



Newsletter

July 2026





4th of July Puns

Red, white, and boujee.

Sorry I can't hear you over my freedom!

In my freedom era!

Have a fire cracking time!

No cap, just freedom.

Don't forget to sparkle and shine!

You're a star spangled stunner!

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UPCOMING EVENTS



CYBERSECURITY 101

Understand the Risks,
Protect Your Data

September 15 CYBERSECURITY 101

Virtual & Work Space Sandusky
10:00am- 11:00am

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July 15

HURON BUSINESS CONNECTION EVENT

The Old Fish House
5:00pm - 6:00pm

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July 29

GSP MEMBER ORIENTATION

Huron Public Library
10:00am - 11:00 am

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FROM THE CEO



More Than A Trail Investing in our Greatest Shared Asset

Eric Wobser | CEO, Greater Sandusky Partnership

This week, our community celebrates an important milestone with the opening of another critical section of the Sandusky Bay Pathway, creating a new connection between the Cedar Point Causeway and the Cedar Point Sports Center.

Congratulations to the City of Sandusky and the many partners, planners, engineers, elected officials, and community advocates whose long-term commitment made this project possible. Projects like this take years of vision, persistence, and collaboration, and everyone involved should be proud of this accomplishment.

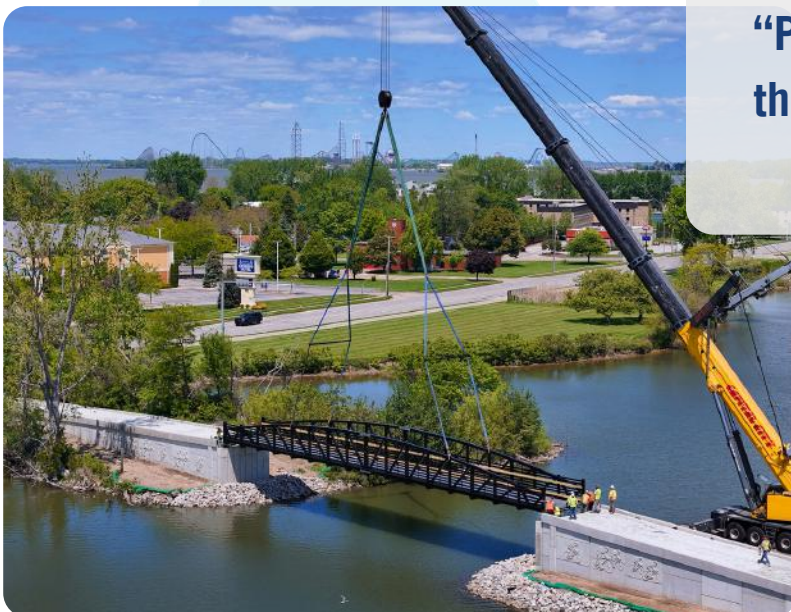
While this ribbon cutting marks the completion of an important segment, it also reminds us of something much bigger. The Sandusky Bay Pathway represents an opportunity to rethink how we connect people to the defining natural asset of our region: *Lake Erie*.

Communities that embrace their waterfronts consistently become stronger places to live, visit, and invest. Public access to the water is more than a recreational amenity—it is a quality-of-life investment that supports healthier residents, attracts talent, encourages private investment, strengthens tourism, and creates vibrant public spaces where communities come together.

“Public access to the water is more than a recreational amenity—it is a quality-of-life investment.”

That is especially true here. We are a freshwater coastal community, and Lake Erie shapes our economy, our recreation, our history, and our future.

*Setting the Bridge over Castaway Bay
Photo by: Tom Horsman, Communications
Manager for the City of Sandusky*





The vision for the Sandusky Bay Pathway extends well beyond this newest segment. Erie County is leading plans to connect Huron and Vermilion. The City of Huron continues expanding its municipal trail network. Later this year, the City of Port Clinton and Greater Sandusky Partnership will begin a federally funded planning effort to explore connections between Erie and Ottawa counties, including the exciting possibility of restoring the historic Bay Bridge as a pedestrian and bicycle crossing. That grant was one of only fourteen awarded nationwide in its funding round, reflecting the significance of reconnecting communities around Sandusky Bay.

