



GSP Member & Community Events, Announcements and Updates

February 6, 2026

Member Newsletter Submissions

Member updates will be shared through our monthly newsletter. Member events can also be found on our website on the [Community Calendar](#).

Members, please note, if you have an addition to the newsletter, it should be 8.5"x11" and shared as either a png, jpg or PDF file. Newsletters will be sent monthly. Please send your flyers to Alissa Fisher, Director of Marketing, at afisher@greatersandusky.com.

Not yet a member? Join GSP today as a [Business Member](#), [Community Partner](#), [Individual Member](#) or [NCYP Member](#)!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MEMBER APPLICATION



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New Business–Child Care Partnership Supports Workforce Stability

A new partnership including My Faith Learning Center, and Firelands Region employers is offering local employers an innovative way to support their workforce through dependable child care.

Launched with support from the Ohio Department of Children and Youth Early Care and Education Business Partnership Grant and administered locally through the Child Care Resource Center (CCRC), the My Faith Preferred Employer Program allows businesses to invest directly in child care solutions for their employees with the help of grant funds awarded by the state of Ohio.

Participating employers can reserve guaranteed child care slots (for future use) or contribute a flat amount or percentage toward employee tuition. These investments in year one of the grant are matched at 75% of the investment and 25% in the second year to help working parents stay engaged in the workforce while giving employers a competitive edge in recruitment, retention, and productivity.

The program rolled out in Fall 2025 and is available for employers to participate in today. To meet demand, My Faith Learning Center is funded to iness Partnershipopen three additional classrooms and expand staffing to serve infants, preschoolers, and school-age children to meet the needs of the employees in need of quality care arrangements.

“This partnership aligns business needs with real workforce solutions,” says Jennifer Dodge, CCRC Executive Director. “Reliable child care reduces absenteeism, supports employee stability, and strengthens the local economy.”

Designed as a sustainable, scalable model, the program will track outcomes and share data to encourage additional employer participation across the region.

📌 Interested in becoming a business partner or learning more?

Contact the Child Care Resource Center to explore how your organization can participate:
Jennifer Dodge jdodge@ccrcinc.com or 440-242-0413 ext. *231

TROUBLE AFFORDING CHILD CARE?

The Erie County Tuition Assistance Program Can Help!!

Covers licensed & unlicensed care

Must meet 2 of these:
1. Live in Erie County
2. Work in Erie County
3. Child care is in Erie County

Funds granted for up to one year

For children 6wks-12 years of age

Receive 1:1 support from CCRC Specialist

Employers can contribute to help employees succeed!

Is My Family Eligible?

Family Size:



Income Limit:

\$2,383/month

\$3,004/month

\$3,625/month

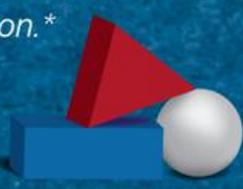
\$4,247/month



Made possible through the Dorn Foundation, Mylander Foundation, and supported by the Erie County Community Foundation.

Apply Now!

Questions? Contact Tiffany Felter:
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child care
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***Additional Cost**

Lunch *Break.*

SANDUSKY BAY CITY LIFESTYLE | HAILEE SAGE



The
Details.

Thursday February 12th 2026
11:00am - 12:00pm
Work Space
1521 East Perkins Ave, Sandusky

TO RSVP TEXT 419-202-5886 OR
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I'm Hailee Sage, Publisher of Sandusky Bay City Lifestyle, and I'd love to invite you to a Lunch *Break* conversation about our hyper-local, luxury publication.

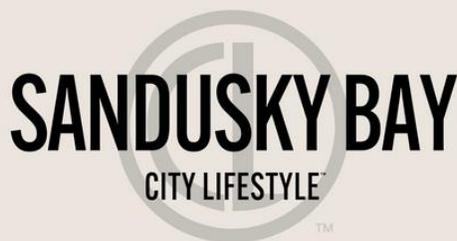
This Lunch *Break* is an inside look at:

- Your publisher: who, what and why
- Building trust and credibility in the community
- Staying visible year-round
- Being top of mind with the right costumers

It's a conversation about alignment and brand presence in the community. We aren't just printing a magazine. We're building a trusted platform where local brands are seen with intention, found by the right audience and ultimately chosen in a crowded market.

You've seen us. Now, see the results. An Exclusive Lunch *Break* with Sandusky Bay City Lifestyle.

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 29, 2026

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VacationLand Federal Credit Union Receives Approval for Field of Membership Expansion

(SANDUSKY, OH) (January 29, 2026) VacationLand Federal Credit Union is pleased to announce that it has received official approval from the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) to expand its field of membership. This strategic enhancement allows the credit union to extend its financial services to Lorain, Ottawa, and Sandusky counties.

With this expansion, VacationLand Federal Credit Union can now offer its full suite of financial products and services—including checking and savings accounts, loans, digital banking solutions, and financial education resources—to thousands of new potential members.

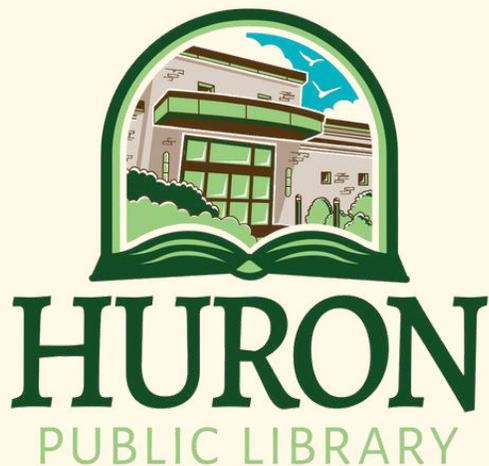
“Expanding our field of membership is a milestone that reflects the strength of our cooperative spirit. We could not have achieved this without the unwavering support of our members, the dedication of our employees, and the trust of the communities we proudly serve. Together, we are opening the door to greater opportunity and a stronger financial future for all,” said Bryan Myers, CEO.

