

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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Message from the Publisher



Hailee Sage

HAILEE.SAGE@CITYLIFESTYLE.COM (805) 558-9346

Our publication is a communityfocused magazine that aims to connect the residents to the people, places and things that make our city special.

We are inspired by the unique atmosphere our city has, and we highlight the most positive aspects of living here. From locally owned businesses to inspirational residents, these pages will be your guide.

So whether you're a native or new to the area, our publication can become your community hub.





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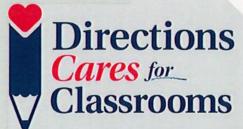
LUNGH BREAK

- \$3.50 -

MONDAYS | WEDNESDAYS | FRIDAYS 11:30AM - 12:15PM

WITH ACTIVITIES TO FOLLOW!

620 E. WATER ST. | SANDUSKY, OH 44870 MONDAY-FRIDAY | 8:00AM - 4:00PM WWW.ERIESENIOR.ORG | 419-626-2560



CLASSROOM GRANTS 2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR



Supporting Educators in Our Communities

Directions is proud to champion the incredible work you do every day in the classroom—and we're here to help bring your boldest ideas to life!

We know that teachers often go above and beyond, even reaching into their own pockets to make learning magical. That's why we're thrilled to announce our Cares for Classrooms Grants—a special initiative to support the creativity, passion, and dedication of K-12 educators in the communities we serve.

Here's the exciting part:

We're awarding up to \$15,000 in total grants during the 2025-2026 school year, with individual grants of up to \$500 available to fund classroom dreams big and small.

Whether you need:



New books to spark imagination



Math manipulatives to make numbers come alive



Art supplies to unleash creativity



Software or AV equipment to enhance engagement



Lab Materials for hands-on discovery



Any other resource that supports student learning

...we've got your back!

If you're a K-12 educator in a community served by Directions, we encourage you to apply and let us help you make a difference—one project, one student, one classroom at a time.

Let's build something amazing together. We can help turn your classroom vision into reality!



COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION AT:

https://directionscu.org/cares-for-classrooms/



Online & Mobile



APPLICATION WINDOW:

FALL 2025

8/25/2025 through 9/30/2025

Winners will be announced on or before November 3, 2025.

WINTER 2026

12/1/2025 through 1/31/2026

Winners will be announced on or before March 2, 2026.



Competitive Advantage & Loyalty!"

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Starting at \$525

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UPCOMING OCTOBER COMMUNITY EVENTS

ALL MONTH LONG

TEENTOBER &
ART IN THE GALLERY: OLD WOMAN CREEK
PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

15 WED OCT

ALL DAY: Dine to Donate to Support the friends of the Huron Library

10:00/11:00 am - Babies and Toddler Time

1:30 PM - Preschool Storytime

THURS OCT

12:00 PM - Lunchtime Program: Erie County MasterGardeners: Living Gifts from the Heart2:30 PM - Coffee Crew at Gathering Grounds4:00 PM - Girls Who Code Coding Club

FRIDAY

10:30 AM - Senior Stretch

20 MON OCT

11:30 AM - Majong Mondays 2:45-4:30 PM - After School Gaming Club - Grades 6-12

5:30 PM - Romance Book Club "Morbidly Yours" by Ivy Fairbanks

6:00 PM - Mystery Book Club - We Solve Murders by Richard Osman

VIEW ALL PROGRAMS & EVENTS ONLINE!

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Civista Bank Named as One of the 2025 Best Employer in Ohio

Sandusky, Ohio (August 29, 2025) – Civista Bank was recently named as one of **Crain's Cleveland Business' 2025 Best Employers in Ohio.** This year's annual list of the Best Employers in Ohio rankings was created by Workforce Research Group on behalf of Crain's. This is the fifteenth consecutive year Civista Bank has been named to the list and the seventh year by Crain's.

This statewide survey and awards program is designed to identify, recognize, and honor workforce engagement.

The 2025 Best Employers in Ohio list is made up of 45 companies. "We are honored to be recognized as one of the Best Employers in Ohio for the 15th consecutive year. This distinction reflects the unwavering dedication of our talented team, whose commitment to customer service and community impact has defined our 140+ year legacy. As we look to the future, we remain focused on growth, innovation, and strengthening the financial well-being of those we serve," said Civista Bank CEO, Dennis Shaffer.

The rankings of the 2025 Best Employers in Ohio were announced on August 22nd and published in Crain's Cleveland Business on August 21. For more information on the program, visit CrainsCleveland.com.