Together, these projects improve safety, expand recreation, support local businesses, and strengthen the connections between the communities that share our shoreline. They also position us to pursue a long-term vision of extending the pathway east toward Vermilion and west toward Elmore, creating one of the Great Lakes' premier waterfront trail systems.

This work reflects a broader trend. [*A report from the Brookings Institution*](#) highlights that Midwestern communities making intentional investments in quality of life, public spaces, and placemaking are increasingly outperforming their peers. Today, those investments are not simply community amenities—they are essential economic development strategies.

As Greater Sandusky Partnership begins its integration with Shores & Islands Ohio, we have an opportunity to think even more comprehensively about the role Lake Erie plays in our future. For years, Shores & Islands has invited residents and visitors alike to experience **Lake Erie Love**. Projects like the Sandusky Bay Pathway—and investments in public access across our region—are what bring that idea to life. People develop a deeper appreciation for Lake Erie when they can see it, touch it, paddle on it, fish from it, walk alongside it, or simply make it part of their everyday lives or a memorable vacation.

“People develop a deeper appreciation for Lake Erie when they can see it, touch it, paddle on it, fish from it, walk alongside it”

Tourism, economic development, talent attraction, and community development all intersect at the waterfront. The more accessible, connected, and welcoming our shoreline becomes, the stronger our region becomes as a place where people want to live, build businesses, invest, and visit.

The Sandusky Bay Pathway is more than a trail. It is an investment in health, connectivity, economic opportunity, and the future of our freshwater coast. Each new connection brings us one step closer to realizing the full potential of Lake Erie as our region's greatest shared asset.



Progress Continues for Regional Partnership

The planned integration of Shores & Islands Ohio and the Greater Sandusky Partnership continues to move forward.

In June, the Erie County Visitors and Convention Bureau Board (ECVCB) approved a management agreement with the Greater Sandusky Partnership. The agreement establishes a framework for the Greater Sandusky Partnership to manage destination marketing activities on behalf of the ECVCB while preserving local oversight through the visitor bureau.

The Greater Sandusky Partnership has also launched a search for a Chief Marketing Officer who will lead marketing, communications, and place-branding initiatives as the organizations continue their integration. The position will help align strategies that support visitor attraction, talent attraction, and business investment throughout the region. [View Job Opportunity Here.](#)

Leadership from the Greater Sandusky Partnership and Shores & Islands Ohio has been meeting with businesses, elected officials, and community stakeholders across Erie and Ottawa counties to share updates, answer questions, and gather feedback. Additional community conversations are planned in the coming months.

We appreciate the continued engagement and support as this regional effort progresses.



**SHORES &
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OHIO**



**Read About the
Partnership**



SANDUSKY BAY CITY LIFESTYLE

Grand Opening + Ribbon Cutting

Congrats to Sandusky Bay City Lifestyle on their grand opening and ribbon cutting on Friday, July 17th. Festivities start at 3pm - 5pm with the ribbon cutting at 3:30pm. Exclusive tours of the Ferguson Art Gallery will be available throughout the event.

The event is located at Beach Glass Lounge 5874 E Harbor Rd
Lakeside Marblehead.

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MEMBER MIXER RECAP

NCYP Event

GSP, NCYP, and 1826 Photographic teamed up to host an event that featured conversations with local leaders, Dr. Allia Carter the Dean of BGSU Firelands, Kate Repola the Executive Director for Main Street Vermilion - Business Connection, and Jack Fischer from Career Stream. Attendees also had the opportunity to take a professional headshot!

