



# Chamber Connections

March 2024

Where Business & Community Connect

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## Chamber News

### From the Desk of the Executive Director/CEO



The month of March will bring warmer temperatures and Spring! No matter the weather outside, our attitude sets the tone for everything we do. Here's a little **March Motivation**:

Henry Ford once said, *"Whether you think you can, or you think you can't – you're right."*

This is so true! A positive attitude, coupled with determination, can help us accomplish many things. You never know what you are capable of until you try!

March is a busy month, full of events in and around Defiance. Details are listed below, including the **March Business After Hours**, hosted at your Defiance Chamber office! Make plans to come and bring along a prospective Chamber member.

We appreciate our many **2024 Top Tier Sponsors** who believe in and support the Chamber's mission. If YOU would like to join their ranks, simply contact our office.

As always, **let's continue to support local businesses!**

Please share this newsletter with your employees, as your Chamber membership entitles them to take part in member benefits and Chamber events. As always, you can call our office or email us with questions, and we will be happy to help you.

Wishing you, your business, and your employees all a safe, healthy, and prosperous March!

Blessings,

**Sarah**

Sarah Tackett

Executive Director/CEO

## Business After Hours 3/21



 **Business**  
**AFTER HOURS**  
DEFIANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE®

**Thursday, March 21st**  
**from 5-7PM**



**DEFIANCE**  
AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE®



**Bring along a  
prospective  
member!**

**Hosted By Your Defiance Area  
Chamber of Commerce**  
**At The Chamber Office**  
**400 Clinton St.**

Leadercast Registration is Open!

G.H.O.A.T 5/8



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

Premiering  
May 8, 2024

Promo Video

REGISTER  
HERE

Speaker Bios

Save the Date! Golf Outing 6/28



The graphic features a blue background with a white dotted pattern. At the top left is a logo with a yellow sun and blue waves. Below it, the word "Chamber" is in a light blue font, followed by "GOLF OUTING" in large, bold, dark blue letters. Underneath that is "DEFIANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE®" in a smaller, grey font. On the left side, there is a white golf ball on a blue tee with the chamber logo on it. To the right of the ball, the date "JUNE 28, 2024" is in large blue letters, followed by "Eagle Rock Golf Club" and "211 Carpenter Rd., Defiance, OH" in smaller blue letters. At the bottom, the website "defiancechamber.com/golf-outing" is written in white. The bottom of the graphic shows a field of green grass.

**Chamber**  
**GOLF OUTING**  
DEFIANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE®

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

[defiancechamber.com/golf-outing](https://defiancechamber.com/golf-outing)

Chamber Member Survey

**WE WANT TO  
HEAR FROM YOU!**



**TAKE OUR SURVEY**



Foundation Scholarship Available



**DEFIANCE**<sup>™</sup>  
AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
FOUNDATION, INC.

# Scholarship Available

## About Scholarship

Up to two \$1,000 scholarships could be awarded for the 2024 -2025 academic year, at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

## Eligibility

- ✓ Chamber Members
- ✓ Chamber Member's Employees
- ✓ Employees' Spouse and Dependents

## How to Apply

Apply online at  
[defiancechamber.com/scholarships/](https://defiancechamber.com/scholarships/)



**Application Deadline is March 31, 2024**

400 Clinton St., Defiance, OH | (419) 782-7946 | [marketing@defiancechamber.com](mailto:marketing@defiancechamber.com)

[Click here to apply](#)

Top Tier Sponsor Spotlight



# Top Tier Sponsor Spotlight



**One MEC. One Mission.**

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

“MEC has a rich history of growth; originally founded solely on tool-and-die work, we’ve grown to serve a wide variety of markets through industry-leading processes and facilities. MEC has been the #1 Fabricator for over a decade due to our technology-based growth strategy and dedication to maintaining the position for years to come. MEC provides full lifecycle solutions for our customers, which allows customers and stakeholders to succeed”.



One MEC. One Mission.

**WE ARE HIRING!**

Discover exciting opportunities in metal fabrication

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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](#)



## Defiance County Eclipse Information

[Solar Eclipse Events in Defiance County](#)

[City of Defiance](#)

[AuGlaize Village](#)



## 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](#)

## Learning Opportunities



[Sedgwick March Articles](#)

[Safety](#)

[Workers Compensation](#)

Defiance County Restaurant Week 3/1 - 3/10

# DEFIANCE COUNTY Restaurant Week

Friday, March 1st - Sunday, March 10th

- 1** Save your receipts from \*Uniquely\* Defiance County Restaurants. Receipts must be dated Friday, March 1st-Saturday, March 10th to be eligible.
- 2** Drop off your eligible receipts to the DDVB office, 325 Clinton St., Defiance, or email to [lori@visitdefianceohio.com](mailto:lori@visitdefianceohio.com). Drop Box is available for after hours. Please include contact information.
- 3** Deadline for all receipt submissions is Wednesday, March 13th by 4pm.
- 4** Turn in at least 5 receipts from 5 different restaurants and be entered for a chance to WIN \$250 in gift cards -- turn in 6 or more receipts from different restaurants and be entered for a chance to WIN \$500 in gift cards from \*Uniquely\* Defiance County restaurants!

