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Election Reflection

Disclaimer: This article reflects only the personal observations of Joe Roman, GSP and ECCOC's Interim Director.

While there is much material out there about the recent November 8th election, we thought a little deeper dive on the impact here locally was in order. So, these are just some observations you might find helpful or at least thought provoking.

The 2022 mid-term elections confirmed a couple of ongoing trends which will impact Erie County and Ohio for at least the next two years if not much longer.

The nation as a whole is closer to a 50-50 dead heat between major political parties than ever in recent memory. At publishing time, it appears that each chamber will be led by a very slim majority which potentially strengthens each individual member's political power since one or two "holdouts" can influence any particular vote dramatically.

Ohio is confirming its place as a leading conservative and/or republican state on almost all fronts. The Legislature in Ohio, along with the Supreme Court have a very strong position on policy making and potential future Governor vetoes should they arise.

Urban voters are not turning out in anywhere near the pace as other areas, especially in rural and smaller communities are voting at sometimes record levels.

Locally, voters were fairly generous in their support for local levies, especially renewal options. Fire, police and school levies throughout most of the region fared well. It will be interesting to watch if that generosity leads to more tax requests in the future.

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UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS:

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

[Click here to learn more](#)

BUSINESS HALL OF FAME

When: Thurs., Dec.. 8, 2022

Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm

Where: Kalahari Resorts
7000 Kalahari Drive
Zambezi Room, Entrance B
Sandusky, OH 44870

[Click here to learn more](#)



A ballot issue to grant Perkins Township with additional “home rule” charter provisions as a township suffered the largest defeat, losing by almost a 3:1 margin. It could be that voters there didn’t understand the issue or felt that it could result in a local income tax in the near future. Obviously, these possibilities are intertwined but the issue would not have given the local officials an automatic pathway to a local tax increase without several additional steps by the voters.

People to Watch:

Rep. D.J. Swearingen – Who was reelected in the House this year may have a good chance to assume further leadership duties in the General Assembly due to his current tenure.

Congresswoman March Kaptur – Congresswoman Kaptur will become the longest serving female member of the House of Representatives with this election and her seniority has served the region well. This could bode well for our region despite a change in party control.

NASA/Armstrong Research Facility – Representative Anthony Gonzales, from Cleveland, did not seek reelection to Congress which results in Ohio losing one member of the very important Science Committee in the House which plays a crucial role overseeing NASA Glenn/Armstrong. Hopefully, one of the newer members of the House or an existing member, hopefully in the majority, can be convinced to join this important committee.

Lastly, while not an election issue per se here, Eric Wobser’s departure to Cuyahoga County as the result of an election for County Executive there, surely creates a crucial void here in Sandusky. Thankfully, the Sandusky Commissioners are moving quickly to fill the void both with the appointment of an interim City Manager and the launch of a permanent search process. Sandusky’s momentum over the past decade is sure to attract great, qualified candidates for the position.

Thank you,
Joe Roman

**"NO MATTER HOW MANY
MISTAKES YOU MAKE OR
HOW SLOW YOU
PROGRESS, YOU ARE STILL
WAY AHEAD OF EVERYONE
WHO ISN'T TRYING."
-TONY ROBBINS**

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!



Sandusky, Huron, Norwalk & Vermilion
419.625.9025 • www.vlfcu.org



LAST CHANCE TO RSVP FOR THIS EXCITING EVENT!



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WE INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THE



INDUCTION CEREMONY

Thursday, December 8th

11:30am - 1:30pm

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

**REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE
BY NOVEMBER 24:**

<https://ErieCountyBHF.eventbrite.com>

\$35 per person
Space is limited.



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BUSINESS HALL OF FAME 2022 INDUCTEES

Bryan Huntley

Dick Kinzel

George Sortino



Each year the Erie County Chamber of Commerce recognizes the achievements of business leaders in Erie County. Please join us at the 2022 Business Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Thursday, December 8th from 11:30am - 1:30pm at Kalahari Resorts, Zambezi Room. Use Entrance B.