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GSP MEMBER ORIENTATION

Looking to get the most out of your Greater Sandusky Partnership membership? Join us for Member Orientation and connect with fellow members over coffee while learning about the many ways to get involved. Whether you're new to GSP or looking to reconnect, this session is a great opportunity to explore member benefits, ask questions, and build valuable connections.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



BAS BROADCASTING

Grand Opening + Ribbon Cutting

We are excited to celebrate BAS Broadcasting & Digital Ohio at their grand opening and ribbon cutting on Thursday, August 6th. Ribbon cutting at 10am-12:30pm.

The business is located at 1651 Tiffin Ave, Sandusky.

[MORE DETAILS HERE](#)





WINDOWS & BATH EXPO

Grand Opening + Ribbon Cutting

Congrats to Window & Bath Expo on their grand opening and ribbon cutting on Friday, July 17th. Ribbon cutting at 1pm followed by an open house. There will be hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and deserts, as well as showroom tours.

The business is located at 2012 Cleveland Rd W Suite 100 Huron.

[MORE DETAILS HERE](#)



WHAT THEY SEE STARTS WITH YOU RECAP

GSP partnered with Discover Yellow, Work Space Sandusky, and 1826 Photographic for an inspiring event that encouraged local entrepreneurs and professionals to embrace their potential and build on their strengths. The discussion focused on reframing perceived weaknesses as strengths, giving yourself grace to make mistakes, and recognizing that asking questions is part of growth.

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TALENT ENGAGEMENT



ARC CONFERENCE

Erie County Across the Globe

Six recent graduates from Erie and Huron County high schools were selected to attend the Alliance for Responsible Citizenship (ARC) Conference in London, England, thanks to sponsorship from the GeoTrac Foundation and coordination by the Greater Sandusky Partnership. The conference brings together thousands of leaders from around the world to explore topics including leadership, innovation, economic growth, and the future of society.

[VIEW POST](#)

INTERNS GIVE BACK

Summer on Sandusky Bay Internship Experience

Recently interns focused on giving back, as they volunteered with local nonprofit organizations across Erie County before gathering for lunch, and professional development sessions with Leadership Erie County and the Erie County Community Foundation. They also got to tour the Sandusky State Theatre where they learned about its impact on downtown. The program highlights the community impact, collaboration, and local experiences that make our community unique.

[LEARN MORE](#)



YP WEEK UPCOMING

Connecting Young Professionals

Are you looking for a way to connect to other young professionals in the area? Join North Coast Young Professionals (NCYP), a program of GSP, to have a chance to attend events, meet new people, and make a connections to the area. YP week is a full week of events planned for young professionals to do just that! Sign up today!

REGISTER HERE

YP WEEK 2026 July 27-August 1

- Professional Development!
- Networking!
- Social Experiences!
- Explore the region!



Register to attend online
[greatersandusky.com](https://www.greatersandusky.com)

LEADERSHIP ERIE COUNTY

New Membership Application

Leadership Erie County is a non profit organization dedicated to providing individuals with knowledge, connections, and leadership skills that are needed to support a community. Applications are open TODAY and are due in August.

APPLY HERE



DEVELOPMENT NEWS



PORT AUTHORITY UPDATES

Projects Considered & Approved

3 projects were approved by the Erie County Port Authority board last month. Total Investment for the three approved projects is \$229.8 million. The Sandusky Senior lofts, a multifamily housing development in the city of Sandusky will offer affordable housing for seniors. Congrats and thank you to the City of Sandusky for leading this transformational project.



BATTERY PARK

Funding Granted

The \$200 million Battery Park redevelopment, spearheaded by Marous Development Group, in downtown Sandusky secured a \$20 million Transformational Mixed-Use Development (TMUD) tax credit to support its massive waterfront campus transformation.

Congratulations to Marous and the City of Sandusky!

MAROUS ANNOUNCEMENT



SMALL BUSINESSES

Connecting Businesses to Opportunities

JobsOhio Small Business Grants continue to provide valuable funding opportunities for eligible local businesses looking to invest in growth and expansion. GSP works alongside JobsOhio and Team NEO to help connect Erie County businesses with these resources and guide them through the application process.



