



ERIE COUNTY CHAMBER of COMMERCE

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NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023



DEAR MEMBERS,

FROM ERIC WOBSEY

We are excited to tour the Sandusky State Theatre project with the leadership of the organizations that make up the Greater Sandusky Partnership. The State Theatre is a cultural centerpiece of our region and this project will ensure that it thrives for the next 100 years!

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Sept. 12
6:30pm - 8pm

Dessert with Docs

Firelands Health invites you to Dessert with Docs, a FREE event. In a fun, casual setting, you'll meet Firelands physicians who serve our community while sampling a variety of tasty desserts.

[Learn More](#)

Thursday, Sept. 14
12pm Registration; 1pm Shotgun

The Huron Chamber of Commerce Golf Scramble

Join this webinar to learn more what's being done to prevent overdose deaths and improve recovery outcomes.

[Learn More](#)

Wednesday, Sept. 20
12pm - 1pm

An Epidemic Fight: Noting Progress Fighting Street Drugs & Addiction

Join this webinar to learn more what's being done to prevent overdose deaths and improve recovery outcomes.

[Learn More](#)

Saturday, Sept. 23
9am

10th Annual Recovery Walk

Walk leaves SARCC promptly at 9am for Jackson Street Pier Great Lawn. Register today!

[Learn More](#)

Tuesday, Sept. 26
8am - 6:30pm

Funeral Home Grand Opening

All are welcome! Stop anytime or attend a seminar. Complimentary food, giveaways and entertainment.

[Learn More](#)

Wednesday, Oct. 11
6pm

Repurposing & Redesigning Old House Treasures

Join the Old House Guild and Tracy Hille for a series discussing reviving old homes through creative remodeling.

[Learn More](#)

Wednesday, Nov. 8
6pm - 9pm

3rd Annual Best of The Bay

A food competition like no other. Think your signature dish is the Best of the Bay? Put it to the test at the annual competition.

[Learn More](#)

Nov. 16 - Dec. 31
5:30pm - 8:30pm

Lake Erie in Lights

Check out Lake Erie in Lights at the Erie County Fairgrounds while supporting Ability Works, a local non-profit.

[Learn More](#)

Thursday, Dec. 7
11am - 2pm

2023 Business Hall of Fame Luncheon

It's that time of year for the 2023 Business Hall of Fame. Be sure to get your nominations in by October 1, 2023.

[Learn More](#)

To view all events and for more information, please visit:

<https://business.eriecountychamber.com/events>



2023 BUSINESS HALL OF FAME

NOMINATION FORM

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

- An individual must demonstrate at least twenty (20) years of successful activity in for-profit business endeavor(s) located in Erie County at a senior "C" suite or ownership level.
- The candidate must demonstrate that in their career they have helped to make significant advancements for their company and their respective profession.
- The candidate must still list their principal residence as being in Erie County.
- The candidate did not have to attend school in Erie County.
- The candidate can be retired but ideally is still engaged in some fashion actively in the business community in Erie County; posthumous nominations may be considered.
- Experiences in all industries and professions are eligible for the award.
- Additional information about a candidate's community activities where the candidate has been engaged will enhance a candidate's profile but is not required to receive the award.
- At least two business colleagues familiar with a candidate's full career are required for nomination but up to five sponsors can be attached to the application.
- Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- **Please provide a typed narrative, relating the accomplishments of your nominee, that would justify his/her selection into the Business Hall of Fame. Please attach your narrative to this form.**

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Nominee's Full Name: _____
(Maiden name, if applicable)

Current Address: _____ City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Please List Year of Graduation: _____

Nominee's Profession/Occupation: _____

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

Name of Person or Group Making This Nomination: _____

Current Address: _____ City/State/Zip Code: _____
(Street or PO Box)

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Please return this form with your narrative attached to:

Erie County Chamber of Commerce
604 W. Washington Street
Sandusky, OH 44870

**ALL INFORMATION MUST BE
RECEIVED BY: OCTOBER 1, 2023**

NEWS RELEASE

Contact Information:
Abbey Bemis, COO
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Payne Nickles
& Company, CPAs

For Immediate Release:
8/29/2023

Payne Nickles & Company Recognized as an IPA 500 Firm in the 2023 INSIDE Public Accounting Practice Management Survey

Sandusky, Ohio – Payne Nickles & Company, a leading advisory services firm, is proud to announce that it has been named an IPA 500 firm in the prestigious 2023 annual INSIDE Public Accounting Practice Management Survey. The IPA 500 designation is a testament Payne Nickles' commitment to excellence and its position among the top-performing accounting firms in the nation.

The IPA 500 firms are ranked based on U.S. net revenue and are carefully compiled through a rigorous analysis of the 600 responses received for the INSIDE Public Accounting Survey. Payne Nickles' inclusion in this esteemed list reaffirms its position as a leader in the industry and reflects the hard work and dedication of the entire team.

"We are delighted to be recognized as an IPA 500 firm, a testament to the collective efforts of our talented professionals and their unwavering commitment to providing exceptional services to our clients," said Mike Miller, Managing Partner.

"It's amazing to see how much our firm has grown over the last thirty-three years and still continue to be future focused. This recognition is further motivation to continue to lead and innovate in northern Ohio," said Abbey Bemis, the first Chief Operating Officer for the company.

"I have enjoyed being a part of the Payne Nickles team watching us grow for over three decades. Our philosophy has always been simple - practice with integrity and put our clients and



community first. This pays off time and time again.” said Tom Campbell, Manager and longest serving current Payne Nickles employee.

Payne Nickles extends its gratitude to all the team members and clients who have been an integral part of this achievement.

For more information about the IPA 500 firms and to view the full list, please visit <https://insidepublicaccounting.com/top-firms/ipa-500/>.

About Payne Nickles & Company

Payne, Nickles & Company is a full-service accounting and business advisory firm with offices in Sandusky and Norwalk, Ohio. Payne, Nickles & Company CPAs and Business Advisors offer a full range of financial reporting services, tax & financial planning, estate and succession planning, litigation support, forensic accounting, business valuation, retirement plan consulting, payroll administration, and QuickBooks consulting services. For more information, visit pncpa.biz.


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Workforce Development Coordinator

Apply by September 29th, 2023

Position Overview

This dynamic full-time position supports Firelands Forward, a business-driven workforce development initiative managed by the Erie County Economic Development Corporation. Firelands Forward is strategically aligned with the Greater Sandusky Partnership, a private sector organization committed to growing the population of Erie County and the surrounding region. Firelands Forward is a collaborative effort of local businesses, education partners, and non-profits in Erie, Huron, & Ottawa Counties who seek to build a place that competitively attracts, retains, and develops talent. This position seeks to support the efforts of the Director of Firelands Forward by implementing and executing cross-sector programs of the collaborative.

Key Responsibilities

Firelands Forward's mission is to grow our region's economy by connecting a stable, skilled, and supported labor force to meaningful and sustaining employment. This position supports the needs of the Director and the key stakeholders of the organization. Day-to-day will involve project management of programs created by and run by the organization; contribution to aligning the efforts of multiple community partners; and support the internal and external functions of the initiative, including strategy, services execution, communications, community engagement, and fundraising functions. All work is confidential and requires significant personal interaction with high level corporate and governmental leadership. Examples of duties:

Employer Services

- Maintain an active knowledge of workforce development services and resources available to businesses on a local, state, and federal level;
- Create and maintain relationships in the business community through outreach and networking opportunities;
- Capture business needs through use of CRM software;
- Work with Firelands Forward team to deliver services including data analysis, job opening promotion, resource connections, and placement services;
- Act as liaison between the business community and service providers (ex. education providers, training grants, nonprofits serving employee needs) to ensure services are being marketed to businesses, and businesses have increased ease of access; and
- Actively communicate with members of partner organizations in education and social services to ensure our area can effectively solve workforce challenges.