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 \$4.1 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 42 offices across Ohio, Southeastern Indiana, and Northern Kentucky. Civista Leasing & Finance, a division of Civista Bank offers commercial equipment leasing services for businesses nationwide.



@CivistaBank

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2025 Sandusky Caregiver Support Group Schedule







Facilitated By:

Alzheimer's Association of Northwest Ohio

Location: Erie County Senior Center 620 East Water Street in Sandusky

Meets the third Wednesday of the month

June 18

July 16

August 20

September 17

October 15

November 19

December 17

**New Group time: 10-11am

Build a support system with people who understand.

Alzheimer's Association support groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe place for individuals caring for a loved one with dementia to:

- · Develop a support system
- Exchange practical information on challenges and possible solutions
- Talk through issues
- Share feelings, needs and concerns
- Learn mindfulness techniques to bring some balance to challenging days

Call 567-302-3608 for questions or to register

Registration is required each month



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St. Stephen United Church of Christ 905 East Perkins Ave in Sandusky

January 7th 9:30-10:30am

February 4th 9:30-10:30am

March 4th 9:30-10:30am

April 1st 9:30-10:30am

May 6th 9:30-10:30am

June 3rd 9:30-10:30am

July 1st 9:30-10:30am

August 5th 9:30-10:30am

September 2nd 9:30-10:30am

October 7th 9:30-10:30am

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Partner with Us to Strengthen Business and Child Care Together

My Faith Learning Center is partnering with local employers to create a sustainable solution that benefits both businesses and families. Through a state funded Business Partnership Grant, businesses can:

- Reserve guaranteed child care slots for their employees
- Contribute directly to child care tuition support (additional discounts with the preferred employer plan)

This partnership aligns business needs with dependable, high-quality child care for working families. By joining us, your organization helps build a stronger workforce, supports employee well-being, and invests in the long-term growth of our community.

We invite your business to be part of this collaboration and help shape a model that works for employers, employees, and children alike. Each business partner will be encouraged to participate in the first year of the project to receive foundational support that will help them implement the needed plan for long-term employee support implementation through their fiscal and human resource infrastructure. Support from the state grant will be provided in tiers: 75% in the first year, 25% in the second year, and phased out entirely by the third year, at which point no state support will be provided. The grant will provide support and a "runway" for businesses to update HR policies, rework fiscal investments and support new and existing employees with their child care needs. Child care supports offer a meaningful benefit that reduces absenteeism and improves retention for any business that invests.

To partner and take advantage of this grant opportunity you will:

- Sign a MOU between the child care program and business
- CCRC will assist the business with creating a rollout or pilot run of the program
- 3. Data will be collected from both the child care program and partnering business
- Quarterly meetings will be held with the child care staff, HR staff and if there are parent groups we will meet with them as well.

If you are interested in a discussion or to begin partnering today contact Jennifer Dodge at 440-242-0413 ext. *231 or email at jdodge@ccrcinc.com .

Thank you

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5TH ANNUAL BEST OF THE BAY







ENJOY THE BEST OF THE BAY IN STYLE

The Best of the Bay is back and we will once again have a VIP area! Whether you use this as a networking opportunity, a night out with friends, or a thank you to your staff for a job well done this year, we would love to host you. \$600 VIP Tables Include:

- 10 guest tickets sets (20 meal sample tickets each)
- 10 drink tickets (1 per guest)
- A private table where you can enjoy your samples
- Complimentary Bottle of wine from local wineries
- Complimentary Bucket of beer from local breweries
- Party gifts at each table
- Listing and company logo in all our partner collateral
- for the event
- Listing and company/organization logo on
- the voting ballot

Company/organization logo included on social media and in-venue digital screens Raffle Prizes

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419,609,5644

WHERE

Cedar Point Sports Center

WHEN

November 5th

TIME

6 - 9 PM





EDUCATOR WORK AND PLAY PROGRAM

We are giving teachers and school employees a FUN opportunity! In the months of September and October, work a minimum of 10 weekend shifts' to earn yourself a FREE 2026 Gold Pass and four discounted 2026 Gold Passes for friends and family!

POSITIONS

- Bus Driver
- Food & Beverage Cashier
- Housekeeper
- Merchandise Sales Associate
- Restroom Custodian

PERKS

- Free admission into our parks
- · Earn free tickets for friends and family
- Special associate-only events

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VISIT CEDARPOINT.COM/JOBS

TO APPLY TODAY!

*Shifts must be worked any time on Fridays and/or Saturdays.

