

FALL 2025



WCCF & WCVB TO HOST HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS OPEN HOUSE

Please join us on Saturday, December 6th from 1-5 PM for an activity packed afternoon full of Christmas goodness during Upper Sandusky's Home for the Holidays!

Become a part of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Christmas Celebration Fundraiser.
Decorate the Dolly Tree with Book Ornaments for \$3.00 and receive a gift for your participation.

WCCF & WCVB PRESENT

Home for the Holidays Open House

FEATURING THE 3RD FLOOR
BAND'S "A BLUES CHRISTMAS"

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

MUSIC 1P-3P

OPEN HOUSE 3P - 5P

CONCERT - \$5 PER TICKET - KIDS 10 AND UNDER FREE
HOT CHOCOLATE BAR, PHOTO BOOTH, COOKIE DECORATING
AND LEGO BUILDING CONTEST AFTER THE CONCERT!

Shawshank Woodshop & WCCF/WCVB OFFICE
226 & 228 South Eighth Street, Upper Sandusky



Scan QR for tickets!



A BLUES CHRISTMAS FROM 1-3 PM

The 3rd Floor Band will be playing their Christmas show from 1 to 3 PM. A Blues Christmas tells the inspiration story of the First Christmas through blues and folk-rock music, including familiar tunes and original music. Songs highlight the story characters and follow a narrative from the Bible. You will feel the drama surrounding the birth of Christ in a unique way. The 3rd Floor Band has performed this program for nearly 25 years! Tickets are \$5 each – kids 10 and under are free. Purchase tickets at the door or at this link: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/a-blues-christmas-by-the-3rd-floor-band>

CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN FROM 3-5 PM

Directly after the show, stop next door at WCCF & WCVB's offices! We will have some fun activities for all:

- Photo Booth | Bring the whole family for a photo! (Shot from your cell phone)
- Yummy Hot Chocolate Bar | Join us for a free hot chocolate bar complete with all the fun toppings!
- Cookie Decorating | Our cookie ladies, Jean, Sharon and Teresa will offer cut-out cookie decorating for young and old alike!
- Lego Building Contest | Enter your winter-themed Christmas Lego creations! For entry-form and rules, please check our website: <https://www.wyandotcommunityfoundation.org/wccf-events>
- Imagination Library | Become a part of Dolly Parton Imagination Library's Christmas Celebration Fundraiser. Decorate the tree with book ornaments for \$3.00 each and receive a gift for your participation!



SHARING HIS PASSION

Zach Sheaffer, a 2022 Upper Sandusky graduate and recipient of the Charles and Jean Gottfreid scholarship, has loved the game of basketball for as long as he can remember. This past summer, Sheaffer shared his passion with other basketball players when he organized the Bicentennial 3 on 3 basketball tournament. Twenty teams in three age categories participated in the tournament. Sheaffer donated the \$1,000 proceeds from the tournament to the Robert P. Lee Memorial Scholarship. Sheaffer said his intention was to do something to give back to the community of Upper Sandusky that provided him with so many opportunities when he was growing up and to pay something forward. Sheaffer said, "I have heard many stories about how much sports and Upper Sandusky meant to Mr. Lee. I wanted to honor his passion and contribute to his scholarship."

Currently, Sheaffer is a senior at The Ohio State University majoring in sports industry and is planning to graduate in May 2026. In addition to his studies, he is a third-year manager for the women's basketball team. "I feel very fortunate that I get to live my passion for basketball every day," Sheaffer said. "It was a pretty amazing feeling to be on the basketball court when the team won the 2024 Big Ten championship, the championship ring is an extra bonus." Additionally, Sheaffer experienced his basketball passion this past summer when he took a study abroad class in Germany. He was able to attend a professional basketball game in Munich. "The atmosphere was very different from any NBA game I have attended," Sheaffer said, "The fans were on their feet the entire game and the outcome of the game didn't matter to either team. It was a very exciting experience." He also was able to tour the 1936 Olympic stadium in Berlin where Jesse Owens won his five gold medals. "It was pretty special, as an Ohio State fan, to see his name in the stadium."