The newly approved expansion aligns with the credit union’s mission to be their members’ chosen lifetime financial partner, improve their communities for future generations by promoting financial well-being, increasing access to affordable financial services, and supporting underserved communities. The credit union has a long history of serving Erie and Huron counties, and this approval marks a significant step in broadening its impact.

About VacationLand Federal Credit Union

VacationLand Federal Credit Union was established in 1956, serving more than 20,000 members with assets totaling \$320M. As a not-for-profit financial cooperative, the credit union remains committed to providing exceptional service, competitive financial products, and community-focused initiatives. To learn more about membership eligibility, visit www.vlfcu.org or call 1-800-691-9299.

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UPCOMING DECEMBER COMMUNITY EVENTS

ALL MONTH LONG ADULT WINTER READING CHALLENGE BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK

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MON
FEB

ALL DAY: Take & Make Craft
11:30am: Mahjong Mondays
2:45pm: After School Gaming Club

10

TUE
FEB

11:00am Art Club
6:00pm Stuffed Animal Sleepover

11

WED
FEB

5:00pm Rockin' Readers Book Group
6:30pm Euchre Night

12

THU
FEB

ALL DAY Teen Cooking Challenge
6:00pm Huron Community Connections: Polic &
Fire

[VIEW ALL PROGRAMS & EVENTS ONLINE!](#)



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Mark Sams Promoted to Senior VP, Senior Revenue Officer

SANDUSKY, OHIO (January 9, 2026) – Civista Bank is pleased to announce the promotion of Mark Sams to Senior Vice President, Senior Revenue Officer.

In his new role, Sams brings 27 years of banking experience and will focus on identifying and advancing revenue opportunities across the bank. He will have direct responsibility for Treasury Management, Private Banking, Wealth Management, Civista@Work, and a new healthcare lending and deposit initiative. He will also assist with other lending business lines as the role evolves to support Civista Bank's continued growth and performance objectives.

"Mark's deep industry experience, strategic mindset, and proven leadership make him exceptionally well-suited for this role," said Bob Katitus, Senior Vice President and Chief Lending Officer. "His ability to identify opportunity and drive growth will be instrumental as we continue to evolve and strengthen our revenue strategy."

About Civista Bank

Founded in 1884, Civista Bank is the community banking subsidiary of Civista Bancshares, Inc., a financial services holding company with assets of \$4.4 billion headquartered in Sandusky, Ohio. Civista Bank provides full-service banking, commercial lending, mortgage, and wealth management services to individuals, businesses, governments, and non-profit entities. Today, Civista operates 44 offices across Ohio, Southeastern Indiana, and Northern Kentucky. Civista Leasing & Finance, a division of Civista Bank offers commercial equipment leasing services for businesses nationwide.

To learn more, visit civista.bank or follow us on Facebook @CivistaBank, Instagram @Civista_Bank, and LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/civista-bank>.

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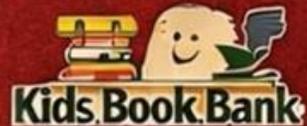
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IN CLINICS, STUDIOS, & FITNESS FACILITIES

Many health and wellness facilities spend more money on energy than necessary, without realizing it.

Common sources of hidden energy waste include:

- HVAC systems running outside operating hours
- Equipment left on when not in use
- Inefficient lighting or outdated controls
- Inflated electric and natural gas supply rates

The Chamber Energy Program helps identify ways to reduce your supply costs and energy usage without disrupting daily operations.



Let us help you uncover hidden energy savings. Simply visit www.chamberenergyprogram.com, fill out the form, and upload a recent copy of your electric and gas bills.

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LONG-TERM ENERGY COST STABILITY FOR HEALTH & WELLNESS BUSINESSES

Are you ready to secure predictable electric and natural gas pricing?

We'll evaluate the best products for your needs and ensure you're positioned for long-term stability. Energy is one of your largest operating expenses. Let us help you manage it with confidence and control.

The Chamber Energy Program helps health and wellness businesses – **from dentists and orthodontists to gyms and fitness centers** – navigate choices clearly and confidently, at no cost to members.

Reach out to the Chamber Energy Program today. We'll let you know what you're currently paying and if you could be paying less.



Get your free bill review today by visiting www.chamberenergyprogram.com, filling out the form, and uploading a recent copy of your electric and gas bills.

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Speed Volunteering

Connecting Volunteers & Nonprofit Orgs + Programs

Tuesday, February 24th, skip the drag of speed dating and join us for Speed Volunteering: A dynamic way to connect local nonprofits and programs with community members looking to give back.

Similar to speed networking, this event will allow potential volunteers to engage in brief, timed conversations with a list of organizations, discovering meaningful ways to get involved and make a difference.

Registration and networking from 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. with a prompt programming start at 5:30 p.m.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- ★ More than 15 area-organizations set up at booth-like tables
- ★ Up to 5 minutes of conversation with representatives from orgs looking for support through volunteerism
- ★ Staying for the duration of the event to ensure equal conversation amongst all orgs
- ★ Timing of each conversation and rotation by the Team @ Work Space

Planning to attend?

Scan the QR code or use link below to register as an individual.



1521 E Perkins Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870

SEE BACK FOR PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS!

www.workspacesandusky.com/speed-volunteering-registration

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