# ERIE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CELEBRATING 120 YEARS

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# **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

#### Good Morning,

Chamber Members what a start to a beautiful day!

I would like to find a better way to communicate to all of our members on a regular basis. I would certainly welcome any ideas that your businesses may have. I understand that we are all treading water right now trying to keep our head above water during this unsettled time.

I would like to invite 15 Chamber Members that would like to participate in our next Zoom Meeting on Tuesday, July 21st from 4pm- Spm to discuss what the current climate is in our area right now. To participate in the Zoom meeting I will need to have your Name and Email before Thursday, July 16th.

Even though the Chamber is limited right now to having even small events Do Not Forget that we have hundreds of chamber member businesses in the Chamber Directory on the Website that you can network with anytime day or night! There are many ways to utilize the Chamber and here is just one example- Any of our members can take part in our Biweekly Newsletter that goes out twice a month to over 1000 Chamber member businesses. This is a fantastic way to get the exposure and your information out for your business. All you have to do is provide a Flyer with your information and sent it to me. This is just one of the free services that the chamber provides to it's members.

The Erie County Chamber of Commerce has been in business for over 120 years. It is here to guide and support our members thru good times and bad and we are thankful for the extraordinary businesses that are right here in Erie County Ohio.

In closing, we are trying to increase our Social Media reach on Facebook to promote our members. Be sure to stop by and Follow us and hit Like and Share.

Enyoy your day!

Kind Regards,

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Pamela Smith-Droll, President

#### **UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS:**

Annual Chamber Golf Classic When: Mon., Aug. 17 Time: Tee times start 8:30am Where: Plum Brook Country Club





Looking for Member Events? Click here.



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## MOVING SCAMS CAUSE NIGHTMARES

With the economy in turmoil, people losing their jobs and looking to move to different cities or states, BBB is warning that moving scams will certainly increase. We have released a major comprehensive study of the scams that shady movers use to cheat consumers out of millions of dollars each year.

A man relocating his family to Springfield, Missouri for а iob opportunity in 2019 obtained a quote of \$5,000 from a moving company that had good online reviews, but a week later a ma claiming to be an "expert estimator" for the company called with a "revised estimate" of nearly \$10,000. On moving day, when most belongings had been loaded, the consumer was given a final price of more than \$20,000 - and the arrive the belongings didn't at destination for nearly a month.

Horror stories like this are widespread in the moving industry, particularly when it comes to interstate moves.

#### The honest, legitimate local moving companies hate hearing such stories and often tell us at BBB how angry they are that their industry is given a bad reputation by the criminals who use such horror tactics.

The best way to avoid bad movers is do careful research to select a reputable local firm. Check the company's BBB Profile report and customer reviews. You can look up the mover's license number on the U.S. Federal Motor Carrier Safetv Administration (FMCSA). This agency takes complaints at 1-888-368-7238.

Consumers whose property is being held hostage can contact MoveRescue for assistance at moverescue.com or (800) 832-1773.

The actual new BBB report, "Know Your Mover", has a great deal of valuable information to protect yourself. Find it at <u>bbb.org</u> or call us at (419) 578-6000 and we will email you a copy.

# **BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**

Come meet chamber members at our next event!



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Shop Small & Support Local



Do you need support navigating your business through the uncertain times of the COVID-19 pandemic? RISE provides One on One advising for entrepreneurs and small business owners in all stages of business development, free of charge. The next RISE session is **July 21, 2020.** Contact RISE by clicking the link below or call 419-627-7794 to schedule an appointment with our business experts.

> CONTACT RISE

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Join Us At Our Next Zoom Meeting on Tuesday, July 21st from 4pm to 5pm Limited to 15 Chamber Members. Email PamelaS@ErieCountyChamber.com

#### ERIE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBER BENEFITS



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for Sustainability and Entrepreneurship

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# Toft's on 250 4318 Milan Road, Unit 1B Sandusky, OH 44870 419.502.0212 www.toftson250icecream.com

Sunday-Thursday 12:00-9:30 PM Friday-Saturday 12:00-10:30 PM



Serving "one-quality" ice cream from Ohio's oldest dairy, Toft's has been family-owned and operated since 1900. Incorporating milk from 20 local farms, our dairy employs the distinctive method of cooking down vanilla, imparting an incomparable taste not often found in ice cream.

Opened in 2019, our Route 250 parlor offers 52 flavors of Toft's handdipped ice cream, milkshakes, sundaes, and our exclusive ice cream taco served in a fresh-made waffle cone shell! Conveniently located in front of the Sandusky Mall between Chipotle and Penn Station East Coast Subs, Toft's on 250 welcomes tourists and locals alike with its cheery atmosphere and trendy decor. Catch a Sandusky sunset on our covered patio open for weather-permitting outdoor seating!



# Sandusky Bay Pancake House Breakfast and Brunch Restaurant

www.sanduskybaypancakehouse.com

#### 4710 Milan Road Sandusky, OH 44870

Open 7 AM - 4 PM Daily



The Sandusky Bay Pancake House has been locally owned and operated since 1966. Rebranded out of the ashes of the COVID-19 pandemic, our breakfast and brunch eatery incorporates numerous local farmers, small businesses, and purveyors. Both sweet and savory cravings can be satisfied by our extensive offering of pancakes, egg dishes, crepes, waffles, French toast, sandwiches, salads, burgers, and more. Dine inside, on our spacious covered patio, or at our bar—in addition to specialty coffees and cold brews, we offer brunch cocktails and locally produced beer and wine. Order online or by phone for carry-out; visit MyTown2Go for delivery. Eat, drink, think...local! We welcome locals and tourists alike to experience the tastes of northern Ohio.









# Penn StationEast Coast SubsSandwich Shop4318 Milan Road, Unit 1A<br/>Sandusky, OH 44870<br/>www.pennstationsandusky.com

Mon.-Sat. 11:00 AM-10:00 PM Sun. 11:00 AM-9:00 PM



Penn Station's menu features a wide array of both grilled and cold submarine sandwiches prepared fresh in full view of the customer using hearth-baked bread, USDA Choice Steak, and other fine meats, cheeses, and vegetables. Our potatoes are hand-selected, fresh-cut, and flash-fried in cholesterol-free peanut oil for guaranteed freshness. Lemons are hand-squeezed daily into scratch-made lemonade. Not into subs? We also offer plenty of wraps and salads. Conveniently located in front of the Sandusky Mall and neighboring Tofts on 250 and Chipotle, our Route 250 store offers weather-permitting outdoor seating on a spacious covered patio. Order for pick-up by phone, web, or app; dine in and we'll bring your subs--and chocolate chunk cookie, if you're into dessert--right to your table.