Sheaffer's ultimate goal is to become a college basketball coach. "It will be a long process to get where I want to be. Right now, I am focusing on gaining experience and developing professional connections." He is thankful for the scholarships he received. "It means a lot to me that someone was willing to invest in my future and believe that I would be successful."



NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Recently WCCF worked with Upper Sandusky Exempted Village Schools to take ownership of four scholarships that were once managed by the school district. The scholarships and requirements are as follows:

- **KATHRYN ARTZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** | The student awarded this scholarship shall have shown musical aptitude in vocal or instrumental music, shall have indicated a desire to study music in college, and shall have participated in organized school musical activities. Student's needs for financial assistance shall be given first consideration.
- **ELIZABETH BARDON SCHOLARSHIP** | Need of financial assistance, desire to pursue higher education in a 4-year program, high moral character, good citizenship qualities, and a record of academic accomplishment are all taken into account in awarding this scholarship.
- **ELLEN MATTESON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** | Need of financial assistance, desire to pursue higher education in a 4-year program, high moral character, good citizenship qualities, and a record of academic accomplishment are all taken into account in awarding this scholarship.
- **CB SWEIGARD TRUST SCHOLARSHIP** | For students with a grade point average of 2.5-3.2. Two essays are required and will be carefully reviewed in the selection process. (A special application form and essay topics are available in the Upper Sandusky High School's School Counselor's office.) Proof of enrollment in a post-secondary will be required before a scholarship check is issued.

We are so pleased USEVS has entrusted us with these scholarships. It is a great honor to memorialize the individuals named in each scholarship. Do you have a student who is graduating from Upper Sandusky High School this year? Be sure to check with Mrs. Cunningham if you wish to apply for these scholarships!



2025 GRANT AWARDS -\$26,747.86

AMERICAN RED CROSS OF NORTH CENTRAL OHIO - Supporting a Blood Drive in Wyandot County: **\$2000**

CAREY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS - Harmony for All: Inclusive Playground Musical Instruments: **\$3747.86**

THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY - Municipal Website Redesign and Accessibility Upgrade: **\$2000**

MOHAWK LOCAL SCHOOLS - ROX: Ruling Our Experiences Program: **\$2400**

OPEN DOOR RESOURCE CENTER - 2 Coats Clothing: **\$600**

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE - Beds Built for Children in Need: **\$2000**

STAR PLAYERS - Sound System Upgrade: **\$2000**

UPPER SANDUSKY COMMUNITY LIBRARY - ScanPro 2500 Digital Microfilm Scanner: **\$2000**

WHARTON FIRST CHURCH OF GOD - Back-to-School-Blitz: **\$2500**

WYANDOT COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS - HUB Kids Expansion: **\$3000**

WYANDOT COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT - Empowering Wyandot to Recycle Everywhere: **\$2000**

WYANDOT HEALTH FOUNDATION - Critical Storage for Critical Care: **\$2500**



WCCF'S GIFTS OF GRAIN PROGRAM LAUNCHES 100 BUSHEL CLUB

Wyandot County Community Foundation (WCCF) is committed to supporting our local agricultural community. After collaborating with a focus group of farmers, we learned about their hopes for the future of agriculture in Wyandot County. WCCF then established our Gifts of Grain program. The funds raised through this program are donor-directed – where our farmer focus group provides feedback and direction – all to benefit Wyandot County agriculture. This year our farmer focus group has created the 100 Bushel Club as an extension of our Gifts of Grain program. The idea behind this program is to encourage farmers to donate 100 bushels of grain to support future Wyandot County farmers. Grain donations we received last harvest season will pay for several scholarships towards tuition for FFA and 4-H camps within the coming year. The donation process is simple. We have already set up accounts at the local grain elevators. When you deliver your grain, ask the elevator to transfer a number of bushels or a certain percentage to WCCF. We will take care of it from there and will send you a receipt from the transaction, leaving you to take advantage of the tax benefits. It is an uncomplicated way to make a lasting difference.