PORT PROJECTS YTD

2026 Project Progress

YTD 2026, three projects have closed, generating nearly \$18.9 million in capital investment, creating more than 50 new jobs, retaining 90 existing positions, and delivering significant savings for local businesses and partner communities. An additional 16 projects remain in the pipeline, representing more than \$533 million in potential capital investment, over \$4.7 million in direct company savings, and the retention of more than 400 jobs.



PLANNING & POLICY



RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Sandusky Bay Pathway

Thursday, July 9th we celebrated the ribbon cutting for the newest section of the Sandusky Bay Pathway, a project that continues to improve connectivity and expand opportunities for walking and biking throughout the community.

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SANDUSKY BAY PATHWAY

ATIIP Grant Signed & Approved

The ATIIP (Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program) Grant is given as a way to support connections of transportation across the country. This \$100K grant was awarded to study a 14 mile extension of the Sandusk Bay Pathway between Sandusky and Port Clinton, which includes the Old Sandusky Bay Bridge.

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LAKE ERIE BEST LAKE IN U.S.

USA Today's 10 Best Lake Rankings

Lake Erie has officially been named the Best Lake in the Nation by USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards, earning national recognition for everything it has to offer! The article highlights the lake as a favorite vacation destination. This recognition reinforces Lake Erie's importance as a premier destination and a valuable asset to the communities that call its shoreline home.

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SANDUSKY: MSA TOP 5

Strength in Numbers

The Sandusky Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) has consistently ranked among the nation's top five job markets in recent months, highlighting the region's continued economic strength and momentum. This recognition reflects strong job growth, business investment, and the collaborative efforts that are helping position the Sandusky area as a premier destination for employers, workers, and future development.

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US 250 VISITATION ARTICLE & REPORT RELEASED

READ REPORT:



READ IN THE REGISTER:



U.S. 250 a shopping powerhouse

New study highlights its significance

Sandusky Register / Jul 6

U.S. 250 STAKEHOLDER SURVEY

GSP is surveying businesses and other key stakeholders on U.S. 250 to learn more about their priorities, challenges and how GSP can be a resource and partner.

[TAKE SURVEY](#)



SANDUSKY FARMERS MARKET GOING STRONG

An estimated 1,173 people attended opening day of the Sandusky Farmers Market on Columbus Avenue—almost three times the average attendance of a 2025 market. New visitation data also shows visitors came from 32 communities across five states.

OPENING DAY STATS



PARTY AT THE PIER SUMMER CONCERTS

The second half of the Party at the Pier concert series is especially strong with music from:

Jul 16 - **Mallrats**

Jul 23 - **E5C4P3: The Journey Tribute**

Jul 30 - **The Ark Band: Tribute to Bob Marley**

Aug 6 - **24k Magic: Tribute to Bruno Mars**

Hope to see you at Jackson Street Pier!

VIEW CONCERT DETAILS



IRONMAN MAKES ITS RETURN

Ironman in Sandusky July 19th

The IRONMAN 70.3 Ohio returns to Sandusky on July 19th, bringing thousands of athletes, spectators, and visitors to the region for one of the area's premier endurance events. Residents are encouraged to cheer on competitors, support local businesses, and help showcase the welcoming spirit that makes Sandusky a great place to visit.

[VIEW SANDUSKY EVENTS](#)



HURON BUSINESS CONNECTION EVENT

On July 15th join us for the next Huron Business Connection networking session! Local business owners are invited to connect with fellow professionals, exchange ideas during engaging roundtable discussions, and build valuable relationships in a relaxed networking environment at The Old Fish House from 5:00pm - 6:00pm.

[RSVP HERE](#)





HURON FARMERS MARKET

Farmers Market Takes Place The Second and Fourth Tuesday

The Huron Farmers Market takes place from June through August on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 4–7 p.m. at Huron Lake Front Park (310 Park St.), featuring a variety of local vendors, fresh products, and handcrafted goods.

Thank you to Shores & Islands Ohio for sponsoring the Huron Farmers Market season!

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SUNSET CELEBRATIONS

In June, Sandusky Sunset Celebration started and goes through August 26th. It's an open invitation event for the community to get together and take in the view at Jackson Street Pier.

