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November 10, 2022
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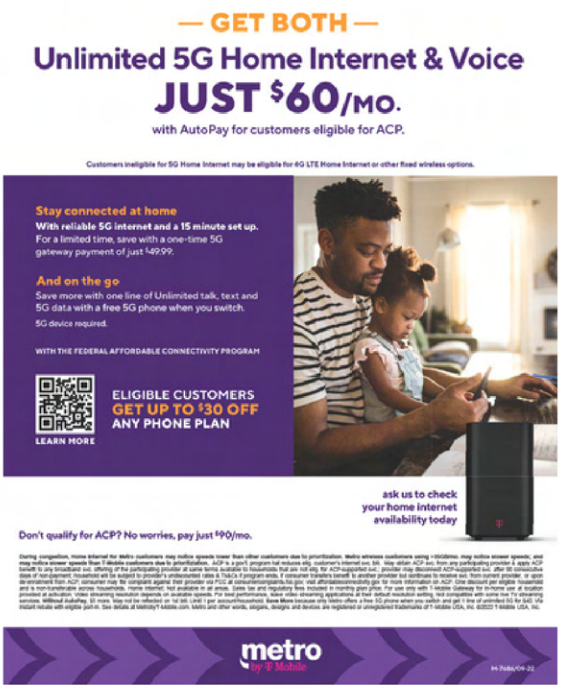

UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS:

2022 BEST OF THE BAY

When: Wed., November 9, 2022
Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm
Where: Cedar Point Sports Center
2701 Cleveland Road W.
Sandusky, OH

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GRAND OPENING & RIBBON CUTTING FOR METRO BY T-MOBILE

When: Thurs., Nov. 10, 2022
Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm
Where: Metro by T-Mobile
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2022 REGIONAL BUSINESS EXPO

When: Tues., Nov. 22, 2022
Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm
Where: Cedar Point Sports Center
2701 Cleveland Rd. W.
Sandusky, OH 44870

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Join Us for The

GRAND OPENING

of the

Family Health Services' William Zucker Dental Clinic

November 18, 2022

1:30PM - 3:30PM

1912 Hayes Avenue

Sandusky, OH 44870

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2022 REGIONAL BUSINESS EXPO

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 • 10AM - 3PM

Connecting Community & Business to Shop Local and Buy Local.

The Business Expo is a great time to learn about YOUR local business marketplace. This Expo is open to businesses of all sizes ~ big and small. It's a great time to network and discover a new product or service. The possibilities are endless at this annual event.

Attendees and exhibitors will be treated to excellent networking, complementary water, iced tea and coffee.

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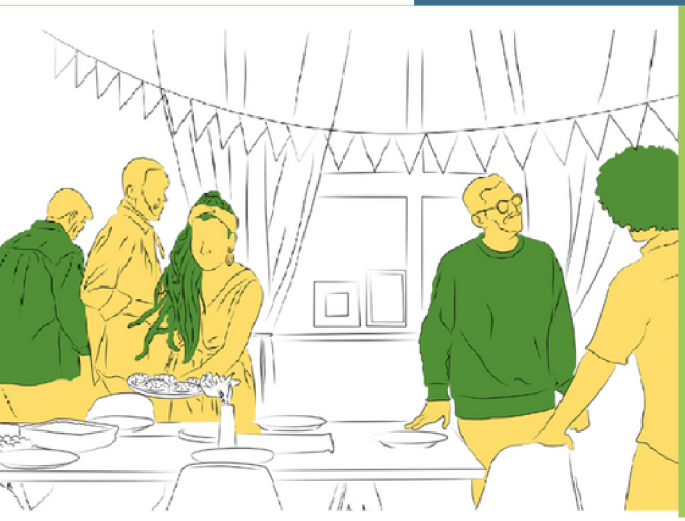

JOIN US FOR A LIVE, VIRTUAL FORUM

Maintaining Your Recovery During the Holidays

The holidays, especially Christmas and New Year's Eve and the days and nights leading up to it, can be extremely difficult to maneuver for someone in recovery. This virtual presentation will equip you, as a provider, with the tools on how to discuss sometimes-sensitive topics with your patients.

Date: Thursday, November 17 Time: 12pm - 1pm ET

Topics covered will include:

- Avoiding relapse during the holidays, including work parties and family gatherings
- How to help your patients deal with feelings of isolation
- Utilizing coping skills to manage the stress of the holidays
- Best practices for tackling real life scenarios that patients might face

The forum will also include an open discussion where attendees can ask questions of our provider and peer recovery supporter.