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4 Drive thru tickets
Full page ad in our program

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Full page ad in our program

SILVER SPONSOR \$500.00

Includes business name sign by a Christmas Light Display in the drive thru
Full page ad in our program

BRONZE SPONSOR \$250.00

Includes business name in our printed program given to all guests

All sponsors will be recognized in the Lights on the NorthCoast program, which is given to all visitors.

To be included in the program, donations must be received by November 1st 2025

Please send Donation to

Lights on the NorthCoast 2525 Columbus ave Sandusky, Ohio 44870

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH TIME TBD | VFW POST 2529 SHELTER

604 W. PERKINS AVE., SANDUSKY, OH 44870

Rally for Regan is an annual fundraiser hosted by the Regan Neidler Memorial Fund, created in loving memory of Regan, who we lost to suicide in 2022. This event brings family, friends, and our community together to honor his life while raising awareness and vital funds for suicide prevention and mental health support.

Our purpose is simple but powerful: to save lives, spread hope, and make sure no family has to experience this kind of loss alone.

TICKETS



OSU WATCH PARTY!







TVs courtesy of Never Miss a Thing

FOOD

Tailgate Style Yard Games Basket Raffles



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE REGAN NEIDLER MEMORIAL FUND

PLEASE CONTACT SHELBI NEIDLER AT 419-357-2387 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION



Fall Newsletter

What's Going On At The Mall



FAMILY WALK IN THE FALL AT THE MALL

Saturday, Oct. 11th - 10am - 1pm



SPONSORED BY HEARTBEAT PREGNANCY CENTER

Get those walking shoes on and come support Heartbeat Pregnancy Center and the community Heartbeat serves. proceeds benefit Heartbeat Pregnancy Center of Sandusky.

Registration is FREE! Pre-register now by calling (419) 625-9511 or register the day of the event. Be a sponsor or sponsor yourself!



FAMILY FUN DAY! Saturday, Oct. 18th

Noon – 5pm

Noon & 2:30pm Mr. Science, Jason Lindsey

performs "Spooky Science" shows

12:30pm – 2:30pm DJ Dance and Costume Contest

3pm – 5pm Trick or Treating inside Sandusky Mall

All Day Crafts, activity and coloring sheets



TEXT OR TREAT - SMS CONTEST

This Halloween, treats aren't just for kids! Join our Mobile Club and be entered for a chance to win spooky-good prizes all October long! Win 1 of 3 - \$50 Mall gift cards. One winner drawn each week on Fridays starting Oct. 10th. The grand prize winner of \$150 mall gift card will be drawn on Oct. 29th!

Here's how:

- Text the word "SHOP" to (855) 788-0642
- Show your phone with the verification message at the Information/Security Booth.
- Be entered to win!
- Already a member? You can enter too! Just show your phone with an SMS Text Message you received from the Sandusky Mall in the month of October.



Monster Maul at Sandusky Mall



BLUE'S COMMUNITY PUMPKIN PATCH - CENTER COURT (Oct. 6th - Oct. 31st)

You can be part of the pumpkin patch! "Blue" is a blue pumpkin with a split stem. He is different from all the other pumpkins in the patch. But he wants everyone to know that it's ok to be different, and that we can all still be united in one community pumpkin patch! Decorate a pumpkin that represents who you are. It can be a craft, store bought or even a live pumpkin (no live pumpkins until after Oct. 20th please). Bring your pumpkin to the Information/Security Booth or Mall Office (during office hours) anytime starting Oct. 6th – Oct. 30th. We'll add it to the Pumpkin Patch and enter your name for a random drawing for a \$100 Mall Gift Card! Drawing will be on October 31st.

Stop by weekly to see how much the community patch grows!

Week 1 (Oct. 6th - Oct. 11th) - FINDING GRATITUDE

- Stop in and see the large Center Court display! Take a selfie at our selfie station.
- Sign your name or words of kindness to a pumpkin seed and we'll display it on our Kindness Banner.
- Pick up take-home <u>activity sheets</u> at the Pumpkin Patch.

WEEK 2 (Oct. 13th - Oct. 18th) - KINDNESS WEEK

- **Kindness Rocks**. Kindness rocks will be hidden in the Mall concourse (this week only Mon-Fri). Find one, (only 1 per person) take it to the Information/Security Booth or the store indicated on the rock to redeem a prize! Find Blue the Pumpkin Kindness Rock and receive a \$50 Mall Gift Card!
- Pick up a <u>Random Acts of Kindness</u> activity sheet in Center Court. Have a parent fill it out as you do the
 activities on the sheet. Turn it in to the Information/Security Booth and receive a prize and a free treat!
 Only one per person please. While supplies last.