Marketing & Communications

- Create and execute communication strategies around the progress of the Firelands Forward initiative, including:
 - Maintain meaningful presence on social media (LinkedIn, Facebook, etc.);
 - Utilize Constant Contact to communicate with Firelands Forward partners;
 - Update Firelands Forward website with relevant content;
 - Contribute to organizational dashboard and reporting.

- Create and execute communication strategies around policy issues of importance to Firelands Forward's advocacy agenda, including:
 - Drafting educational pieces on issues impacting a healthy labor market;
 - Hosting roundtables with policy makers, local businesses, and partners;
 - Integrating talking points with Firelands Forward digital platforms.

Team Support

- Build relationships with community partners that can contribute to the mission of Firelands Forward;
- Recruit supporters of Firelands Forward and its current focus areas of high school career connections and front-line worker retention;
- Assist in planning, convening, and facilitating partner meetings ("Work Groups") and Advisory Board meetings;
- Support in the oversight of the Work Wellness Coaches for the Employer Resource Network;
- Collaborate with staff and stakeholders to design and implement new projects and services in response to employer and community needs; and
- Become a familiar face within the community.

Position Requirements and Qualifications:

- Undergraduate degree in Business, or Human Resources or related field or two to five years related experience and/or training or equivalent combination of education and experience;
- Familiarity with workforce development challenges – recruitment, hiring, and retention of qualified employees at a large scale;
- Work with limited supervision;
- Ability to work well in a team environment;
- Ability to communicate effectively (oral and written) with staff, employees, management, referral sources, public, etc.;
- Proficient in Microsoft WORD, EXCEL, and POWERPOINT;
- Ability to attend meetings, trainings, and professional development opportunities as required;
- Technology adept and willing to learn industry specific CRM; and
- Grant writing and fundraising experience a plus.

This is a full-time salaried position with travel requirements across our service territory, Erie, Huron, & Ottawa Counties. Must be willing and able to attend after-hours meetings and events as needed. Compensation is commensurate with experience with an expected salary of **\$50,000-\$60,000** annually.

To Apply:

Interested candidates should email a resume and cover letter to Makenna@firelandsforward.com. All applicants will be reviewed as received until 9/29.



Work Wellness Coach Position Description

Position: Work Wellness Coach

Location: Multiple locations throughout Erie, Huron, and Ottawa Counties, Ohio

Supervisor: Firelands Forward Director

This dynamic full-time position implements the Firelands Forward Employer Resource Network (ERN) program. Firelands Forward is a business-driven workforce development initiative managed by the Erie County Economic Development Corporation. Firelands Forward and the Erie County Economic Development Corporation are strategically aligned with the Greater Sandusky Partnership, a private sector organization committed to growing the population of Erie County and the surrounding region.

Learn more about Firelands Forward [here](#)

Learn more about Employer Resource Network (ERN) [here](#)

Summary: The Work Wellness Coach provides complex information and referral services to workers affiliated with the Employer Resource Network (ERN). Employees request social service assistance and resources from the Work Wellness Coach through the program. The position involves interviewing employees to identify problems, determining the level of assistance needed, and referring employees to the appropriate agency or other follow-up services. Responsibilities require considerable contact with employee-members of various socio-economic groups, as well as interaction with other agencies, anti-poverty workers, and the general public. The work of the Work Wellness Coach will be performed under the general supervision of Firelands Forward.

Specific Responsibilities: To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to execute each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, documentation and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Participates and upholds the values and processes devoted to continuous quality improvement in all ERN activities.
- Helps employees in accessing tools, training, or services they need to overcome their barrier(s) to employment.
- Develops an employee assistance plan after conducting an oral needs assessment and interview and verifies subsequent eligibility.
- Works in conjunction with human resources, supervisors, and management to help identify employees in conflict.
- Identifies additional barriers to employment and assesses appropriateness of training/educational services.
- Creates and updates manuals and/or computer database client files by recording each contact made with employees and maintains records required for follow-up.