Supported by OH Taco, the celebration is a way for the community to wave goodbye to the sun at the water's edge. The event takes place every Wednesday night from 8:20 - 9:30 pm!

FIND MORE EVENTS HERE

Thank You

NEW & RENEWED MEMBERS!

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GSP Member & Community Events, Announcements and Updates

July 2026

Visibility & Promotional Opportunities with GSP

Members can post events, announcements, job opportunities or deals through the Member Center. These posts are published directly on the [GSP website](#) under [Community Events](#), [Local Job Opportunities](#), [Deals & Discounts](#) or [Member Announcements](#).

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](#)!

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

ALL MONTH LONG

Summer Learning Program ends Friday, July 24th
Ohio Goes to the Fair Attend any youth service program in the month of July and receive a free ticket to the Ohio State Fair.

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**TUES
JULY**

11:00 am Art Club at James H. McBride Arboretum
11:30 am Unearth Your Own Backyard with ODNR
6:30 pm Family Story Time
7 p.m. Virtual Author Talk

15

**WED
JULY**

10 am or 11 am: Babies & Toddler Time
1:30 pm or 3 pm Preschool SLP
5:30 pm Romance Book Club

16

**THUR
JULY**

12 pm Unearth Your Family's Food Story
2 pm Virtual Author Talk
5 pm Top 5 Scams Targeting Seniors
6:30 pm Book Exchange Book Group

17

**FRI
JULY**

10:30 am Senior Stretch

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

GSP MEMBER & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



GOLF FOR A CAUSE & GIVE BACK

10K
FUNDRAISER GOAL

OHgo supports Sandusky and Erie County through hundreds of food, book, holiday gift, and resource distributions each year. OHgo is partnering with ECHB for a golf scramble to raise \$10K to support Ohio families in need. Last year, OHgo provided 1.4 million meals through its outreach programs.



register team

EVENT DETAILS:

\$500 per team of four, or \$125 per person. Registration includes lunch, dinner, and two drink tickets. Non-team members may attend dinner for \$35 per person.

Registration and pre-games begin at 7:30 AM, with a shotgun start at 9:00 AM. Please submit all teams and entry fees by end of day 06/20/26.

50/50, Mulligan, Skins, Putt for a bottle during registration, \$1000 for hole-in-one, and other cash prizes for men and women longest drive, closet putt, and longest putt.

OHgo will be volunteering at the Putting practice greens for a chance for a golfer to putt for bottle of spirits.

GOLF FOR A CAUSE SPONSORSHIP

levels



TUESDAY, JULY 14TH

@ SAWMILL CREEK

\$250

LEVEL 1: HOLE SPONSOR

Includes company signage at one hole plus a booth opportunity and social media recognition.

\$650

LEVEL 2: PREMIUM HOLE SPONSOR

Includes company signage at one hole plus a booth opportunity, social media recognition, and one 4-man team.

\$1000

LEVEL 3: HOLE-IN-ONE SPONSOR

Includes one 4-man team, social media recognition, and verbal recognition. Four Hole-in-One Sponsor opportunities are available: two on the front 9 and two on the back 9. Sponsors may purchase two opportunities for \$1,500.

\$2500

LEVEL 4: MAIN EVENT SPONSOR

Includes one 4-man team, premium company signage at key areas, a booth opportunity at the hole of your choice, promotion of your company or brand through social media, a Facebook ad, the ECHB website, and inclusion in press/newspaper media.

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Donations of door prizes, raffle prizes, etc. are always welcome.
Please let us know if you would like to discuss donating to the event.

Registration and pre-games begin at 7:30 AM, with a shotgun start at 9:00 AM. Registration closes on June 20. Please submit all sponsorship information by end of day 06/20/26.



