

COMMISSIONERS CORNER



Sandusky County, Ohio

March 2025

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONIES

P.T. Services Rehabilitation, Inc.

Commissioner Miller attended the P.T. Services Rehabilitation ribbon cutting ceremony at their new location, 400 W. State Street, Suite 2, Fremont OH.

For over 50 years, P.T. Services has been a trusted provider of physical therapy, occupational therapy, and wellness programs. Their newly renovated space allows them to expand services, improve patient care, and continue their mission of supporting local healthcare needs.

The community is encouraged to check out their state-of-the-art facility.



FORT BALL PIZZA PALACE

Fort Ball Pizza Palace celebrated 35 incredible years of serving up cheesy goodness in our community and five amazing years of service under the ownership of Miguel and his wife, Syann. Commissioner Miller attended the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The love, the hustle, and the pepperoni perfection are real and their celebration was one for the books. Guests enjoyed mouthwatering samples of pizza, fold-overs, and sandwiches. Fort Ball merchandise was given away as well as a drawing for a \$100 gift card.

Stop in and show your support for this local dough-slinging business.



Christians call Good Friday “good” because they believe Jesus’s death on the cross was an act of love and redemption that saved the world. It marks the beginning of Jesus’s resurrection on Easter, the most important Christian holiday.

Jesus’s death was the ultimate sacrifice for humanity’s sins and his resurrection symbolizes how Christians can start new lives after God forgives them.

Enjoy spending time with your loved ones and remember the true meaning of the holiday.



Easter falls on the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox. It is also called Resurrection Sunday and it is celebrated as the day Jesus was resurrected from the dead.

This year, Easter Sunday is April 20, 2025.

IGNITE PROGRAM SUCCESS

Congratulations to Dejuan Couchot for being the first GED graduate who completed his GED while incarcerated through the Individual Growth, Naturally and Intentionally Through Education (IGNITE) program. He attended classes while in jail and passed his test with flying colors.

This program is dedicated to eliminating generational incarceration through education by restoring value, hope, and purpose to our incarcerated population.



Pictured above: Graduate Dejuan Couchot with Sheriff Hilton.

COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS

Please read the **attached flyer** on the upcoming Behavioral Health Series training sessions being presented in April & May.

The sessions will be exploring these essential topics:

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The sessions are being funded by OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc. through Sandusky County Public Health and Sandusky County Family & Children First Council.

Feel free to share this information with anyone you think could benefit from the training.

Registration instructions are provided on the attached flyer. Registration closes 1 week prior to each training date.

Don't miss out on this valuable information!



As the weather continues to warm up and we can spend more time outdoors, consider visiting lovemyparks.com to see what programs and outdoor activities our local parks have to offer.

Sandusky County Park District includes 14 different park areas consisting of wooded areas, wetlands, marshes, the historic Mull Covered Bridge and numerous trails.

These parks offer walking/biking trails, camping, birdwatching opportunities, hunting (in specific locations), horse trails, archery, fishing, swimming, and canoe/kayak launch areas. White Star Quarry also offers scuba diving. The parks are great for viewing wildflowers and wildlife activity.

The Park District offers a variety of programs including guided tours, children's programs, and crafts for all ages.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SEASONAL POSITIONS

Park Worker

FULL-TIME POSITIONS

Park Worker

To learn more about these positions or to apply, go to

www.lovemyparks.com

Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on **Employment.**

Visit their website to learn more about these programs!



ANNUAL AG BREAKFAST

Commissioner Miller attended the AG Breakfast that celebrates our local agriculture industry and it's future. This year, the event was hosted by the Chamber's Agriculture Committee on March 26th.

John Neill (Tri-County Farms) was honored as the 2025 Farmer of the Year. He introduced a new award, Emerging AG Professional, and presented the award to Meagan Grammer (Sandusky County Soil & Water).

Barrett Zimmerman was also recognized for his years of dedication to FFA and agricultural education. His leadership has shaped countless students and strengthened our local ag community.

Dr. Scott Shearer, Board Chairman of OSU's Department of Food, Agriculture, and Biological Engineering, was the keynote speaker. Dr. Shearer shared incredible insights into technological advancements in agriculture, including how artificial intelligence is transforming farming practices. It's clear that the future of agriculture is evolving rapidly, and we're excited to see how these innovations will impact our local farms and agribusinesses.



Pictured Above L to R: Tyler Kneeskern-Chamber of Commerce President/CEO and Meagan Grammer-Sandusky County Soil & Water District Program Administrator.