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- Keeps current files of social services available to employees of ERN member employers and provides information on how to obtain services.
- Arranges services with providers as required by case notes and plans.
- Assists ERN company employees in completing written applications for social services when needed.
- Provides emergency assistance and crisis intervention to employees when necessary.
- Produces written/data reports to be presented at monthly ERN board meetings.
- Maintains and manages regular contact with supervisors to reinforce and monitor work progress and to ensure quality, coordinated, and timely service delivery to ERN employees.
- Establishes relationships and maintain appropriate connections to internal and external employee resources.
- Participates in state and national peer learning activities to share and build best practices.
- Embeds into each environment of the ERN participants to build trust and relationships with management and employees.

Position Requirements and Qualifications:

- Undergraduate degree in Human Services, or Human Resources or related field or two to five years related experience and/or training or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Experience in community support services or ability to quickly familiarize and build network of community service organizations
- Work with limited supervision.
- Ability to be empathetic to others who may be struggling with a diverse set of issues.
- Possess strong problem-solving skills in order to be innovative while addressing complex problems.
- Ability to work well in a team environment.
- Demonstrated ability to track progress and maintain employee contact.
- Ability to communicate effectively (oral and written) with staff, employees, management, referral sources, public, etc.
- Ability to write accurate and concise case notes.
- Proficient in Microsoft WORD, EXCEL, and POWERPOINT.
- Provide own transportation to work locations.
- Ability to work with and be sensitive to people from diverse backgrounds.
- Ability to attend meetings, trainings, and professional development opportunities as required.
- Ability to comply with policies and procedures at various employer locations, as well as federal and state, confidentiality laws as described in HIPPA (Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act).

This is a full-time salaried position with travel requirements across our service territory, Erie, Huron & Ottawa Counties. Must be willing and able to attend after-hours meetings and events as needed. Compensation is commensurate with experience with an expected salary \$45,000-\$50,000 annually.

To Apply:

Interested candidates should email a resume and cover letter to Makenna@firelandsforward.com. All applicants will be reviewed as received until 9/8.

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Background Check, Drug Test, Physical Exam, and fully vaccinated required

Interested, please
contact

Sonja Nuby Human Resources Coordinator P: (419) 626-4320 Ex:223	Main office 908 Seavers Way, Sandusky, OH P: (419) 626-4320	Camilla Alexander Executive Assistant P: (419) 626-4320 Ex: 201
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Free educational webinar for Ohio businesses.

WEBINAR

REDUCING ENERGY COSTS

With electric and natural gas rates skyrocketing, many businesses are turning to energy efficiency measures to reduce their energy costs. In this webinar, we will discuss what options are available from solar to LED lighting and why now is a great time to take advantage of all of the new rebates, incentives, and grants available.

LEARN ABOUT

- Efficiency measures that can help to drive down your monthly energy bill
- Maximizing your project ROI with funding available through a combination of federal, state, and local programs
- Financing options to fit your budget and objectives (including on-bill financing)
- Electric and natural gas supply procurement strategies to lower your remaining utility costs

SCAN ME



PRESENTED BY



Kathy Elseser
Energy Program Manager
Chamber Energy Program



Alex Gribble
Energy Management Associate
Chamber Sustainability Program

EVENT DETAILS

September 13th, 2023
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

This webinar is free but limited to businesses interested in learning more about reducing energy costs. Others may attend at the discretion of the program host.

Click here to register or scan the QR code!

