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UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS:

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS AT MAD RIVER HARLEY-DAVIDSON

When: Tues., September 14
Time: 5pm to 7pm
Where: Mad River Harley-Davidson
5316 Milan Road, Sandusky, OH
Click here to learn more

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS AT SANDUSKY BAY PANCAKE HOUSE

When: Thurs., November 11
Time: 5pm to 7pm
Where: Sandusky Bay Pancake
House, 4710 Milan Rd, Sandusky,OH
Click here to learn more

6 SIGNS OF A HEALTHY BUSINESS

Many of us have spent this year concerned over the health of our businesses or those in the community. Ultimately, a healthy business has a good balance sheet. It has more coming in than it does going out. But that is not the only indicator of business health.

In today's world, where a quick decision from a politician can radically affect your business overnight, it's important to know the early indicators of business peril. This of these things as your business' "canary in the coal mine."

6 Signs Your Business Is Healthy (before you see it on the books) Before you see any issues in the balance sheet, you can spot a healthy business in these areas:

- 1. **Referrals.** While it's never easy to get people to refer you even when they love you, a healthy business harnesses the power of the referral and makes it easy for happy customers to bring in more happy customers.
- 2. **Reviews**. Just like referrals, reviews are the signature of a healthy, well-loved business. But they don't happen automatically. A healthy business asks for them, makes it easy to give them, and repurposes them in their marketing collateral.
- 3. **Promotes from within and trains accordingly.** A healthy business promotes from within with clear pathways to additional challenges even when the business is small enough not to have additional levels to climb. It recognizes employees who are committed to the business, doing a great job, and those that require additional challenges or training.
- 4. Looks for needs. If your business moves in another direction, opens a new market, or branches out, you may not be able to promote from within. A healthy business is clear about what each employee's strengths are and what they may need to obtain from outside whether that be from an additional hire, vendor, or partner.
- 5. **Builds loyalty outside of sales.** Loyalty is not owned by the sales department. Loyalty is built by customer service and marketing. A healthy company looks for ways to keep customers engaged and feeling like they are part of the brand. It creates enjoyable experiences for customers at each touchpoint whether they are calling to complain, buy, or simply spend time on social media.
- 6. **Remains agile.** This one is certainly a lesson learned in 2020. A healthy business must be ready to align its offerings and services with those of their loyal customers and the larger market. Small businesses may not have had a lot of operating capital when the pandemic hit but they did retain the ability to move quickly and that helped a lot of them stay in the black.

Is your business healthy outside of the balance sheet? Go through this list and ask yourself how many of these qualities your business meets. If you're missing a few, you may want to see how quickly you can add them. After all, they are a good indicator of business health long before you begin to see signs of trouble in the balance sheets or books.

"SUCCESS IS NOT FINAL; FAILURE IS NOT FATAL: IT IS THE COURAGE TO CONTINUE THAT COUNTS." - WINSTON CHURCHILL



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PHOTOS FROM 2020-2021 New Member All-In-One Ribbon Cutting & Member Appreciation Event Son Rise Marina Sandusky Thu Jul 15, 5:00pm









"BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES ARE LIKE BUSES, THERE'S ALWAYS ANOTHER ONE COMING." – RICHARD BRANSON



"FAR AND AWAY THE BEST PRIZE THAT LIFE OFFERS IS THE CHANCE TO WORK HARD AT WORK WORTH DOING."

- THEODORE ROOSEVELT

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT:



The Forest Sandusky is a medical cannabis dispensary located in Sandusky, Ohio, that serves Ohio patients with educational materials, a knowledgeable staff, and a wide range of high-quality products. We accept our last patient 15 minutes prior to close.





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PRESS RELEASE





FOR IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE

Payne Nickles & Company, CPAs, is pleased to announce a community shred event. Partnering with Firelands Local (formerly CLI), Payne Nickles & Company will be offering free document shredding on Thursday, September 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Paperwork for shredding may be dropped off at either office location during this time. Our Sandusky office is located at 422 West Market Street and the Norwalk office is located at 257 Benedict Ave, Bldg. D. Employees will be on hand to offer assistance if needed. If you are unsure of how long to keep various documents, please visit our website to view our document retention list: www.pncpa.biz

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""I OWE MY SUCCESS TO HAVING LISTENED RESPECTFULLY TO THE VERY BEST ADVICE, AND THEN GOING AWAY AND DOING THE EXACT OPPOSITE."