Pictured Above L to R: Tyler Kneeskern-Chamber of Commerce President/CEO and John Neill-2025 Farmer of the Year recipient.



Pictured Above: Barrett Zimmerman-Clyde-Green Springs FFA Advisor.



Pictured Above: Keynote Speaker, Dr. Scott Shearer-Board Chairman of OSU's Department of Food, Agriculture, and Biological Engineering.



FFA Students from Lakota, Fremont, Clyde-Green Springs, Gibsonburg & Old Fort.



Pictured Above: Commissioner-Scott Miller.

MEET YOUR NEW COLLEAGUES



Austin Titus
EMS
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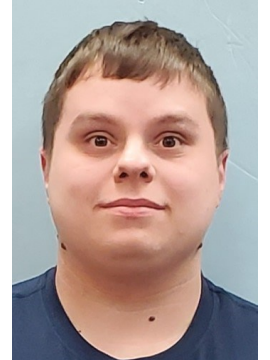
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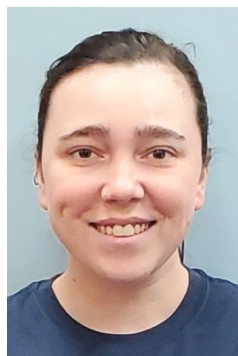
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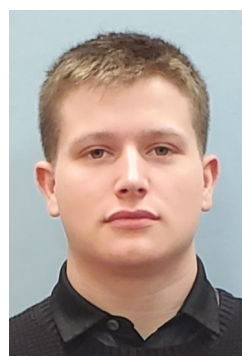
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Board of DD
Facility Manager



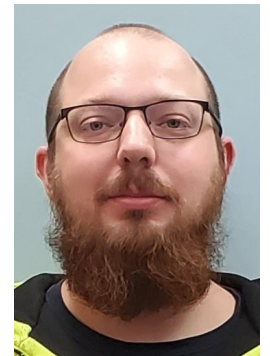
Joy Ruetz
Board of DD
Community Connections



Savannah Winchell
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Michael Brass
Sheriff
Corrections Officer



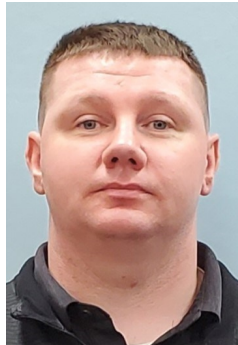
Fred Whaley
Sanitary Engineers
Operator in Training



Melinda Moreno
Treasurer's Office
Deputy Clerk



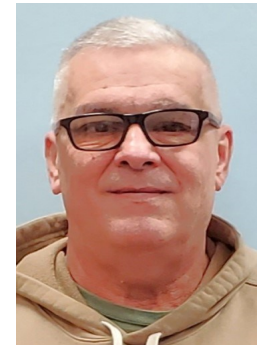
Kaila Morroney
Sheriff
Communications Deputy



Cody Maynard
Sanitary Eng
Utilities Manager



Kristin Boyd
EMS
EMT



Tedd Baker
Facility Management
Maintenance Repair Worker



Jesse Arriaga
Veterans
Driver



Jenna Hofacker
DJFS
Eligibility Worker



Kylie Conley
EMS
EMT

Welcome



APRIL AWARENESS MONTH



There are many worthwhile causes to support in April as well as ways you can support those that are important to you.

National Siblings Day (April 10th)

This day is set aside to celebrate sibling relationships. Give your sibling a call or make plans to spend time together.

Administrative Professional's Day (April 21st)

A day to recognize and celebrate the contributions of administrative professionals.

Earth Day (April 22nd)

A global day focused on raising awareness about environmental issues and promoting sustainable practices.

Parkinson's Awareness Month

A month dedicated to raising awareness about Parkinson's disease and supporting research.

Stress Awareness Month

A month to raise awareness about the impact of stress and promote healthy coping mechanisms.

Autism Awareness Month

A month dedicated to raising awareness and promoting understanding of autism.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

A month dedicated to raising awareness about sexual assault and promoting prevention.

National Pet Month

The focus is on promoting responsible pet ownership and raising awareness about the benefits of pets.



Be passionate about the causes you support and remember a little kindness can go a long way.



MAY 6TH PRIMARY/SPECIAL ELECTION UPDATE



Absentee/In-person voting will begin on Tuesday, April 8th at the Sandusky County Board of Elections Office located at 2020 Countryside Drive, Fremont OH.