WCCF VOLUNTEERS

We are grateful for our volunteers. Thank you so much for your willingness to serve and give back to our community through the work of WCCF!

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEES

Charles and Jean Gottfried Scholarship

Peter Cole
Lisa Zellner

Martha Stephan Weaver and Rita Stephan Stangby Nursing Scholarship

Pam Pagnard
Amanda Thiel

McCarthy Family Scholarship

Kathryn McCarthy
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Rita Bennett
Janine McMillan

Joseph Sheaffer Memorial Scholarship

Ellen Sheaffer Family

Logsdon Scholarship

Katy Cox
Brittany Craddolph
Geraldine Walton

Tammy K. Clifford Memorial Scholarship

Cody Clifford
Trevor Clifford
Sue Decker

WYANDOT COUNTY IMAGINATION LIBRARY STEERING COMMITTEE

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Mandy Reinhart
Kathleen Whitt
Kristyn Wilkins

NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

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Ellen Sheaffer

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Kit Fogle
Vicki Orians
Mike Thiel
Brad Weaver

2024 OPEN HOUSE COMMITTEE

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Tammy Hunter
Sharon Lee
Carol McClure
Nancy Sauer

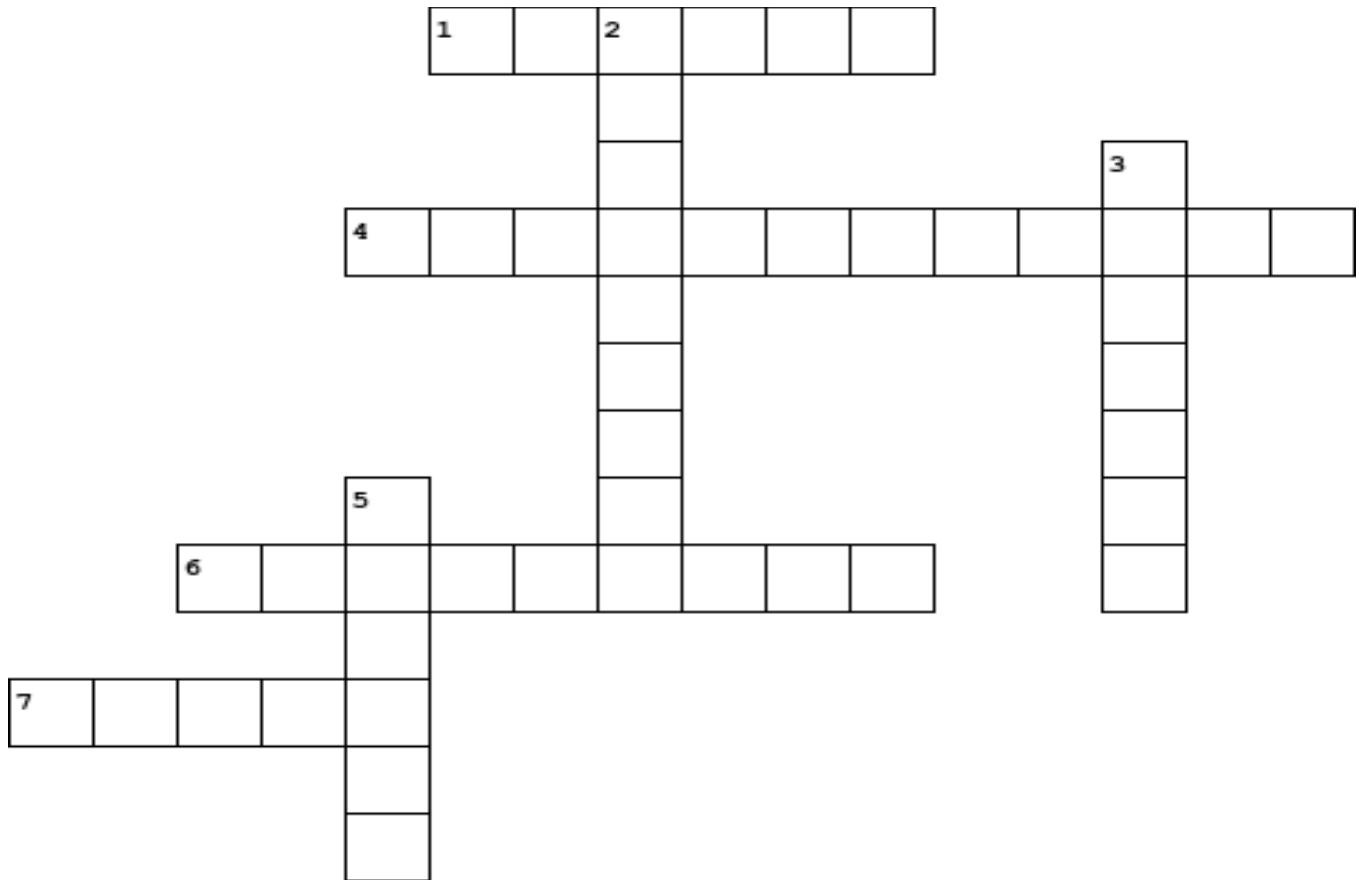
TUNES BY THE TRACKS VOLUNTEERS

Chris, Kyle and Gwen Brown



**Thanks
to Our
Volunteers!**

TEST YOUR WCCF KNOWLEDGE



Across

1. In 2025, \$26,747 was awarded to _____ grant recipients.
4. This year, 34 Wyandot County graduates were awarded _____ from funds established with the Foundation.
6. The 3rd Floor Band will perform a "Blues _____" on December 6, from 1-3 pm at the Shawshank.
7. Farmers can support the agricultural community by contributing to the Gifts of _____ 100 Bushel Club.

Down

2. The Community Foundation's purpose is to develop a permanent _____ to support Wyandot County Citizens.
3. WCCF partners with Dolly Parton Imagination _____ to provide free books for children under five years who live in Wyandot County.