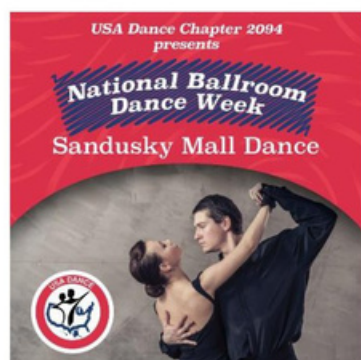
What's Going On At The Mall



SANDUSKY MALL JOB FAIR

Saturday, Sept. 23rd - 10am – 7pm

Looking to earn some extra cash this holiday season? Or maybe even a full or part-time job? Many Sandusky Mall stores are now hiring! Stop by the Customer Service Center and pick up a list of stores who are currently hiring or visit sandusky mall.com. You may be able to interview in-person or fill out an application online. Put your best foot forward!



USA DANCE NATIONAL BALLROOM DANCE WEEK

Sunday, Sept. 24th - 1pm – 3pm

Join us in Center Court for the spectacular USA DANCE National Ballroom Dance Week! This event is FREE and open to the public! There will be demonstrations, free lessons, open dancing, drawings and prizes! So grab your dancing partner, ballroom shoes and step your way down to the Sandusky Mall!



THE 'ORIGINAL' ERIE COUNTY CRAFT AND VENDOR SHOW

Saturday, Sept. 30th - 10am – 6pm

Fall is almost here! That means it's time for the 'Original' Erie County Fall Craft and Vendor Show at the Sandusky Mall! This craft show is mall-wide, FREE and open to the public. There's lots to shop with over 75 specialty vendors with unique gifts, Fall and Christmas decor, sweet treats and so much more!



FAMILY WALK IN THE FALL AT THE MALL

Saturday, Oct. 14th - 10am – 1pm

SPONSORED BY HEARTBEAT PREGNANCY CENTER

Get those walking shoes on and come support Heartbeat Pregnancy Center and the community Heartbeat serves. You'll be walking for a good cause! All 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.





Meet

Sample

Learn

Dessert with Docs

The specialists you'll meet include:

- Gastroenterologist
- Infectious diseases
- Neurosurgeon
- Orthopedics
- Physical medicine and rehabilitation
- Sleep medicine
- Weight management and diabetes management

Firelands Health invites you to Dessert with Docs, a FREE event. In a fun, casual setting, you'll meet Firelands physicians who serve our community while sampling a variety of tasty desserts, like chocolate mousse, tiramisu, and lemon bars.

Tuesday, Sept. 12 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Sandusky Community Church of the Nazarene.

RSVP by Friday, Sept. 1.

Meet a different doctor with each new dessert. Enjoy fun, fellowship, and door prizes. Doors open at 6 p.m. Space is limited, so register early.



Register at firelands.com/dessert or call 419-557-7410

After reservations fill, we'll keep a waiting list.
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**An Epidemic Fight: Noting Progress
Fighting Street Drugs & Addiction**

Wednesday, September 20, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM EST

An Epidemic Fight: Noting Progress Fighting Street Drugs & Addiction

Wednesday, September 20, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM EST

Fentanyl, Flakka (Alpha-PVP), and Tranq (Xylazine), are just three street drugs compounding the threat of the opioid crisis. As part of National Recovery Month, this forum will look at these illegal drugs, as well as what's being done to prevent overdose deaths and improve recovery outcomes.

Join BrightView co-founder and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Shawn Ryan as he leads a panel discussion with two leaders making progress fighting overdose deaths and promoting recovery with inventive solutions.

Tom Synan, Newtown Ohio's Chief of Police:

Chief Synan leads the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition and created a plan that directs resources to treatment, preventive education, naloxone training for officers, and access to methadone.

Julie Raleigh, Madi's House Co-Founder and CEO:

Julie created Madi's House after spotting an unmet need in the recovery process. Madi's House is a free, non-residential community center for young adults who are healing from mental illness or recovery.

Attendees will learn how:

- To better understand the latest street drugs
- Ohio's overdose death rates slowed in 2022
- A new way law enforcement is helping impact addiction and overdose deaths
- Recovery programs need to better prepare patients to handle idle time and give them healthy options to do so
- Communities can come together to address these issues

This forum includes an open discussion where attendees can ask questions of our panelists.