April 8th thru April 11th (T-F)	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
April 14th thru April 25th (M-F)	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
April 28th (M)	7:30 am - 7:30 pm

April 29th (T)	7:30 am - 8:30 pm
April 30th thru May 2nd (W-F)	7:30 am - 7:30 pm
May 3rd (Saturday)	8:00 am - 4:00 pm
May 4th (Sunday)	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

NO EARLY VOTING ON MONDAY MAY 5TH PER HOUSE BILL 458.

SANDUSKY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH VEHICLE RECALL INFORMATION

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is responsible for keeping people safe on America's roadways.

You can visit [HNTSA.gov/Recalls](https://www.nhtsa.gov/Recalls) and enter your license plate or vehicle identification number (VIN) to see if there are any open recalls for your vehicle.

If your vehicle does have a recall, contact a local dealership to schedule a **free** recall repair. Recall repairs are always free.

You can download NHTSA's [SaferCar app](#) and let the app automatically send you an alert if there is a recall or you can go to [NHTSA.gov/Alert](https://www.nhtsa.gov/Alert) to be notified by e-mail about any recalls.

Remember to search for recalls related to car seats, tires and other vehicle equipment.

Recalls can be prompted by steering, fuel systems, wheels, braking, air bags, wiring or other components that can pose A SERIOUS SAFETY RISK.

There are millions of vehicles on the road with potentially life-threatening safety recalls.

Don't wait for something bad to happen before you check for vehicle safety recalls. Stay ahead of a potential problem.



Fun Things to do in Sandusky County

Looking for fun things to do in the area? The Sandusky County Visitors Bureau has a community calendar with the latest community events taking place in the area. Visit <https://buff.ly/3pGHcbJ> for a complete listing of events with details.



TORNADO SAFETY TIPS

It's that time of the year. The weather can be very unpredictable and it's important that you are aware of changing weather conditions.

Know the difference between a **Tornado Watch** and a **Tornado Warning**.

TORNADO WATCH

TORNADOES ARE POSSIBLE.
BE ALERT TO CHANGING CONDITIONS.

TORNADO WARNING

A TORNADO HAS BEEN SIGHTED OR
INDICATED BY WEATHER RADAR.
TAKE SHELTER IMMEDIATELY!

Take shelter in a basement, storm shelter, or get to the lowest level possible and get to an interior room.

Don't keep driving and don't take shelter under a bridge. Avoid electrical lines and do not stay in a mobile home.

Carry your cell phone and backup chargers as well as a weather radio, flashlights, extra batteries, water and non-perishable food.

The attached flyer provides valuable safety tips for what to do and what not to do during a tornado.

POLICY REVIEW

SECTION 5.10 SAFETY AND HEALTH

Work safety and health is a primary concern of the County.

The safe and healthful performance of all work assignments is the responsibility of both supervisors and employees. It is their responsibility to ensure that all safety equipment is used and all safety procedures/practices are observed.

All employees, including supervisors, are charged with the responsibility of reporting any hazardous condition or practice in the workplace.

When a safety or health related injury, incident, or spill involving an employee occurs during working hours, the employee(s) involved shall, in addition to any workers' compensations forms required, complete an "Incident Report/OSHA 101".

This form shall be completed whether or not an injury occurs. The employee shall sign the form and forward same to the Sandusky County Personnel Office as soon as it is completed, but no later than the end of the day following the incident.

Policy 5.10 can be viewed in its entirety on the Sandusky County website www.sanduskycountyoh.gov.

THINK SAFETY

SMOKE DETECTORS

Three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Test your smoke alarms every month and replace the battery at least once a year. If the alarm makes a "chirping" sound, replace the battery immediately.

Smoke alarms should be in every bedroom and in the common areas on each floor of a home. Mount them at least 10 feet from the stove to reduce false alarms, less than 12 inches from the ceiling and away from windows, doors and ducts.

CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

Anything that burns fuel can potentially become a source of carbon monoxide, an invisible, odorless gas that can kill.

Carbon Monoxide alarms should be installed in a central location outside each bedroom and on every level of the home. The safety tip for CO detectors mirror those of smoke alarms: change the batteries, test them and interconnect them if possible. Also, make sure vents for your gas appliances (fireplace, dryer, stove and furnace) are free and clear of debris.

These small actions can save a life.



RECOGNITION



February 2025



Station 14: 116
Station 15: 143
Station 17: 246
Station 18: 203
Station 19: 58
Headquarters: 15



Patients Transported : 455 **Previous Total Calls: 781**
YTD Calls: 1,634

Further progress is being made at the new station in Gibsonburg. They have begun laying the stone base.

Headquarters on State Street is tentatively planned to break ground in April.