- G.K. CHESTERTON

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- Marine / Boat Loans
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2021 CHAMBER GOLF CLASSIC PHOTOS







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THURSDAY, AUGUST 26TH 10AM-3PM



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*\$2-\$3/HR BONUS AVAILABLE THROUGH SEPT 9, 2021 FOR SELECT POSITIONS AND RATES & BONUSES MAY DIFFER BY JOB CODE. BONUS PAID IN THE EVENT PACK MEMBER EXCEEDS 20 HOURS WORKED IN A GIVEN PAY WEEK.

ABIGAIL PREGNANCY SERVICES

cordially invites you to our

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET

with special guest speaker Kailee Perrin

SEPT | 30 | 2021

SEATING BEGINS AT 6PM DINNER AND PROGRAM STARTS AT 6:30PM

\$35 per guest, \$65 per couple, \$275 -table of eight An opportunity to give a financial gift will be extended

> THE COLONNADE 11001 Milan Road, Milan, OH

RSVP by Monday, Sept. 13



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Dear Friend's of Abigail,

Abigail Pregnancy Services (APS) is making preparations for the 31st Anniversary Fundraising Banquet, to be held on September, 30th 2021. APS is a community-supported 501(c)3 non-profit ministry serving individuals and families in our community. Abigail empowers individuals to make life-affirming decisions through education, counseling, and compassionate care based on the ministry of Jesus Christ. This annual banquet is the largest fundraiser for the Pregnancy Center each year. Monies raised support the center and its mission of saving the lives of the unborn.

Would you please consider becoming an underwriter for the banquet? It will ensure that the costs of the event are met beforehand so that every dollar raised on the night of the banquet goes directly to the ministry. Your contribution plays a significant role in the continuation of this much-needed service for our community and provides the opportunity for involvement and partnership with a great cause.

On the back of this letter are details concerning the various sponsorship levels and benefits. Our banquet sells out yearly and we will host a very faithful and community-minded audience.

We appreciate your consideration of this opportunity to participate and partner with us. Please contact me at the information below to set up your level of sponsorship, or if you have any questions.

Blessings,

Danielle Harvey Development Coordinator dharveyaps@gmail.com 419-668-9500





ABIGAIL PREGNANCY SERVICES 2021 BANQUET Sponsorship

OPPORTUNITIES

\$5,000 Guardian of LIFE

- Recognition in the program as "Guardian" and Grand Sponsor of the event
- Charitable deduction under 501 c3 non-profit
- Name listed on invitations recognized as Grand Sponsor (if submitted by 08/13/2021)
- 2 tables for 16 guests, preferred seating
- Full-page color ad in the program
- Automatic Sponsorship at Walk for LIFE 2022
- Acknowledgment on website, social media, radio promotion, and verbal recognition at the event from the podium
- Meet and greet with Kailee Perrin

\$2,500 Protector of LIFE

- Recognition in the program as "Protector"
- Charitable deduction under 501 c3 non-profit
- Acknowledgment on website, social media, radio promotion, and verbal recognition at the event from the podium
- 1 table for 8 guests, preferred seating
- Half-page color ad in the program
- Meet and greet with Kailee Perrin

\$1,500 Defender of LIFE

- Recognition in the program as "Defender"
- Charitable deduction under 501 c3 non-profit
- Acknowledgment on website, social media, radio promotion, and verbal recognition at the event from the podium
- 4 tickets to the banquet
- Meet and greet with Kailee Perrin

\$500 Advocate of LIFE

- Recognition in the program as "Advocate"
- Charitable deduction under 501 c3 non-profit
- 2 tickets to the banquet
- · Acknowledgment on social media and website

\$300 Friend of LIFE

- Recognition in the program as "Friend"
- Charitable deduction under 501 c3 non-profit
- Acknowledgment on social media and website

Your donation is tax-deductible! Taxpayers may deduct financial donations to charity up to \$600 on their 2021 Federal tax return- even if you take the standard deduction.

JOIN THE FIGHT FOR ALZHEIMER'S FIRST SURVIVOR.



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alz.org/walk





FREE LIVE CONCERTS



A Night of Americana with Hey Mavis Sat., Sept. 18 at 6:30pm Paper Moon Vineyards, Vermilion, Ohio





More concert details at: FirelandsSymphony.com/concerts Facebook.com/FirelandsSymphony (419) 621-4800