[**Register Here**](#)

For more information about this event, please contact:

info@brightviewhealth.com

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10th Annual

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SEPTEMBER 23RD 2023

Walk leaves SARCC **PROMPTLY**
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Great Lawn

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Tuesday, September 26 • 8:00am - 6:30pm
All are welcome! • Stop anytime, or attend a seminar!
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COFFEE & DONUTS

- 8:00 am Erie County Chamber Ribbon Cutting
- 9:30 am - 10:00 am Pet Pre-planning Educational Seminar
- 11:00 am - 11:30 am Cemetery Options Educational Seminar
 - Cemetery Tours Available

LUNCH FOOD CART

- 12:30 pm Huron Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting
- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Funeral Pre-Planning Educational Seminar
 - Funeral and Cemetery Planning Made Easy
 - Veteran Options

ENTERTAINMENT & FOOD TRUCK

- 4:00 pm Huron County Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting
- 4:30-6:30 pm Open House
 - Enjoy Live Local Music



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Join the Old House Guild and Tracy Hille for a series discussing reviving old homes through creative remodeling.



Wednesday Oct. 11 6pm
Boeckling Club

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FREE
EVENT

3RD ANNUAL BEST OF THE BAY



A FOOD COMPETITION LIKE NO OTHER

Think your signature dish is the Best of the Bay? Put it to the test at Cedar Point Sports Center's 3rd Annual Best of the Bay food competition!

- 10 Different Categories
 - Best Sandwich - Best Taco - Best Food Truck
 - Best Burger - Best Coffee - Best Bakery/Dessert
 - Best Seafood - Best Wings - Best Breakfast
 - **NEW! Best Appetizer**
- Awards for all categories!
- \$200 per vendor space
- Sponsorship opportunities available
- Ticket rebates distributed post-event
- 800 expected guests

WHERE

Cedar Point Sports Center

WHEN

November 8th

TIME

6 - 9 PM

CONTACT

RYAN LADD

rladd@sportsfacilities.com

419.609.5644 ext. 65703



3RD 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

WHERE

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Sports Center

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6 - 9 PM

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3RD ANNUAL BEST OF THE BAY



VENDOR INFORMATION

Tables: 2 8' tables (skirted) will be provided. You may decorate booths however you see fit. 1 table designed for prep and storage while other table is designed to be guest-facing.

Signage: a 3'x4' sign will be produced to help identify your business at the guest-facing tables. You will be required to send a high-resolution logo to jschwerer@sportsfacilities.com 30 days prior to the event.

Samples: Please plan on bringing 800 samples. Each attendee will be given 20 tickets as part of the registration. We ask that the samples be valued at between 1-3 tickets.

Electrical access: Vendors needing electrical access will be provided with 1 power strip by the Cedar Point Sports Center. Any additional extension cords must be requested and cost \$50 each. Vendors are asked to please provide 1 extension cord at each booth they rent for the evening.

Serveware: The Cedar Point Sports Center will **NOT** provide any plates, silverware, etc. Vendors serving liquids will need to provide plastic cups. Napkins will be provided throughout the facility. Please bring all necessary items for consumption of your products.

Setup: Vendors are asked to be completed with setup **no later than 5pm** the day of the event. Doors will open for setup at 1pm, November 8th.

Registration Deadline: October 8th, 2023. Vendor registration form provided in form attached. Please email rladd@sportsfacilities.com with completed registration forms or questions.

Additional: Vendors will be provided water for chaffing pans. Each booth will be provided with a dump bucket and trash can. Ice will **NOT** be provided. Vendors are encouraged to provide coupons, incentives, etc. to visit your establishment in the future.