5. Annually, WCCF awards nonprofit organizations and governmental units _____.



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A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

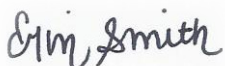
As WCCF closes out 2025 and looks forward to the coming year, I am reflecting on the many great things that occurred this year. One of our main goals continues to be spreading the word about the Foundation and our nearly 25 years of work in our community. Just a few examples of what we tackled this year:

- Our Tunes by the Tracks event was held in June at Shawshank Woodshop. We had a great crowd! We loved partnering with Traum Brewery and The 3rd Floor Band to bring a fun evening of craft beer and excellent music.
- We have also focused quite a bit of time on expanding our Gifts of Grain fund, working closely with our farmer focus group to invest back in our local ag community.
- We have spoken to local civic groups and worked with United Way of North Central Ohio and Wyandot Chamber of Commerce to sponsor a very well-attended Lunch and Learn event.
- We worked with Marion Technical College to host an e-sports camp for Wyandot County middle schoolers at Carey High School.
- We were a sponsor for the Heart of Champion Livestock show at the Wyandot County Fair!

We still have work to be done, but I am thankful for the increased opportunities to share all about WCCF with pretty much everyone I talk too! (Seriously.)

One of my favorite things about this year has been meeting YOU! It has been so fun to meet new people and get re-acquainted with many familiar faces. It has been such a privilege to connect with you! Speaking of which, I would love to see you at our Open House on December 6th – so mark your calendars!

Take care,



Erin Smith, Executive Director



PS - Next year WCCF will celebrate our Silver Anniversary. More information coming about that soon!