



Chamber Connections

April 2024

Where Business & Community Connect

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2024 Top Tier Sponsors

Chamber News

From the Desk of the Executive Director/CEO



April is here! It's officially Spring and warmer, sunny weather is on the way. April is a great time for spring cleaning and outdoor activities, and we have many exciting plans here at your Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce. Upcoming events include First Friday Lunch, Business After Hours, Leadercast in May, our Annual Golf Outing in June, and more. Check out the calendar section here and the events page on the Chamber website.

Ready to nominate an employee for **Leadership Defiance County**? Applications are now being accepted for the 2024-2025 class, which begins in August. We are very excited about this professional

development program for emerging leaders. Read on for details at <https://www.defiancechamber.com/leadership-defiance-county>. Sponsorship opportunities are available as well.


I want to thank the many 2024 Top Tier Sponsors who support the Defiance Chamber all year long. We appreciate their continued confidence in our mission to be "Where Business and Community Connect". See the complete Top Tier Sponsor list at the end of this newsletter and consider joining this growing group!

As always, let us know how we at the Chamber can help your business. Best wishes for a safe and productive April!

Blessings,


Sarah

First Friday Luncheon 4/5
WNDH Radio Personality and the Voice of Northwest Ohio - Dave
Kleck



**1st Friday
LUNCHEON**

DEFIANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE®




**FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH
12PM AT VFW POST 3360**

**FEATURING:
DAVE KLECK
IHEARTMEDIA**

LUNCH IS PROVIDED &
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

\$15 FOR CHAMBER MEMBERS
\$20 FOR NON-MEMBERS



[Register Here](#)

Leadercast Registration is Open!
G.H.O.A.T 5/8

Leadercast™
G.H.O.A.T. 
GREATEST HABITS OF ALL TIME

Wednesday, May 8, 2024
8:00am - 4:30pm
Defiance Area Chamber
at Family Christian Center
1834 E. 2nd St., Defiance

For ages, humans have understood that our individual and collective habits dictate how we work, live, and play. Leadercast G.H.O.A.T. (Greatest Habits Of All Time) will unearth the golden habits of proven leaders and give you positive, ancient habits to take your leadership to the next level.



Manjit Minhas

Co-founder and Co-owner of
Minhas Brewery, Distillery, and
Winery



Ari Weinzweig

CEO of Zingerman's
Community of Businesses



Nicole Walters

Business Owner, Author,
Podcaster



Dr. David Horsager

CEO of Trust Edge Leadership
Institute



**Rabbi Miriam
Terlinchamp**

Executive Director of Judaism
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Rory Vaden

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Co-founder Brand Builders
Group



Lisa Bilyeu

Co-founder of Quest Nutrition,
Author



Ashley Kirklen

WLWT Anchor & Reporter,
G.H.O.A.T. Host



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[Speaker Bios](#)

Save the Date! Golf Outing 6/28



Chamber GOLF OUTING

DEFIANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE®

JUNE 28, 2024
Eagle Rock Golf Club
211 Carpenter Rd., Defiance, OH



Thank you to our 2024 Corporate Sponsor!

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REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

[Register Here](#)

Chamber Member Survey

**WE WANT TO
HEAR FROM YOU!**



[TAKE OUR SURVEY](#)



Board Member Spotlight
Steven Furnas

BOARD MEMBER

Spotlight



Steven J Furnas
Assistant Prosecutor
Defiance County Prosecutors Office

Board Member for 6 years

"I am a life long resident of Defiance (sans 7 years of schooling). I am a graduate of Defiance High School, Bowling Green State University and the Thomas M. Cooley School of Law. I am married to my wife Beth and we have 2 dogs. I enjoy playing tennis, golfing, running and cycling recreationally. My wife and I enjoy traveling and being immersed in different cultures and cuisines. I have been a lawyer in Defiance for 12 years. I have served our community the last 9 years as an assistant county prosecutor. I am also a board member for the Center for Child and Family Advocacy, the Tuttle Museum, and I am currently the president of the Defiance Lions Club. This is my 6th and final year as a chamber board member and I have enjoyed my time serving with different directors and board members alike."

Fun Fact: "I am a 2 time golden spoon winner."



Top Tier Sponsor Spotlight Johns Manville



Top Tier Sponsor Spotlight



Johns Manville

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Thank you for being a Platinum Sponsor!
Defiance Chamber Member - 13 years

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Member News, Specials, & Events

Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce (NOACC) Health Insurance for Chamber Members

Now you can get cost savings on your health insurance benefits usually reserved for larger companies. How? You get the purchasing power of the group insurance market through your chamber of commerce membership. PLUS, you also get access to the comprehensive care and quality providers you've come to expect.

MEMBER



There are two Anthem discount programs available to you through your local chamber of commerce.

1. ChamberSaver – traditional ACA plan. [Informational Flyer](#)
2. SOCA Benefit Plan MEWA – self-funded group plan for employee sizes 2-50. Also a Sole-Proprietor plan. [Informational Flyer](#)

How do I enroll my company? Ask your current Anthem licensed agent for a quote with your NOACC chamber membership discount. If you are not currently working with a broker, let us help you find one in your area.