Cost to attend is \$35 and a buffet lunch will be served. Open to the public. Business Attire. You must register for the event and submit payment by November 24th as space is limited.

Cordially,

Joe Roman, Director

*The
Honey
Hole*

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OPEN 10AM - 8PM**

FRIDAY

APPLIANCES * HOME GOODS * RUGS
KID'S TOYS * FURNITURE * BABY ITEMS
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RECEIVE A SCRATCH TO WIN GIFT CARD**

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OUR LOCATION:

11001 US 250, Unit B9, Milan, OH
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No purchase necessary. Must be 18 years or older to receive a gift card. Promotion available on 11/25/2022 only.



RIBBON CUTTING AREA

Erie County Chamber Members

Congratulations!

Package 1

2 - 8' Columns

Ribbon to cut*

6 clusters for outside

\$250

*Scissors upon request

Package 2

2 - 8' Columns

Ribbon to cut*

\$200

*Scissors upon request



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Barnes Wendling CPAs supports art programs at four Northern Ohio schools
Elementary students participate in art contest; schools receive program funds

November 17, 2022 - Cleveland, OH - Barnes Wendling CPAs, a Northeast Ohio accounting and business advisory firm, with offices in Cleveland, Sheffield Village and Sandusky, sponsored a Thanksgiving Art Contest for students in four Northern Ohio elementary schools.

Now in its 22nd year, students in grades second, third and fourth receive awards and prizes for the best drawing. In addition, the firm donates \$500 to each school's art program.

"For over 20 years, this is a favorite tradition for us," said Jeffrey Neuman, president at Barnes Wendling CPAs. "We are proud to support local educators and creative students in the communities in which we reside."

Artwork is hung throughout each of the firm's offices and staff vote on the top three pieces.

Barnes Wendling CPAs hosted an award ceremony at each school to present the winning students with awards and prizes, including individual art supply kits and an ice cream party. The students are very excited at the assemblies to hear who the winners are, and the teachers are appreciative of the funding support for their programs.

On Nov. 14, three students from Sandusky Central Catholic School were honored for their artwork: Lucia Farrar took first place, Avery Nimrichter took second place, and Scarlett McCune took third place.

On Nov. 17, three students at Norwalk Catholic School were honored for their artwork: Kaitlyn Rospert took first place, Ava Piscitello took second place, and Camden Greenwell took third place.

The winning artwork will be featured on the firm's social media channels and on a Thanksgiving holiday card mailed to the firm's clients.

Other participating schools include Urban Community School in Cleveland and Brookside Intermediate School in Sheffield Village.

About Barnes Wendling CPAs

Barnes Wendling CPAs is an accounting firm driven by a service objective of building and maintaining clients' net worth. Since 1946, the firm has been offering a variety of services for privately held businesses in a wide range of industries, including: construction, real estate, manufacturing, distribution, service enterprise, and non-profit. It also provides services for family offices and individuals with high-net worth. The firm places a high value on client satisfaction and conducts client surveys on a regular basis, sharing the results publicly. For more information, visit barneswendling.com call 1-800-369-6375.



Photo caption: (l to r) Norwalk Catholic School students Camden Greenwell, Ava Piscitello, Kaitlyn Rospert hold their winning artwork, with Principal Martin Linder



Photo caption: (l to r) Sandusky Central Catholic School Principal Lisa MacMurray, student Lucia Farrar, Art Teacher Victoria Danilo, and students Avery Nimrichter and Scarlett McCune

Humane Society of Erie County FurFest 2022 Silent Auction Fundraiser



Virtual silent auction- attendance not necessary to bid!
Auction items will be continuously added to the auction
site, so check back often for what's new!