For more info and a detailed list of 'Uniquely' Defiance County Restaurants check out: [www.visitdefianceohio.com](http://www.visitdefianceohio.com)

Stroede Center for the Arts Presents: Fort Wayne Ballet 3/2

A promotional graphic for the Fort Wayne Ballet. The background is a black and white photograph of ballet dancers' legs and feet in white tutus and pointe shoes. Overlaid on this are three large, overlapping circles: a light brown one on the left, a red one in the center, and a dark grey one on the right. The text 'Fort Wayne Ballet' is written in a large, white, serif font across the circles. Below it, 'Presented by the Stroede Center for the Arts' is written in a smaller, white, serif font. At the bottom, 'Saturday, March 2 7:00 pm' is written in a white, sans-serif font. In the bottom left corner, there is a QR code and the Stroede Center for the Arts logo, which consists of a stylized 'S' and the text 'STROEDE CENTER FOR THE ARTS'. Below the logo is the URL <https://defiancearts.org/fort-wayne-ballet/>.

Children's Lantern Village of Hope Gala 3/8



CHILDREN'S LANTERN  
VILLAGE OF HOPE GALA

ALOHA

# LUAAU

**MARCH 8, 2024 | 5:30-9PM**

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM

FOOD | MUSIC | SILENT AUCTION | DOOR PRIZES

DEFIANCE EAGLES AERIE #372  
711 W. 2ND ST.  
DEFIANCE, OH 43512

TO PURCHASE TICKETS,  
CALL 419-203-3321 OR  
SCAN QR CODE.



TICKETS  
INDIVIDUAL: \$25  
TABLE (8): \$200

[HTTPS://RB.GV/0GEQAV](https://rb.gv/0GEQAV)

**COME DRESSED IN YOUR FAVORITE  
HAWAIIAN SHIRT!**

MOCKTAIL HOUR • APPETIZERS	5:30 PM
SILENT AUCTION BIDDING	5:30-8:15 PM
LUAAU FEAST	6:30 PM
PROGRAM	7:15 PM
MUSIC • DANCING	8:15-9 PM

## EVENT SPEAKER SARAH TACKETT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ CEO OF  
DEFIANCE AREA CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE



CALL 419-203-3321 WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR VISIT OUR  
WEBSITE [CHILDRENSLANTERN.ORG](http://CHILDRENSLANTERN.ORG) FOR MORE INFO.

Lily Creek Farms Events



Lily Creek Farms  
**VOLUNTEER**  
**ORIENTATION**  
**Saturday March 9**  
**10AM - 12PM**

★ **Join Our Volunteer Family and Reap the Rewards!** ★

You're not just giving your time – you're investing in your own personal development. Experience the joy of making a difference, connect with nature, and forge lasting friendships. Volunteering at Lily Creek Farms is an enriching journey. You'll find that the bonds formed with our horses, fellow volunteers, and the therapeutic riding community will remain etched in your heart forever.

🐾 **Connect with Majestic Companions: Horses as Healers** 🐾

Immerse yourself in the therapeutic magic of working with our gentle four-legged partners. Horses possess an innate ability to sense emotions, providing a unique and profound connection for volunteers. Through grooming, feeding, and interacting with these incredible creatures, you'll develop trust, patience, and empathy – skills that transcend into all aspects of life.

🌿 **Farm-Fresh Therapy: The Joys of Countryside Living** 🌿

Escape the hustle and bustle of daily life by embracing the tranquility of our farm. Engage in meaningful activities like exercising horses, mucking stalls, and tending to the orchard grounds. The therapeutic benefits of working on a farm are well-documented, promoting stress reduction, improved mental well-being, and a sense of accomplishment. Breathe in the fresh air, soak in the natural surroundings, and connect with others.

**Orientation Registration:**  
**[volunteer@lilycreekfarms.org](mailto:volunteer@lilycreekfarms.org)**  
**419-438-9813**



# HORSEBACK EGGSTRAVAGANZA

6TH  
ANNUAL

COLLECT EASTER EGGS WHILE RIDING ON  
HORSEBACK! ALL AGES WELCOME!