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Every Thursday thru Sunday from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

SPONSORSHIPS



PLATINUM SPONSOR - 1500

- Name in lights attached to a large display of your choice
- Chance to put up a banner on the fairgrounds fence along Columbus Avenue
- Recognition in the program
- Featured on our website, individual social media recognition



DIAMOND SPONSOR - 1000

- Name on a sign in front of a large lights display of your choice
- Recognition in the program
- Featured on our website, individual social media recognition



GOLD SPONSOR - \$500

- Name on a sign in front of a small lights display of your choice
- Recognition in the program
- Featured on our website, individual social media recognition

If you have any questions , please contact Doreen Ehlert at 419.509.7613 or dehlert@ability-works.com or Tim Loris at 419.656.6542 or tlaccurate@gmail.com

Lake Erie in Lights

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Sponsorship Form

Name/Business name _____

Mailing address _____

Contact person _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Sponsorship Level

☐ \$1,500 Platinum Sponsor

☐ \$1,000 Diamond Sponsor

☐ \$500 Gold Sponsor

Please make checks payable to: Ability Works Inc

Mail this form to:

Ability Works
3920 Columbus Avenue
Sandusky OH 44870



ERIE COUNTY
CHAMBER of COMMERCE
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Membership Benefits: Small Business Health Benefits



Greater Cleveland
Partnership

COSE



MEDICAL MUTUAL®

The Erie County Chamber of Commerce has partnered with the Council of Smaller Enterprises (COSE) and Medical Mutual to offer a new type of health insurance coverage for our member businesses, titled the Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement (MEWA). This coverage is available for businesses with 50 or fewer employees, including business owners with no employees.

What the COSE Benefit Plan Offers:



Attract & Retain Talent

Ensure your most valuable employees are satisfied with both their job and their compensation package to increase longevity and retention.



Gain Tax Savings

Employers and employees pay less for health insurance when it is purchased at a group level because it is paid for with pre-tax dollars.



Network Access Benefits

Group health plans often have access to large networks of doctors and hospitals compared to an individual plan on the public exchange.



Get Broker Help

A broker can guide you through the process and help you find the best health plan for you and your employees.



One-Stop Shop

Dental, vision, group life, accidental death and dismemberment insurance and short-term disability can be added to your health insurance plan.



Cost Savings

In addition to health insurance, as a Chamber member, you can take advantage of savings on electricity and natural gas, office supplies, workers comp and more.

To learn more or sign up for this benefit package, contact Kimberly Montana at kimberlym@eriecountychamber.com



ERIE COUNTY
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2023 Corporate Event Sponsorship Opportunities

Business Hall of Fame

December 7, 2023

Kalahari Resorts

- **Presenting Sponsor: \$3,000** **1 of 1 available**
 - Includes event signage, program listing, lunch for two tables of eight = 16 guests, and logo on video at event.
- **Business Achievements Sponsor: \$250** **10 of 10 available**
 - Program listing, and lunch for four guests.

**Contact Kim Montana
To Become A Sponsor Today!**

**kimberlym@eriecountychamber.com
(419) 625-6421**



ERIE COUNTY CHAMBER of COMMERCE

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2023 Corporate Event Sponsorship Opportunities

SPONSORSHIP FORM

This selection offers our chamber-member businesses the convenience and ability to forecast and budget for upcoming Chamber events that they would like to sponsor. The Chamber will send out an invoice one-month in advance for the events that your business has selected to sponsor.

SPONSOR OPTIONS:

Business Hall of Fame

- ☐ Presenting Sponsor: \$3,000
- ☐ Business Achievements Sponsor: \$250

RETURN FORM BY:

MAIL:

Erie County Chamber of Commerce
604 W. Washington St.
Sandusky, OH 44870

EMAIL:

kimberlym@eriecountychamber.com

Company: _____

Contact: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Payment Options

- ☐ Mastercard ☐ VISA ☐ American Express
☐ Check (payable to Erie County Chamber of Commerce)

Name on Card: _____

Card #: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Security Code (CCV): _____

Billing Address _____

Billing City _____ State _____

Signature _____

Questions?

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