THURSDAY
MAY
22nd
12 PM - 6 PM



MUST REGISTER

TERRA STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
THE NEELEY CENTER
2830 Napoleon Road
Fremont, Oh 43420



You can make a difference. Please consider donating. **The full-sized flyer is attached to the back of the newsletter.**

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS MARCH

The Department of Job & Family Services is encouraging everyone to participate in the Light of Hope march to bring awareness to the 834 children involved in child abuse and neglect in 2024 in Sandusky County.

The march will be held on April 30th and will begin at 301 S. State Street, Fremont OH. Please gather at 11:30 am and the march will commence at 11:40 am.

An assembly will be held at the Sandusky County Courthouse from 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm.



ADULT EASTER EGG HUNT

Come get your tickets for the 21 and over, Downtown Fremont Adult Easter Egg Hunt!

April 12th starting at 5:30 p.m. at Live Edge Center for check in and games.

Tickets are sold at 315 Garrison St. in Fremont. There will be 3 fields, 50 registrants per field and 1500 eggs per field.

Contact MBest@downtownfremontohio.org or call 419-332-86-96 more information.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Low-Risk Drinking Course

April 3rd 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

April 17th 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

April 24th 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

April 28th 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Visit www.scpublichealth.com under **Events** for details. Contact Jim Posey at jposey@scpublichealth.com if you have questions about the event.



OSS 2025 Special Collection Dates

Appliances - Now through June 26th

Electronics - Now through May 1st

Tires - Now through June 26th

Household Hazardous Waste - Now through October 1st

You must register to participate.

**Visit RecycleOSS.org or
call 419-334-7222 Ext. 0**

Behavioral Health Series Training Sessions

Building Treatment Foster Care in NW Ohio

April 1st 8:30 am - 10:00 am

Human Trafficking 101 & The Focus Youth Screener

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Registration information is located on the attached flyer.

A QR code has been provided.

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The Sandusky County Commissioners serve as administrators for Sandusky County by:

- Formulating a Multi-million Dollar Budget;
- Approving Purchase Vouchers;
- Negotiating and Approving Union Contracts;
- Pro-active long term planning;
- Handling day-to-day county issues;
- Approving the county road program for the County Engineer;
- Advertising and taking bids on all road, bridge, ditch and sewer projects;
- Implement maintenance on the inside and outside of county buildings;
- Holding hearings to discuss drainage ditch projects, establishing and vacating roads, personnel and equipment needs for county departments, budget and expenses for upcoming county projects; and
- Attend as a Commissioner Representative on 37 Local/Regional/State boards and committees.

The Commissioner's board meetings are held weekly, on Tuesday and Thursday, commencing at 8:00 a.m. Public forum sessions begin at 10:00 a.m. Evening sessions are held quarterly at 6:00 PM. Generally, all sessions are open to the public and anyone interested in attending the meetings are welcome to do so!



Sandusky County Commissioners
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Commissioners:

Russ Zimmerman
Scott Miller
Charles Schwochow

Staff:

Theresa Garcia, County Administrator
Sandy Gillig, Clerical Specialist
Ian Cantu, Human Resources
Traci Myles, Account Clerk

Coffee & Conversations: Behavioral Health Series



Join us for a Behavioral Health series—exploring essential topics including treatment foster care, screening for human trafficking, and suicide prevention.

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**Sandusky County
Family & Children
First Council**



Funded by OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc.
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TAKE COVER!

GET TO AN INTERIOR ROOM



ADDED PROTECTION!

USE BLANKETS, PILLOWS, CUSHIONS, ETC.



STAY TUNED!

WATCH YOUR LOCAL WEATHER TO STAY AWARE OF CHANGING CONDITIONS



TAKE SHELTER!

FIND A STORM SHELTER OR BASEMENT, GET TO THE LOWEST LEVEL POSSIBLE



TORNADO SAFETY TIPS



DON'T

DON'T KEEP DRIVING AND DON'T TAKE SHELTER UNDER A BRIDGE



GET OUT!

DON'T STAY IN ANY MOBILE HOME



BE CAUTIOUS!

AVOID ALL ELECTRIC LINES



BE PREPARED!

AND A BACKUP CHARGING DEVICE, HAVE A RADIO, FLASHLIGHT AND EXTRA BATTERIES

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American
Red Cross

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SPONSORED BY:





Light of Hope

April 30, 2025

Come march with us to bring awareness to the 834 children involved in child abuse and neglect in 2024 in Sandusky County. Together we bring hope to the children in our community and to put an end to child abuse and neglect.

**11:20 AM: Gather for march which will commence at 11:40AM
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