**MARCH 23, 24, 29, 30**

2:00PM - 6:00PM

CAMP LAKOTA, GINTER RD. DEFIANCE, OH

RAIN DATE: APRIL 6TH

PROCEEDS  
BENEFIT  
LILY CREEK  
FARMS

- HORSEBACK RIDES (\$15)
- FREE TROLLEY RIDE
- FREE PROFESSIONAL FACE PAINTING
- FREE LIVE BUNNY EXHIBIT
- BUNNY TRAIL SCAVENGER HUNT  
*Sponsored by Heather's Daycare*
- PHOTO WITH THE EASTER BUNNY (\$5)
- CONCESSION STAND (\$)
- FREE INDOOR GAMES/ACTIVITIES

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PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE

<https://secure.givelively.org/event/lily-creek-farms/horseback-eggstravaganza-2024>

Fort Defiance Humane Society Spring Break Pawty 3/9

Great Music, Food, Fun, & Cash Bar!

# Spring Break

# Pawty

Saturday, March 9th

7 pm - 11 pm

Defiance Eagles  
711 W 2nd Street  
Defiance, OH 43512



Tickets are \$30 each/\$200 Table of 8

Buy your tickets now!

Tickets can be purchased:

- In person at FDHS (7169 SR 15)
- Pay by phone (419-658-2298), pick-up tickets at the door
- FDHS board members



Andrew L. Tuttle Memorial Museum Town and Gown 3/14

**Andrew L. Tuttle Memorial Museum**

**PRESENTS**

**Town and Gown: Defiance History Programs**

**Kekionga: the other Indian Stronghold**

**Thursday, March 14, 2024**



**Presenter: Jim Pickett  
Historian and Author**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Stroede Center for the Arts**

**319 Wayne Avenue**

**Easy access on Third Street**

**Free Admission and Open to the Public**

**Battle of the Bands  
Application Deadline 3/15**



# BATTLE *of the* BANDS



DEADLINE TO SUBMIT:  
MARCH 15TH, 2024

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**TOP 3 WINNING BANDS RECEIVE CASH  
PRIZES & A CONTRACT TO  
PLAY ON THE MAIN STAGE AT RIB  
FEST 2024!**

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APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON  
JANUARY 3RD, 2024

**APPLICATION AND OFFICIAL RULES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT  
[VISITDEFIANCEOHIO.COM](http://VISITDEFIANCEOHIO.COM)**

[Learn More](#)

St. John Lutheran School Trivia Night 3/16

ST JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL

presents

# BACK *to* *the* 80's



## Trivia Night



**SATURDAY, MARCH 16**

**EAGLES, 711 W. 2ND ST., DEFIANCE**

**FEATURING COMEDIAN AND TRIVIA HOST:**

**DAN DEIBERT**

**6:00 TO 9:00 PM**

**TICKET: \$65 PP - \$500 FOR A TABLE OF 8 - CASH BAR**

**TACO NIGHT WITH ALL THE FIXIN'S**



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John March, [principal.sjl@stjohntigers.com](mailto:principal.sjl@stjohntigers.com)

[www.stjohntigers.com](http://www.stjohntigers.com)

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Coffee With A Cop 3/21



## Coffee with a Cop



**Defiance Development and Visitors Bureau**

**325 Clinton St. Defiance, Ohio**

**March 21st, 2024 at 0800 am**



**Kingsbury Place Monthly Veterans Breakfast 3/21**

# Veterans & Spouses MONTHLY BREAKFAST

*Sponsored by*



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KINGSBURY PLACE

**Int-rim**  
HEALTHCARE®

**3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY**

**8:00-9:00 AM**

**@ Trustwell Living  
KINGSBURY PLACE**

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](mailto:director@nwocasa.com) or visit [www.nwocasa.com](http://www.nwocasa.com) to complete the online volunteer application.

Defiance County Economic Development Four Flags of Freedom



**4 FLAGS OF FREEDOM**

FOUR FLAGS OF FREEDOM  
*Let us Remember & Honor*

Defiance County  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**DONATE**

**COMING SOON ALONG US 24 DEFIANCE, OH**



# FOUR FLAGS OF FREEDOM

*Let us Remember & Honor*

SHOW OUR VETERANS  
SOME SUPPORT



We're on a mission to raise funds to create a new landmark in Defiance County, Ohio. Our goal is to erect four 120 foot tall poles with 30x60 foot American Flags off of U.S. 24. The current cost of the project is \$200,000. The locations of the four flags will be located at (4) companies along US-24: Keller Logistics, Premier Bank, Werlor, and ProMedica.

**A DEFIANCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DONATION AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE - ONCE RECEIVED YOU WILL RECEIVE A RECEIPT OF DONATION.

## Thank you to our 2024 Top Tier Sponsors!

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

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