Presented by:

- **Rhonda Roper**, LCSW, LISW, Vice President of Quality Operations, BrightView Health
- **Missy Adams**, Peer Recovery Supporter, BrightView Health

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Erie MetroParks Reopens Milan Towpath Bridge

Erie MetroParks is excited to announce the completed renovation and reopening of the bridge along the Milan Towpath MetroPark.

Milan, OH, October 25, 2022- Erie MetroParks officials voted to repair the Milan Towpath Bridge in November of 2021, slated for an overhaul in 2022. Due to supply shortages, the project was pushed back from spring to the latter part of summer. Park operations staff were able to repair the headwalls and railings and install new decking on the bridge.

The Milan Towpath Bridge, once a railroad bridge, is now completely renovated and ready for visitors. The bridge is the entrance to a 0.9-mile path, a linear park that follows the path of an early canal and railway.

Erie MetroParks hopes the community will continue to explore the Milan Towpath MetroPark and check out the updated bridge.

About Erie MetroParks- Erie MetroParks was established in 1968 starting with only Osborn MetroPark. Currently, Erie MetroParks has grown to include 13+ parks or preserves. Many of the properties that are managed by the park district are maintained in their natural state in keeping with the role assigned by the Ohio Revised Code. Areas used for active recreation are designed to have minimal impact on the natural environment of the parks. Educational programs are offered year-round for all ages. Each park is unique and allows for a variety of activities for people of all ages.

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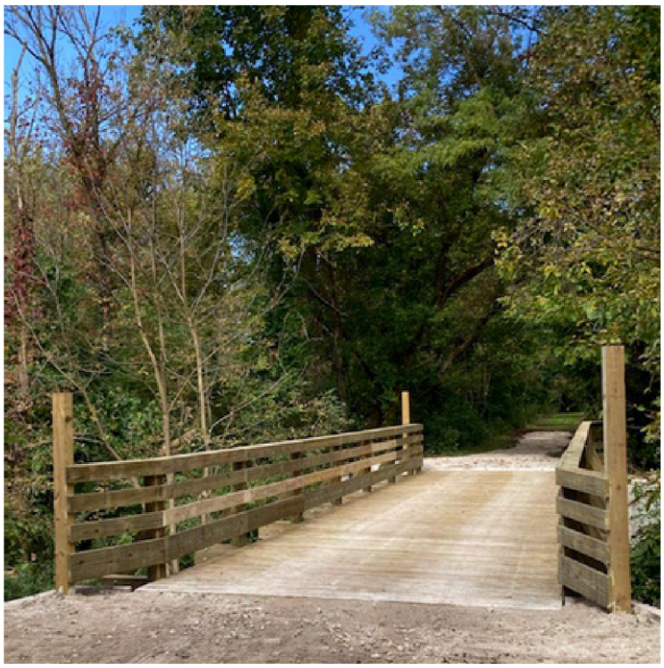

OHIO PARKS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION
Woody Woodward, Executive Director

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 7, 2022
Contact: Woody Woodward
Executive Director
614.895.2222

Ohio Parks and Recreation Association (OPRA) has announced its 2022 Annual Awards of Excellence winners and a number of local agencies have been recognized.

Locally, Erie MetroParks won a 1st place award in the Environmental and Interpretive Programs category for the Erie MetroParks Nature On Wheels (NOW) mobile project.

Erie MetroParks Nature on Wheels (EMP NOW) is a mobile nature unit designed to bring nature education to nontraditional locations within Erie County. EMP NOW is used to transport the park's nature education animals and other programming supplies. The mobile unit is also equipped with soil & water testing kits, digital microscopes, and other resources for birding, insect exploration, tree and mammal identification, and much more!

Program Manager, Mike Hensley, states "We want to bring nature education into areas of Erie County that may not have easy access to our parks. We created EMP NOW with the goal of increasing accessibility for residents within Erie County."

The OPRA Annual Awards of Excellence will be presented at a banquet hosted by the association on January 31, 2023, at the Kalahari Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio. One first place award winner will be presented with the 2022 Governor's Award for Parks and Recreation, a "best-in-show" award which includes a $500 contribution to the parks and recreation foundation of the agency winner.

"Parks and recreation professionals throughout Ohio work every day to improve the quality of life of the people they serve," said OPRA Executive Director Woody Woodward. "This effort is a shining example of that kind of work, and we are pleased to be able to present this award."