[CLICK HERE to submit your request for a broker](#)

4/8/24 Solar Eclipse Information



Defiance County Eclipse Information

In need of Solar Eclipse glasses? The Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce office has a limited supply. (400 Clinton St.)

[Solar Eclipse Events in Defiance County](#)

[City of Defiance](#)

[AuGlaize Village](#)

[Defiance County Health Department](#)



Eclipse2024.org's Interactive Eclipse Map

Lots of information about the upcoming eclipse. You can use the interactive eclipse map to see what time the eclipse will happen in your area.

[Learn More](#)



Ohio Total Solar Eclipse

"On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will cross North America, passing over Mexico, the United States, and Canada. On this date, people within a 124-mile-wide band in the state of Ohio will experience a total solar eclipse. This will be an exciting celestial event and we want Ohioans and our visitors to enjoy the day safely."

[Read More](#)

Northwest State Community College Now Enrolling



Northwest State
Community College



NOW ENROLLING FOR SUMMER & FALL CLASSES

NorthwestState.edu

Discover Ohio's
#1 Community
College at NSCC!



Register Now

Northwest Ohio CASA Pre-Service Training 4/2

SAVE THE DATE!

Pre-Service Training Starts

APRIL 2, 2024



Northwest Ohio CASA is a non-profit organization that recruits and trains community

volunteers to advocate for children who have experienced abuse and/or neglect in Defiance, Henry, Paulding, and Williams Counties. We are currently seeking new volunteers to join us for our next pre-service training! If you are interested in learning more please email director@nwocasa.com or visit www.nwocasa.com to complete the online volunteer application.

Coffee with a Cop 4/18



Coffee with a Cop

April 18th, 2024 at 8:00 am



Defiance Fire Department

702 W. 3rd St. Defiance, Ohio



Dental Excellence - Free Dental Care for People in Need 4/19



Smiles

FROM THE HEART 

Join us for our 13th Annual Free Dentistry Day!
FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2024

Struggling to afford dental care? Join us for a day of
FREE DENTAL CARE FOR PEOPLE IN NEED!

Registration will start at 7:45 a.m.
at Dental Excellence of Napoleon, 875 Westmoreland Ave., Napoleon
(next to Napoleon Elementary School).

Service is available to the **first 100 patients**
to register by noon!

Patients will be seen on a **first-come, first-served basis**
(no early registration) and may choose ONE of the
following treatments:

Cleaning, Filling, OR Extraction



For more information visit
happy-dentistry.com/events

"California Kevins" Workshops 4/22, 4/24, 4/25, & 4/26

Make the drive to **DEFIANCE High School** —

Listening ... for *LIFE!*

A *Regional* **EXTRAVAGANZA** — featuring the **California Kevins**

- **Kevin Berthia**, Suicide Attempt Survivor — Prevention Advocate
- **Kevin Briggs**, Retired Highway Patrol Sergeant — Golden Gate Bridge



Monday Evening, April 22, 2024

Defiance High School — 1755 Palmer Drive, Defiance OH 43512



In 2005, **Kevin Berthia** attempted suicide at the Golden Gate Bridge. After jumping the rail, he stood on a 4” pipe about 220 feet in the air ... at a *pivotal point*. For 92 minutes, with nothing stopping his fall but a *listening* ear — his head against the bridge's pedestrian rail and his heels resting on only air, Kevin spoke with state patrol officer **Kevin Briggs**, the "Guardian of the Golden Gate," whose *understanding* heart helped him choose to come back over the rail ... for *life!*

Register **HERE** —> <https://cutt.ly/BwMVavkW> if possible. Walk-ins still welcome!

Doors Open @ 5:00 PM

Speakers @ 5:30 PM

FREE Family Meal!

For *Attending* PARENTS:

Monitored Youth Activities FREE!



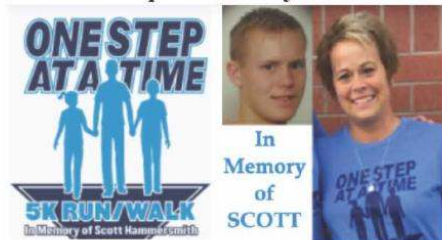
PRIZE Drawing @ 7:30 PM Must: Enter *Before* Speakers, *Be Present*



4 - 2024 Season Passes 4 - 2024 Season Passes YMCA - 6 Months One Year Family One Year

Sponsored By:

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Event Contact:
Sam Manz,
School Counselor
~
smanz@defiance-schools.net

Make the drive to **DEFIANCE**, Ohio for

CARING ... It's *Our* BUSINESS!

