, 2024**

**Conference Location:** Kalahari Resort & Convention Ctr., 7000 Kalahari Dr., Sandusky, OH 44870

**Hotel Information:** Phone Number: 1-800-525-2427; Room Rate: \$229.00 plus tax and resort fee.  
**For discount code: OCSEA 2024 Conference**

Booths are open 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (**meals are not provided**)

Make checks payable to: OCSEA CMCA/WAC Conference  
**Payment must be received with application by April 19, 2024**  
**NO refund on booth fees after April 26, 2024**

Mail this form and check to: **OCSEA – CMCA/WAC Conference**  
Attention: Angela Harrington, Director  
390 Worthington Road, Suite B,  
Westerville, OH 43082

Email address: [aharrington@ocsea.org](mailto:aharrington@ocsea.org) if you have any questions.

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# Mother's Day Brunch

FLOWER BOUQUET BUILDING & LIVE MUSIC

## Date:

Saturday, May 11th,  
2024

Join us for an enchanting Mother's Day celebration that promises a delightful fusion of food, creativity, and music! Indulge in a flavor-packed brunch featuring a wide array of unique dishes. Then, embrace your creative side in our Flower Bouquet Workshop, where you and your special guest will have the chance to design a personalized bouquet with a vast assortment of fresh and vibrant flowers at your disposal. Take your masterpiece home with you as a cherished memento and token of beauty.

**Ticket Price: \$79.00 per person**

**REGISTER**  
**NOW**

## Location:

Castalia Farms, 7101  
Heywood Road,  
Castalia, OH, 44824

## Time:

10:30am to  
12:30pm







*you're invited to*

CAMPBELL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER'S

# *Spring Garden Gala*

DINNER, MUSIC, AND MORE!

MONDAY | **MAY**  
**13** | AT 5:30 PM  
**2024**

VITA SANDUSKY

*\$50 per person*

CAMPBELL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER'S

# Spring Garden Gala

Join us in celebrating new beginnings at the  
Spring Garden Gala!

The evening commences with a delectable meal catered by Vita Sandusky amidst a backdrop of vibrant flowers. A live performance by Rumors Unplugged Trio will follow. The event will also include raffle baskets, a 50/50 drawing, and door prizes, with a cash bar available throughout the evening.

As the evening concludes, we will be sharing exciting updates about the future of the the Campbell Christian Community Center (*formerly known as the Nehemiah Partners of Sandusky*)!

Invite your friends and reserve your seat today by visiting [springgardengala.eventbrite.com](http://springgardengala.eventbrite.com).



# You Are Invited!

## The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Kiwanis Golf Scramble

### May 15, 2024

The Kiwanis Club of Sandusky is a leading service club in our area, serving the children of Sandusky and the surrounding communities. Proceeds from this event will help fund our signature project, the **Erie County Imagination Library**, which provides free books every month to over 2,500 children from birth to five years old, regardless of income!

## There are three ways you can help.....

### 1. Hole Sponsor - \$125

As a hole sponsor you or your business will have a sign posted at one of the holes for all our golfers to see. Your support will also be listed in our program.

### 2. Sponsor a Team - \$340

Sponsor a team for your business or organization and enjoy the day. Registration with payment is due by May 8, 2023 to insure you will be included in the day's event and dinner.

### 3. Meal Sponsor - \$500

This sponsor will receive recognition in our program, signage the day of the event, recognition on our Facebook page, and a hole sponsorship. Our golfers will also appreciate your generosity! **Only one sponsorship available.**

To be a sponsor of the 2024 Kiwanis Golf Scramble simply fill out and return the form on the reverse side. For additional information, please email [sanduskykiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:sanduskykiwanis@gmail.com).

*Kiwanis also supports other local charities, awards scholarships, and sponsors the Lake Erie Aktion Club, the SCCS Key Club & the SCCS Builders Club.*



**Kiwanis**  
CLUB OF SANDUSKY

Website: [sanduskykiwanis.org](http://sanduskykiwanis.org)

Facebook: [KiwanisClubSanduskyOH](https://www.facebook.com/KiwanisClubSanduskyOH)

Meetings: American Legion Post 8

1<sup>st</sup> Wed. at 5:30pm; remaining Wednesdays each month at noon



**Have fun while making a difference in the lives of children in our local communities!  
Kids need Kiwanis, Kiwanis needs you! Ask about membership today!**

# Kiwanis Club of Sandusky

## 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Scramble

Wednesday, May 15, 2024  
Thunderbird Hills North

- ▶ Tee Times starting at 8:06 am. Preferred time based on availability.
- ▶ Prizes awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
- ▶ Chances to win hole proximity contests.
- ▶ 50/50 drawing. No requirement to be present.
- ▶ **\$85 Per Person or \$340 per Team**
- ▶ Hole Prizes
- ▶ Fee Includes: Cart, 3 drink tickets hot dog at the turn, & a boxed lunch.