The awards are judged by a panel of parks and recreation professionals from around Ohio.

Incorporated in 1963, OPRA is a non-profit, public interest organization representing over 2000 professionals and citizen board members striving to provide quality parks and recreation facilities and opportunities for all Ohioans while protecting and preserving Ohio's natural resources, positively impacting local economies and health and wellness of its citizens.

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Westerville, OH 43081
614-895-2222

Gifts for Kids

The **VLFCU 11th Annual Toy Drive** will benefit children served by the Erie County Department of Job & Family Services and the Reach Our Youth organization in Huron County. Drop off unwrapped, new toys at any VLFCU branch by December 16th! Monetary donations also accepted at our branches, if you prefer that we shop for you!

OR stop by the

VLFCU Holiday Party

Saturday, December 17th
Sandusky Mall (Center Court)
2:00pm to 6:00pm

- Activities for the kids
- Giveaways while they last
- Dollar Dog appearances
- Drop off last-minute toy donations

Additional information is available online @ www.vlfcu.org.

Happy Holidays!

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ABOUT UNITED WAY OF ERIE COUNTY

"When we Live United, we don't just change lives. We change what's possible."

Nonprofit organizations are faced with shrinking resources, limited fundraising opportunities and are being forced to do more with less. The United Way is rebuilding in a changing nonprofit environment, and reaching back out into the community to develop new and enhance existing relationships and partnerships with agencies, organizations, businesses and concerned local individuals. We are working to build a network of connections and partnerships from Castalia to Vermillion, serving as many people as possible in Erie County.

United Way
United Way of Erie County

United Way is independently operated and governed. This allows us to best serve the individual and varied needs here in Erie County. We serve and support the following communities: Sandusky, Castalia, Milan, Huron, Vermilion, Berlin Heights, Bellevue, Bay View, and Kelleys Island.

"What does United Way do?" "Who are we?" United Way creates the opportunity for a better life for all by building stronger communities where people work together and live united. We partner with people like you, and the institutions you are part of such as employers, faith organizations, educators, health providers, community leaders, youth and more.

Education, Financial Stability, and Health are the pillars of our work. Big challenges aren't solved one nonprofit at a time—it takes many organizations and individuals to serve those who need it the most. Our partner agencies rely on the funds and support we provide them. We have the ability to help change the system so more entities in our very own communities can thrive. When United Way receives corporate sponsorships, donations, pledges, legacy gifts, alongside employers' participation in our workplace giving program, it helps assure the availability of an entire network of services that no one agency alone can provide. With those contributions Erie County agencies are able to flourish.

2022 FUNDED PARTNER AGENCIES

- Community Youth Mentoring- School Buddies Program
- Kiwanis Club of Sandusky- Imagination Library Program
- Ebenezer Baptist Church- Lifelong Learners Program
- Erie County Senior Center- Meals on Wheels Program
- Catholic Charities- Adult Advocacy Services Program
- Boys & Girls Club- Youth Mental Health/Substance Abuse Prevention Program
- Goodwill- Employee Wellness Program
- American Red Cross- Disaster Services Program
- Volunteers of America- Crossroad Emergency Shelter
- Salvation Army-Sandusky – Emergency Services (SAFES) Program
- Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter – Shelter & Outreach Services Program
- Kinship House- Supervised Visitation Program
- Erie County CASA- Permanency for Abused and Neglected Children Program
- OHgo- Mobile Food Pantry Program
- Care and Share of Erie County- Choice Pantry Program

2023 ADDITIONAL PARTNERS:

- Cancer Services
- Catholic Charities Furniture Ministry
- Center for Cultural Awareness
- Firelands Forward
- Heartbeeat

February 11, 2023
6-10 pm | Sawmill Creek Convention Center

SPONSORSHIP

It's the 100th anniversary of the United Way of Erie County and we invite you to leave your medical mask behind and join us for our Magic Masquerade on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at Sawmill Creek Convention Center. This black-tie-optional fundraising and community celebration evening will be a magical affair with dinner, music with DJ Mooshoo, dancing, professional photography, a performance by Magician & Mentalist Jeff Kowalk, as well as the presentation of Erie County's 2023 Lavender Award to an exceptional Erie County nonprofit organization.

The United Way of Erie County has a new director and almost all-new board of directors and we are focused on ways we can help Erie County for the next 100 years through our four pillars of Education, Income, Health and Safety Net. Help us help Erie County in 2023 and for decades to come.