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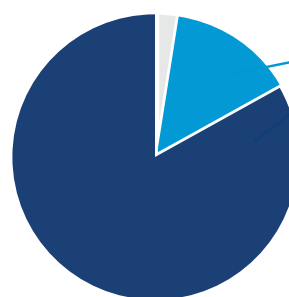
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Chassity Kays-owner Mikey's FroYo-Sandusky on her experience with First National Bank's Preferred SBA Lending Team

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SANDUSKY RECREATION CENTER



Construction continues to move forward on the City of Sandusky's new Recreation Center at the corner of Rockwell Street and Hayes Avenue at the old American Crayon site. Recent progress includes installation of concrete block walls for the gymnasium and the Pre-Engineered Metal Building frame for the gymnasium has been completely erected. Next, the contractors will start to install the insulated metal roofing for the gymnasium.

Once complete, the nearly 38,000-square-foot facility will feature basketball and volleyball courts, an indoor walking track, fitness and activity spaces, meeting rooms, and an outdoor water feature, creating a year-round destination for recreation, wellness, and community connection.

The City of Sandusky is offering naming opportunities for those who want to be part of the project and leave a lasting mark.

If you are interested in sponsoring a space or learning more about naming opportunities, please contact Chris Mehling at cmehling@cityofsandusky.com or 419-627-5783 to inquire about naming opportunities.

CityofSandusky.com/RecCenter

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Melanie Myers, Communications Director
Firelands Federal Credit Union
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May 28, 2026

Firelands Federal Credit Union's Free Photo Contest Returns

BELLEVUE, OH - Firelands Federal Credit Union (Firelands FCU) is pleased to announce the return of the "Firelands In Focus" photo contest aimed at celebrating the unique beauty within the Firelands region.

The contest invites photographers of all skill levels to showcase their favorite scenes, landscapes or hidden gems within the area. Winning entries will be featured in Firelands Federal Credit Union's 2027 annual member calendar.

Contest Details:

The contest begins June 1, 2026, and is free to enter, and open to the public.
Participants may submit up to three photos.
Submitted photos must have been taken in Erie, Huron, or Crawford County.
Photos must be submitted as digital images using the registration form.
Deadline to submit photos is August 31, 2026.

"Every year, reviewing the submissions for our calendar photo contest is one of my favorite tasks. The photos never fail to surprise or inspire me and my colleagues. Clearly, our communities have a talent for finding beauty in the places they love," said Kelly Steele-Moore, VP Marketing at Firelands FCU.

To enter your photos and view contest rules, visit firelandsfcu.org.

About Firelands Federal Credit Union

Firelands FCU is a member-focused financial institution offering a variety of savings and lending products. Chartered in 1957, we are committed to improving the financial wellbeing of our members and offering services that support their long-term financial goals.

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**Ohio Small Business Development Center
at Terra State Community College**



Small Business Basics is a free, two-hour seminar that will answer your questions about starting, buying, or expanding a small business. This seminar will take the confusion out of your efforts, and help you to avoid costly mistakes and unnecessary steps.



Learn the Basics of:

Name Registration • Licensing • Taxes • Advisors
Business Entities • Employees • Insurance • Financing
Business Planning • and More!

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Erie Basin Resource Conservation and Development
First National Bank • Sutton Bank • U.S. Bank**

2026



Location:

Terra State Community College
2830 Napoleon Road, Fremont, Ohio 43420
Doepker Leadership & Entrepreneurial Center, Building B, Room 103

Dates & Times:

January 14, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
January 28, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
February 18, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
February 25, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
March 11, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
March 25, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
April 8, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
April 22, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
May 20, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
May 27, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
June 10, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

June 24, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
No July Seminars
August 12, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
August 26, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
September 9, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
September 23, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
October 14, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
October 28, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
November 4, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
December 2, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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To register, contact: **Miranda Hoffman, Director**

Ohio Small Business Development Center at Terra State Community College

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**Department of
Development**





FIRELANDS CHALLENGE

Supporting Academic Excellence

For 45 seasons, Firelands Challenge has celebrated student achievement, academic competition, and educational opportunity among area high schools.

Become a Sponsor

Support the next generation of talent in your region by sponsoring the Firelands Challenge!