***\$10,000 Hole in One Prize Up for Grabs!***  
***Sponsored by Fidelity National Title***

***Please mail registration form, sponsorships and payment by May 6, 2024. This event is rain or shine unless the course closes. There are no refunds, but player substitutions are permitted. Due to service and bank fees, online payments will not be available.***

Mail to: **Kiwanis Club of Sandusky**  
**P.O. Box 1686**  
**Sandusky, OH 44871**

Questions? Call Tony Cummings: 419.625.1894  
Email: sanduskykiwanis@gmail.com

Player #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Player #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Player #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Player #4 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- Cost/player \$85 or \$340/team. Total team: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mulligans Four mulligans for \$20. Maximum Eight Mulligans per team \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Skins \$20/team \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Circle Preferred Tee Time (8 AM 9AM 10AM)**

**Yes, I would like to be a sponsor of the 21st Annual Sandusky Kiwanis Golf Scramble.**

Name or Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signage/publicity should read \_\_\_\_\_

- Hole Sponsor - \$125  
 Lunch Sponsor - \$500, **only one available.**





KINGSTON RESIDENCE OF VERMILION PRESENTS

# SPRING OPEN HOUSE

With charcuterie and fruit board demonstration and creation.

Photo examples below.

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Saturday, May 18th 2024

10:00am - 12:00pm

6010 W. Lake Road Vermilion, OH 44089



# Golf outing.

Saturday, June 22, 2024

For sponsorship information, please contact Holly Dagg  
at 419.624.1171 or [holly.dagg@commonspirit.org](mailto:holly.dagg@commonspirit.org).

## Sponsorship level

We wish to sponsor  
The Commons of Providence at  
the level selected below.

- Hole Sponsor - \$125**  
Signage at hole  
Table at hole (optional)
- Lunch Sponsor - \$750**  
Signage at event  
Team of 4 players
- Dinner Sponsor - \$1,250**  
Signage at event  
2 teams of 4 players
- Beverage Sponsors (2) - \$1,000**  
Signage on beverage cart  
Team of 4 players
- General Donation**  
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## Sponsorship donation form

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Company Name

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Contact

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Address

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City, State, Zip

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Phone

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Fax

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Email

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Name as you wish it to appear on signage

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Sponsor Signature

### Method of payment

- Visa    Mastercard    Check enclosed (*Payable to The Commons of Providence*)    Please invoice

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Credit Card #

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Exp. Date

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Print name on card

Please submit form before Wednesday, May 1, 2024 to:  
The Commons of Providence  
Attn: Holly Dagg  
5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky, OH 44870

**All proceeds benefit the Commons' Crew, Walk to End Alzheimer's Team.**





# Golf outing.

**Saturday**  
**June 22, 2024**

**Check-in**

7:30 a.m.

**Shotgun Start**

8:30 a.m.

**Woussickett Golf Course**

6311 W. Mason Road  
Sandusky, Ohio 44870  
419.359.1141

**Registration Fee**

**\$400/team**

Includes greens fee, cart fee, lunch, dinner, welcome bag, and chances to win pin prizes.

Top three teams receive:

**1st place – \$800**

**2nd place – \$600**

**3rd place – \$400**

**All proceeds benefit**  
**The Alzheimer's Association**  
**of Northwest Ohio.**

**Registration form - *please print.***

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Name

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Company

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Address

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City, State, Zip

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Phone

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Email

**Foursome**

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Team Name

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Player 1

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Email

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Player 2

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Email

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Player 3

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Email

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Player 4

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Email

**For questions or to register:**

Contact Holly at 419.624.1171 or  
[holly.dagg@commonspirit.org](mailto:holly.dagg@commonspirit.org)





# Membership Benefits: Small Business Health Benefits



Greater Cleveland  
 Partnership  
**COSE**



**MEDICAL MUTUAL**

The Erie County Chamber of Commerce has partnered with the Council of Smaller Enterprises (COSE) and Medical Mutual to offer a new type of health insurance coverage for our member businesses, titled the Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement (MEWA). This coverage is available for businesses with 50 or fewer employees, including business owners with no employees.

## What the COSE Benefit Plan Offers:



### Attract & Retain Talent

Ensure your most valuable employees are satisfied with both their job and their compensation package to increase longevity and retention.



### Gain Tax Savings

Employers and employees pay less for health insurance when it is purchased at a group level because it is paid for with pre-tax dollars.



### Network Access Benefits

Group health plans often have access to large networks of doctors and hospitals compared to an individual plan on the public exchange.



### Get Broker Help

A broker can guide you through the process and help you find the best health plan for you and your employees.



### One-Stop Shop

Dental, vision, group life, accidental death and dismemberment insurance and short-term disability can be added to your health insurance plan.



### Cost Savings

In addition to health insurance, as a Chamber member, you can take advantage of savings on electricity and natural gas, office supplies, workers comp and more.

To learn more or sign up for this benefit package, contact the Erie County Chamber of Commerce at [info@eriecountychamber.com](mailto:info@eriecountychamber.com)





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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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