Premier Sponsor | $3000 & up

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Century Sponsor | $2500

- 16 tickets (two tables)
- Erie County-opoloy game per couple
- Extra drink ticket per person
- Sponsor special gift
- Logo on website and social media
- Signage at the event
- Logo on every table at the event

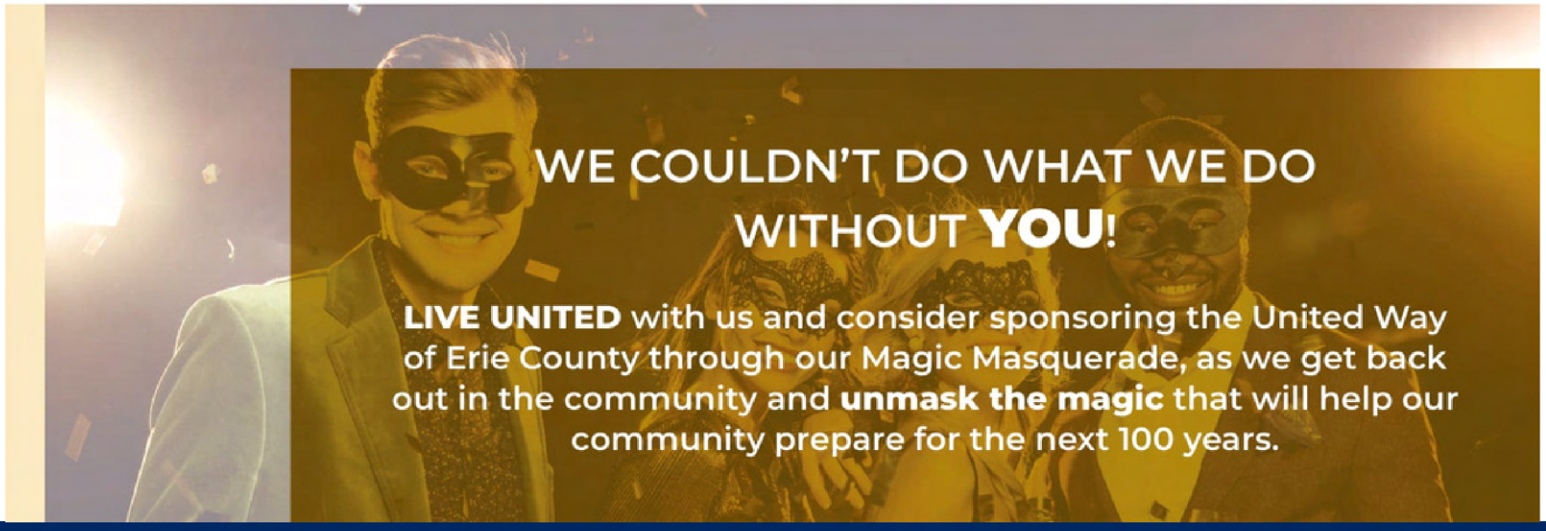
Abracadabra Sponsor | $1500

- 8 tickets (one table)
- Erie County-opoloy game per couple
- Extra drink ticket per person
- Sponsor special gift
- Listing on website and social media
- Signage at the event

Table Sponsor | $1000

- 8 tickets (one table)
- Erie County-opoloy game per couple
- Recognition at the event

What is raised in Erie County, stays in Erie County.



SPONSORSHIP FORM

☐ **Yes!** I want to support United Way of Erie County as a *Magic Masquerade* Sponsor.

○ **Premier Sponsor: $3000+**
(Please contact me to customize sponsorship.)

○ **Century Sponsor: $2500**

○ **Abracadabra Sponsor: $1500**

○ **Table Sponsor: $1000**

I wish to contribute in another manner:

○ **Contribute $**_____

○ **Silent Auction Package.** I would like to donate a silent auction item/package. Please contact me about my donation for the event auction.

For more information about ways you can support United Way of Erie County, please go online to **uweriecounty.org**.

For **individual tickets - $100** ($85 through 12/31/2022) and more information about the event: scan the code ——>> or go to uweriecounty.org

United Way of Erie County

uweriecounty.org

Organization Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____

○ My **check** made payable to United Way of Erie County is enclosed. Please note "Magic Masquerade" in memo line.