Gold Sponsor
\$2,000

Silver Sponsor
\$1,000

Bronze Sponsor
\$750

Support Sponsor
\$250-\$500

***Inquire for additional sponsorship opportunities**

*Sponsor benefits include:
Program recognition, match acknowledgements, media inclusion & more*

Contact: William Muthig, Program Coordinator, to secure sponsorship by August 3, 2026
wmuthig@npesc.org
(419) 627-3900



ABOUT FIRELANDS CHALLENGE

Firelands Challenge is a long-running academic competition that brings together high school students from across the region to demonstrate knowledge, teamwork, and critical thinking in a fast-paced quiz competition format.

Organized by the North Point Educational Service Center, the program promotes academic achievement while giving students an opportunity to represent their schools in a positive and competitive environment.



UNITED WAY
of Erie County

WHO IS ALICE?

Meet the workers who keep Erie & Huron Counties running—
while struggling to make ends meet.



CASHIER

Helping families every day
while struggling to afford groceries.



CHILD CARE PROVIDER

Caring for our children while facing
financial challenges at home.



BANK TELLER

Helping customers manage money
while working to make ends meet.



COOK

Preparing meals for others while
experiencing financial hardship.



UNITED WAY IS HERE TO HELP.

If you're facing a financial barrier that's making it difficult to work
or support your family, [call 2-1-1](tel:2191) to learn about available
resources and assistance.

ALICE BARRIER REDUCTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Launching July 13, 2026

Eligible households may receive assistance to help overcome barriers such as:

Transportation

Child Care

Employment
& Training

Utilities

Housing
Stabilization

Other eligible
employment-related
barriers

Need Help?
Call 2-1-1

Serving
Erie & Huron Counties

United is the Way.

GSP MEMBER & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNITED WAY OF ERIE COUNTY KICKBALL *Showdown*

PLAYING FOR A STRONGER COMMUNITY!

A fundraising event that brings our community together for **friendly competition**, **fun**, and **BIG impact**!



**FIRE
★ VS ★
POLICE
COMMUNITY
SHOWDOWN!**

AUGUST 29, 2026

SPORTS FORCE PARK
3115 Cleveland Rd W, Sandusky, OH 44870

10:30 AM – 4:00 PM

HOW IT WORKS

- **AGENCY TEAMS COMPETE**
Our UWEC-funded partner agencies form kickball teams and compete in the tournament.
- **BUSINESSES SPONSOR TEAMS – \$1,000**
Sponsor an agency team and place players on that roster. Your support strengthens our community!
- **FIRE VS POLICE SHOWDOWN**
Our firefighters and police officers form their own teams and face off in a featured community rivalry match!

**FIRE
★ VS ★
POLICE
COMMUNITY SHOWDOWN!**

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF

- Kickball Tournament
- Food & Beverages
- Family Fun & Games
- Great Prizes
- Community Pride
- Supporting Local Programs

***EVERY TEAM.
EVERY SPONSOR.
All for a Stronger Community!***

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PRESENTING SPONSOR	PREMIER SPONSOR	LEADERSHIP SPONSOR	AGENCY PARTNER SPONSOR	COMMUNITY SPONSOR	VENDOR TABLE
\$7,500	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500	\$250-\$500
Top recognition at event Logo on all promotions Placement on shirts Two team entries Premium tent space Recognition on website	Logo on promotions Placement on banner One team entry Tent space Recognition on website	Logo on event banner One team entry Tent space Recognition on website	Sponsor an agency team Play on the team Team recognition at event Recognition on website	Name on event sign Recognition at event Mention on website	Vendor table at event Opportunity to promote your business/organization Recognition at event
1 AVAILABLE	2-3 AVAILABLE	MULTIPLE AVAILABLE	MULTIPLE AVAILABLE (For our partner agencies competing in the tournament)	MULTIPLE AVAILABLE	LIMITED SPACES

**SPONSOR.
SUPPORT. PLAY.**
Make an Impact!

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assigned Huron County
ZIP codes

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