A **BUSINESS Professionals' Lunch/Learn** with the **California Kevins**

- **Kevin Berthia**, Suicide Attempt Survivor — Prevention Advocate
- **Kevin Briggs**, Retired Highway Patrol Sergeant — Golden Gate Bridge



Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Defiance Community Auditorium — 629 Arabella St, Defiance OH 43512



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Limited Spots - MUST Register (FREE!) —> <https://rb.gy/zs05t3>

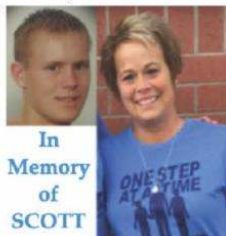
Schedule:

- **Doors Open / Box Lunch Provided! — 11:30 AM**
- **Motivational Presentation — 12 Noon - 1:00 PM**
- **(Optional) Q&A/ Networking — 1:00 PM & Beyond**

Session Highlights:

- Understanding compassion fatigue
- Employee mental health and its role in a company's success
- Creating a mentally healthy workplace environment
- Quality of life: a guide to making every day count for everyone
- Living and thriving when impacted by a mental illness

Sponsored By:



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Event
Inquiries:
smanz@
defiance
schools.net

Make the drive to **DEFIANCE, Ohio** for
Bridging ... For Lives in the Balance

A Law Enforcement/First Responders' Lunch & Workshop with the California Kevins!

- **Kevin Berthia**, Suicide Attempt Survivor — Prevention Advocate
- **Kevin Briggs**, Retired Highway Patrol Sergeant — Golden Gate Bridge



Thursday, April 25, 2024

Defiance Community Auditorium — 629 Arabella St, Defiance OH 43512



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Limited Spots - MUST Register (FREE!) —> <https://rb.gy/227910>

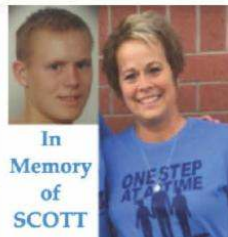
Schedule:

- **Doors Open / Box Lunch Provided! — 12:30 PM**
- **Continuing Education (CE) Motivational Workshop — 1:00 - 4:00 PM**

Session Highlights:

- Crisis negotiations — specific interactions with suicidal individuals
- Post-traumatic stress injury and compassion fatigue: how they can impact *you*
- Administration's role in officer / staff well-being — pre- and post-critical incident
- Self-care / quality of life
- Courageous conversations with officers or staff members who may be in crisis

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Event Inquiries:
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Make the drive to **DEFIANCE**, Ohio for

Listening as “Life-Support”

A Healthcare/Mental Health Workers’ **Lunch & Workshop** with the **California Kevins!**

- **Kevin Berthia**, Suicide Attempt Survivor — Prevention Advocate
- **Kevin Briggs**, Retired Highway Patrol Sergeant — Golden Gate Bridge



Friday, April 26, 2024

Defiance Community Auditorium — 629 Arabella St, Defiance OH 43512



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Limited Spots - MUST Register (FREE!) —> <https://rb.gy/7yjc30>

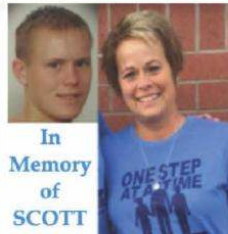
Schedule:

- **Doors Open / Box Lunch Provided! — 12:30 PM**
- **Continuing Education (CE) Motivational Workshop — 1:00 - 4:00 PM**

Session Highlights:

- How “listening to understand” is vital to successful interactions
- Specific interactions for individuals who are actively contemplating suicide
- Enhancing communication skills: what to say, and what to avoid
- Self-care and your own quality of life
- Case studies of suicidal individuals on the Golden Gate Bridge, including *our story*
- Understanding compassion fatigue and enhancing your quality of life

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[smanz@
defiance
schools.net](mailto:smanz@defiance.schools.net)

Defiance Development & Visitors Bureau Chocolate Walk 4/25



Chocolate

DOWNTOWN DEFIANCE

Walk

April 25th, 2024

11am - 3pm

or

4pm - 8pm

Scan the QR Code to purchase your tickets!

Chocolate Ticket: \$20
 Enhanced Ticket: \$30
 (Chocolate and wine stops)



Watch the FB event page for up-to-date information:
 14th Annual Chocolate Walk
visitdefianceohio.com



Fort Defiance Humane Society Putts Fore Paws 5/11

21st Annual Putts Fore Paws

INDIVIDUAL GOLFER REGISTRATION
 \$95 / Individual \$360 / Team

Included in price:

- 18 holes with 2 carts per team
- Continental Breakfast
- 50/50 Drawing
- Raffle Packages
- Games & Activities on the Course:
 - Men's & Women's Longest Drive & Closest to Pin, Longest Putt, etc.
 - Optional Skins
 - Hair of the Dog Hole
 - Clawmopolitan Hole

Sponsorship Levels

Top Dog	\$2000
- (2) Golf Packages - Major Sponsor Sign - Recognition in online & print publications	
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- (1) Golf Packages - Major Sponsor Sign - Recognition in online & print publication	
Pet Lover	\$600
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Forever Fairway	\$150
- Tee Box Sponsor Sign	

Call us at 419-658-2298 to sign up for sponsorship or golf package

Eagle Rock Golf Club
 SATURDAY - MAY 11TH
 Registration: 8:00am

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Please contact the Chamber office if you are interested in continuing your sponsorship or joining this prestigious group.

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