○ Please charge my **credit card**: $_____

○ Visa ○ MasterCard ○ Discover ○ AMEX

Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ CVV Code: _____

Signature: _____

Please return completed form to:

Sara Godfrey, Executive Director
135 E. Washington Row, Ste. C
Sandusky, OH 44870

sgodfrey@uwerieco.org | 419-625-4672

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10/26/22

Dear Community Member,

On September 27, 2022 The Alzheimer's Association, Northwest Ohio Chapter gathered community members from Erie County for a community forum. Education on the disease was shared but most importantly, we heard from those dealing with this awful disease and their caregivers. There were 13 people in attendance (including professionals, family caregivers, and those living with the disease) and we heard about the gaps they see in Erie County. The Alzheimer's Association would like to be a part of filling those gaps for those living with Alzheimer's and all Dementia's and their loved ones in the community.

I am sending along our briefing from that day's community forum that lays out what we heard from the group and our plans to help fill the gaps.

If you would like to help fill these gaps, please let me know if you are able to do any of the following:

1. Offer 1 hour free of charge respite care to those living with the disease while their caregiver attends the Caregiver Support Group that meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 9:30-10:30am
2. Become an Alzheimer's Association Volunteer and co-facilitate an Early Stage Support Group for those living in the early stages of the disease. The Alzheimer's Association provides education, support and training to that volunteer.
3. Become an Alzheimer's Association Community Representative Volunteer and attend community meetings and local health fairs to bring awareness to the disease and Alzheimer's Association programs and services.
4. Bring an Adult Day Center to Erie County so caregivers are able to drop their loved ones off so they are able to have a break, work, etc. Right now, Erie County residents are being sent to Fremont, Ohio to receive services of an Adult Day Care.
5. Also, please let me know if you are a physician who specializes in Alzheimer's and all other Dementia's.

Alzheimer's is relentless, but so are we!

Thank you for reading and I hope to hear from you,

Dakota Stone, MSSA, LSW – Program Coordinator

(P): 567-302-3608

€: DLSTONE@ALZ.ORG

Erie County OMJ

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- Explore Career & Job Search
- Cover Letter & Resume Building
- Help Preparing for Interviews
- Job SKills Training & Certifications

Employer Services:

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- Collect and Screen Resumes
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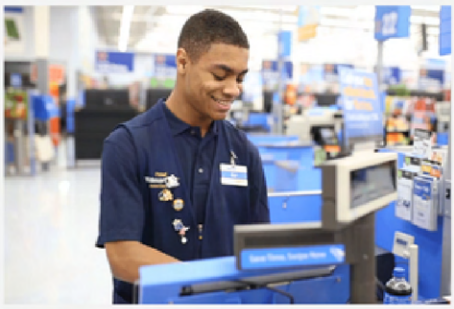
- Provide Employee Training Funds



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Contact our Resource Room for More Information:

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Sliced Herb Roasted Turkey Breast	$ 48	$ 125
Pan Gravy	$ 12	$ 25
Chestnut Sausage Stuffing	$ 24	$ 60
Mushroom Herb Stuffing (Vegetarian)	$ 20	$ 50
Creamy Mashed Potatoes	$ 16	$ 40
Sweet Potato Puree with Pecan Crumble	$ 20	$ 50
Roasted Fall Vegetables	$ 20	$ 50
Green Beans with Roasted Garlic & Shallots	$ 16	$ 40
Brown Sugar Glazed Carrots	$ 20	$ 50
Cranberry Orange Compote	$ 8	$ 16
Dinner Rolls with Roasted Garlic Herb Butter	1/2 dozen $9	dozen $18
Apple Crumb Pie	10”	$ 25
Pecan Pie	10”	$ 30
Pumpkin Pie	10”	$ 25
House Made Whipped Cream	pint	$ 8

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- *Wayne Golob*
- *Paul Franks*
- *Harmonica Man (Randy Velliquette)*
- *Killer Kline & The Blues Infusion*
- *Evan Hoffman*
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November 3, 2022

Firelands FCU Welcomes Two to Leadership Team

BELLEVUE, OH- Firelands Federal Credit Union (Firelands FCU) is proud to welcome two new additions to the Firelands FCU leadership team with the appointment of Allison Burroughs, Assistant Vice President (AVP) of Human Resources, and Kelly Steele-Moore, Vice President (VP) of Marketing.

Burroughs joins Firelands FCU with 16+ years of experience in Human Resources, most recently serving as the Human Resources Director for a local non-profit organization. Burroughs will oversee all Human Resources operations in her new position and help maintain Firelands FCU's success in providing an excellent employee experience.

"Joining the Firelands FCU team has been an exciting experience," said Burroughs. "I am proud to be a part of an organization that provides a philanthropic devotion to the communities and members they serve."