Register to bid on silent auction items
here:
<https://FurFest2022.givesmart.com>



Tickets are limited- purchase yours here:
Humanesocietyoferiecounty.org under
the **EVENT** tab

**Where: The Winerie on Hayes Avenue
Tuesday, November 29 from 6-8:30pm.**

**Tickets are \$55, includes heavy hors d'oeuvres from Sweet Potato Catering,
wine tastings, in person raffles, 50/50, Pop-A-Prize balloons and more!**

Sponsors:



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HOLIDAY JAM

SUNDAY DECEMBER 11, 2022 • 1:30 PM - 7:30 PM
LOCATED AT TEN - FIFTY EIGHT : SANDUSKY PLAZA

ten
FIFTY EIGHT
EVENT CENTER

Admission:
\$5.00 Plus 2 canned goods
for Supper Programs
in Sandusky

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
Victory Kitchen
Catholic Community
Supper Program
Scott Gast Scholarship Fund

Door Prizes awarded
all day long!

Santa will be available
throughout the day!

All kinds of Great Bands/Entertainers
Playing All Genres of Christmas Music!
With WCPZ's Randy Hugg as MC

- Rumours
- Elvis (Walt Sanders)
- Dennis Martin
- Ed Ferback
- John Lennon (Dan Moyer)
- Travelin Lounge Lizards
- Victory Temple Mass Choir
- Hughes, Hall, Denney
- Wayne Golob
- Paul Franks
- Harmonica Man (Randy Velliquette)
- Killer Kline & The Blues Infusion
- Evan Hoffman
- Stereotypes
- Vinyl Equinox
- Mark Wilkins
- Riptide
- Express
- Second Bass
- Happy Hour
- Steve Brownell

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All advanced ticket sales will be entered for special drawings. Tickets available at Musician's Alley

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.



EDUCATION • INCOME • HEALTH • SAFETY NET

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, Vermillion, 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
Heartbeats

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

(we can tailor a package just for you) contact amy@aha4creative.com for more information

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.

**WE COULDN'T DO WHAT WE DO
WITHOUT YOU!**

LIVE UNITED with us and consider sponsoring the United Way of Erie County through our Magic Masquerade, as we get back out in the community and **unmask the magic** that will help our community prepare for the next 100 years.

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

UNITED WAY OF ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD LEADERSHIP:

Karen Camella - President
Joe Hayberger - Vice President
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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

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- Cover Letter & Resume Building
- Help Preparing for Interviews
- Job Skills Training & Certifications

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- Collect and Screen Resumes
- Organize Hiring Events/ Interviews
- Provide Employee Training Funds



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Dear Chamber Member,

We are reaching out to let you know that you have a chance to lock in low electric rates now before they are expected to increase in June of 2023. Recent utility auctions in the Duke, AEP and FirstEnergy regions indicate that the rate may be over \$0.12 / kWh in June of 2023. Protect yourself by enrolling now with a June 2023 start.

Our trusted member benefit, the Chamber Energy Program recommends that you follow the three simple steps below to protect yourself from rising electricity costs.



SEND YOUR BILL IN ALONG WITH THE REQUEST FORM ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE TO BILLREVIEW@CEATEAM.COM.



CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE LOW ELECTRIC UTILITY RATES THAT YOU ARE CURRENTLY ON THROUGH MAY OF 2023.



YOUR NEW RATE WILL AUTOMATICALLY START IN JUNE 2023, PROTECTING YOU FROM HIGHER ELECTRIC UTILITY RATES.

If you are unsure what you are currently paying or have questions, we can help. We will provide you with cost saving options. Please note that savings are not guaranteed, and actual savings will vary.

BILL REVIEW REQUEST FORM

Chamber Energy Program

Chamber _____

Name _____

Company (if applicable) _____

Daytime Phone _____

Email _____

Best Time to Contact _____

Are you inquiring for your...
(Check all that apply)

☐ **HOME** ☐ **BUSINESS**

Which products/solutions are you interested in?
(Check all that apply)

☐ **ELECTRICITY** ☐ **NATURAL GAS** ☐ **SUSTAINABILITY**



Please attach a copy of your most recent electric and natural gas bills (all pages).

PLEASE SEND YOUR FORM TO:

Chamber Energy Program

Email - billreview@ceateam.com

Fax - 330-721-8111

Mail - 3725 Medina Rd., Ste. 112, Medina, OH 44256

*Savings not guaranteed and actual savings may vary.



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
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Children Services