WEEK 3 (Oct. 20th - Oct. 25th) - DIVERSITY IS "BOO-TIFUL"

- Pick up a <u>Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt</u> activity sheet from Center Court. Match all the pumpkins on the sheet with the pumpkins in store windows. Turn your sheet in to the Information/Security Booth and receive a surprise. Only one per person please. While supplies last.
- Pick up a <u>"Story of Blue"</u> activity sheet from Center Court. Finish Blue's story using your own imagination.
 Turn it in to the Information/Security Booth for a surprise and a free treat from Auntie Anne's. Only one per person please. While supplies last.

<u>FAMILY FUN DAY – Oct. 18th Noon – 5pm</u> Jason Lindsey, DJ Dance Party & Costume Contest, crafts & activity sheets and Trick or Treating!

WEEK 4 (Oct. 27th - Oct. 31st) - SHARING IS CARING FOOD DRIVE

Bring in any **canned food or non-perishable food item** to the Information/Security Booth and we will match all donations up to a total \$500 value. All donations will benefit Second Harvest Food Bank.

Oct. 6th – Oct. 27th – SMS CONTEST – Win 1 of 3 - \$50 Sandusky Mall gift cards (one winner drawn per week on Fridays starting Oct. 10th.) GRAND PRIZE WINNER drawn Oct. 29th for a \$150 mall gift card!

Text "Shop" to (855) 788-0642 to join our mobile club. Take you phone showing the SMS verification message to the Information/Security Booth and be entered to WIN!!!!

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DINNER WITH THE LIVERPOOL LADS

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PURCHASE BY SCANNING OR CODE OR VISIT WWW.FIRELANDSMUSEUM.COM

QUESTIONS? CONTACT EMILY HIDER 419-217-8034; EMILYJB@BGSU.EDU OR BECKI LUKITSH 419-681-0880; ANCESTORGYPSY213@GMAIL.COM

Ohio State Marching Band Concert



The OSU Alumni Club of Erie County is Excited to Host The Ohio State

Marching Band (TBDBITL)

Since 1981, our organization has provided ~\$330,000 in scholarships to Erie County students attending OSU

> November 28, 2025 | 7pm – 9pm Sandusky High School Gymnasium 2130 Hayes Ave, Sandusky, OH 44870

Get Your Tickets Today

White Upper Balcony

\$20

Grey

Back Floor & Main Bleachers

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Scarlet

Front Floor

\$40

Click Here for Purchase For More Information Ticketing/Registration: 800-762-5646 osuaa@osu.edu

Event / Sponsorship: brianbollenbacher5@gmail. Alumni Club of Erie County

The online form will secure your sponsorship

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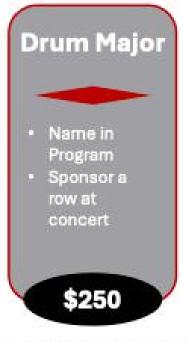
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Sponsorship Opportunities



Section Leader Name in Program Sponsor a band members hotel room





Purchase tickets at

___. Your donation is tax deductible. Custom sponsorship packages are available.

COMMIT YOUR SUPPORT Sponsorship:

brianbollenbacher5@gmail .com

Ticketing: 800-762-5646

Event Info: osuaa@osu.edu





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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

Employers can

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Receive 1:1 support from CCRC Specialist

ls 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.



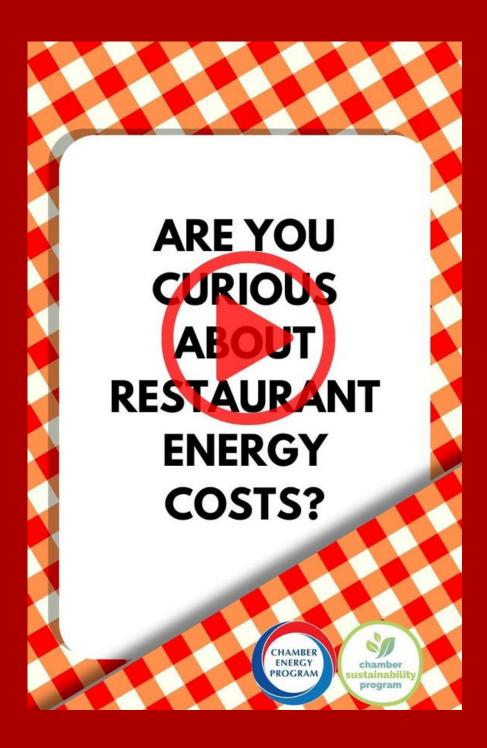
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