Steele-Moore, who is based in Cleveland, joins Firelands FCU with versatile marketing experience including her most recent role as Communications and Marketing Manager for a builder, developer and owner of affordable multi-family housing. In her new position, Steele-Moore will be charged with planning, facilitating, and implementing new marketing and business development opportunities for Firelands FCU.

"I feel so fortunate to now be a part of the Firelands FCU team. Not only is the organization dedicated to their member's needs, but their employees as well. Being able to share the credit union story with the areas Firelands FCU serves will be my honor," mentioned Steele-Moore.

"Adding Allison and Kelly to our leadership team brings new perspectives and experiences that will help accelerate our continued growth and deliver even greater financial services and member experience.," said Firelands FCU President/CEO Brett Montague. "We look forward to this advancement and are eager to move forward together."

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 31,000 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.

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Kelly Steele-Moore
Vice President of Marketing

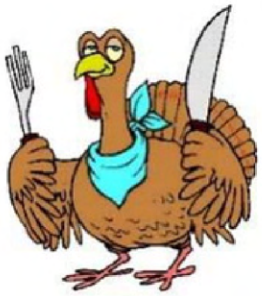
Allison Burroughts
Assistant Vice President
of Human Resources

40th Community Celebration of Thanksgiving

Sponsored by **Holy Angels Catholic Church** and **Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**

We will be providing carryout, delivery, and dine in services.

What: **Free Thanksgiving Meal**
(Hot and delicious, with all the trimmings)



When: **Thanksgiving Day**
November 24, 2022
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (Dine-In, Carryout, and Delivery)

Where: **Holy Angels Catholic Church**
428 Tiffin Ave., Sandusky, OH

***For carryout, enter the church parking lot from Pearl St. ***

FREE "take home" bag of groceries and/or baby supplies available.

Please call either phone number below to place your delivery order:
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church (419)625-2112 by Noon on November 23rd
Holy Angels Catholic Church (419)625-3698 through November 24th

We are always looking for volunteer drivers to deliver meals on Thanksgiving Day.
Delivery drivers should park on W. Jefferson St. or Tiffin Ave.
If you are able to drive, please call Holy Angels (419)-625-3698 or
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church (419)-625-2112 by November 21st.

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Erie County Children Services is working hard to get together Holiday gifts for our kids, and you can be a part of that!

~ HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP ~

You can call and get the name, age, and wish list of a child and have a great time shopping for them!

OR

We have individuals who are willing to shop for kids if you prefer to give a monetary donation (checks can be made out to: Erie County Children Services)

We would love to help as many children as we can at the holidays and throughout the year with your donations.

Please call Michelle Schultz if you are interested in shopping for a child or have questions. Call (419) 627-4489 or email Michelle.Schultz@jfs.ohio.gov

*If you would like to give a tax-deductible monetary donation, please send the donation to:
Erie County Children Services, Attn: AJ Lill
221 W. Parish Street Sandusky, OH 44870

ERIE COUNTY
Job & Family Services
Children Services

The ***SBA Cleveland District Office*** is accepting nominations for the 2023 National Small Business Week Awards ***for businesses and organizations across northern Ohio***, including the annual Small Business Person of the Year Award. Visit the SBA's dedicated website at www.sba.gov/nsbw to download forms, criteria, and guidelines for submitting a national nomination. The SBA Awards given in celebration of National and District Small Business Week include the following awards:

Cleveland District Small Business Week Categories:

- ***Small Business Person of the Year (National and District)***
- ***Small Business Exporter (National and District)***

"I am pleased to announce that SBA Cleveland is accepting awards nominations for National Small Business Week 2023," said SBA Cleveland District Director Gil Goldberg. "Northern Ohio has a wealth of outstanding small businesses and champions of entrepreneurship. In the past, we have had both regional and national award winners hailing from our area. I look forward to this year's nominations, and to our office's celebrating the vitality and economic contributions of northern Ohio's small business community during National Small Business Week 2023."

The SBA Cleveland District Office must receive all nominations by ***electronic submission* ONLY** to the District's BOX account found at www.sba.gov/nsbw no later **3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on December 8, 2022**. To obtain additional information, please contact Patricia Welsh at patricia.welsh@sba.gov or 216-522-4172.

For over 50 years, National Small Business Week has recognized the outstanding achievements of America's small businesses for their contributions to their local communities, and to our nation's economy. This year's winners will be announced during National Small Business Week in May 2023.