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Current membership at 182

**CNB expanded
operations center**



CNB holds Sunday open house for Operations Center

Citizens National Bank invites the public to attend an open house for its newly expanded Operations Center from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, April 21.

Located just off I-75 at 131 Citizens Parkway, Bluffton, the enlarged facility provides 24 new offices and is home to the following departments:

- Customer Care Center,
- Marketing,
- IT,
- Project Management,
- Operations, Compliance,
- Treasury Management,
- Credit Analysis,
- Restructured Loans and
- Commercial Loan Processing.

The original Operations Center was completed in 2001. This addition doubled the size of the building and allowed many staff from the Bluffton branch office to move, providing increased capacity in that office as well.

“We’re excited to host a public open house for this modern facility. This expansion allows for improved backroom support for the bank ensuring success for future growth opportunities in existing and new markets,” said President/CEO Mike Romey.

Guided tours will be provided of the entire building. Refreshments will be provided as well as a free gift for every attendee.

Bluffton Soccer Club invites business support

Dear Bluffton Businesses,

The Bluffton Soccer Club is off to a busy (although wet) start this spring. There are over 180 children (from 6 to 15 years old) playing on 17 Black Swamp recreational league and two travel teams. Our soccer program provides local opportunity for our youth to be involved in a healthy activity, benefit from learning teamwork, good sportsmanship and friendships outside of school. Parents, friends, and family members volunteer to coach teams, putting in many hours of involvement with our community youth.

Instead of holding a multitude of fundraiser events, hosting meals and selling stuff that we don't really need, the Bluffton Soccer Club has one big fundraiser each year: hosting the Spring Fling soccer tournament for the U12 and U15 age divisions (May 11 and 12).

This event draws teams from around northwest and west central Ohio for a busy weekend of soccer. Games are held on the campus of Bluffton University, locating families in easy proximity to downtown and nearby business locations.

We would like to invite you to participate in supporting our youth through sponsorship of the soccer tournament. Donations offset the expenses involved in hosting the tournament. Money raised by the Bluffton Soccer Club supports club activities, helping keep the seasonal costs of participating in the league as low as possible. It also helps with purchasing equipment, (soccer balls, nets for the goals, uniforms, and field paint) and bigger projects such as future field development.

The sponsorship levels this year include:

\$150 to sponsor a field (sign with name of business displayed on both goals at the field)

\$75 to sponsor half a field (sign with name of business displayed on one goal at the field)

\$50 to have name listed in the tournament program (game schedule and other information)

If you would like to help support the Bluffton Soccer Club in this way, please contact Lori Nester at NesterL@Bluffton.edu or 419-358-9650. **The deadline for sponsorship of the tournament is May 5.**

Thank you for your support.

Bluffton Soccer Club



Survey of member interest

Chamber interested in offering free workshops on human resource issues

- How should you respond to a charge of harassment within your organization?
- What are the steps to take during an employee's termination to avoid a wrongful discharge lawsuit?
- Do you know what policies should be in your employee handbook and how they should be written to comply with the law?
- Why is a well-written, updated job description so important?

Are you struggling with how to answer the above questions?

Bluffton Area Chamber of Commerce is willing to offer a series of free workshops to help the small business owner feel more confident when dealing with daily human resource issues.

Would you be interested in attending these workshops? ____

What are your human resource concerns and challenges?

- ____ Complying with employment laws
 - ____ Employee handbook
 - ____ Compensation
 - ____ Hiring and retaining good employees
 - ____ Performance management: evaluations and goal setting
 - ____ Job descriptions
 - ____ Personnel files
 - ____ Not knowing what I don't know
 - ____ Other: _____
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Return this form to:

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Join us!!!

**April
15
sponsorship pledge
deadline!**

**Spotlight your business...
promote Bluffton... and...
sponsor the arts and crafts festival!**

Level 1 - \$300

✓Your business listed on all posters and advertising

✓Your business listed on explorebluffton.com as a major sponsor

Level 2 - \$200

✓Your business listed on all posters and advertising

Level 3 - \$100

✓Your business listed in newspaper ads

Level 4 - \$50

✓Your business listed in the chamber newsletter

All sponsors will be listed in chamber newsletters by level of sponsorship.

We wish to spotlight our business, promote Bluffton and help sponsor the arts and crafts show!

Business/organization: _____

Contact person: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Check which level applies:

- Sponsorship Level 1 - \$300
- Sponsorship Level 2 - \$200
- Sponsorship Level 3 - \$100
- Sponsorship Level 4 - \$50
- Please contact us about volunteering

Make checks payable to:

Craft Show Sponsorship
Bluffton Area Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 142
Bluffton, Ohio 45817

**2013 Bluffton Area Chamber of Commerce
42nd annual spring arts and craft festival Saturday, May 11**