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DECATUR COUNTY FAMILY YMCA

1 YMCA Way, Greensburg, IN 47240

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## A FEW 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

2020 was an interesting year for everyone, including us at the YMCA. When we first learned of COVID-19 and things started to shut down, we did an immediate about face and started offering Child care to our first responders and meals to the children of our community under 18 years of age. Our food program gave away 70,589 meals to the children of our community during 2020, almost three times as many as what we give out in a normal year!

We also received grant funding from the United Fund to help us continue to offer our services to the people of our community during 2020. The United Fund sent us a certificate saying, "We recognize our agency partners with GRATITUDE certificates for their outstanding efforts during one of the most challenging years for non-profits. The agency programs are essential to the health and wellbeing of our community. Your efforts by all to provide local resources in the community are appreciated." Thank you United Fund for the recognition, we really appreciate it!



Even though 2020 was a difficult year, in November we were able to reinstate our Capital Campaign and move forward with our plans to expand our current YMCA foot print and offerings. We are very grateful to the members of our community who believe us and help us in the vision. One of the donors in particular was The Napoleon State Bank who donated \$30,000 to our Capital Campaign in December of 2020. Thank you, thank you, thank you The Napoleon State Bank for your generous donation and to all of our other donors for that matter. We couldn't do any of this without you.



To hear more about how we did in 2020, please join us on Zoom for our virtual **Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 30th at 12:00 pm.** Meeting information is included in this newsletter. We would love to have you!!

Sincerely,

 , CEO

## ATTENTION MEMBERS: NEW MEMBER NOTIFICATION SYSTEM COMING SOON!



Beginning in April, we will begin using a new member notification system to send out important facility and program updates to our members. Please call or stop by the Front Desk to let us know how you would like to receive these notifications. You can choose from Phone call, email, or text message. **Please update your status by March 31. Thank you!**

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## Session 3 Program Guide is READY!

Stop by the Front Desk to pick up your copy or download a copy at: [www.decatourcountyfamilyymca.org](http://www.decatourcountyfamilyymca.org)

We will be closed on Sunday, April 4th in honor of Easter. 24/7 access will be available to those who have key fobs.

## A SPECIAL NIGHT FOR DADDY'S AND DAUGHTERS

COVID-19 wasn't going to stop our Annual Daddy Daughter event on February 6th. This year because of COVID, we structured things a little differently and in order to keep everyone socially distanced offered a second time frame to accommodate everyone. Each time frame this year had 25 couples in attendance, giving us a combined attendance for both times of 100 people, which was great considering the circumstances. We the Decatur County Family YMCA held its annual Daddy Daughter night with 100 people in attendance.



The girls and their "dates" enjoyed a delicious dinner from sloppy joes, tater tots, grapes and cupcakes, cooked by the YMCA's own Food Program Director, Anna Burress. After dinner, Daddy's and their daughters could take a swim in the pool, play STEM games, like Pringles Ring or Red Cup challenge, Popsicle Stick Catapults or Geodesic Dome. They also could color or dance, which some couple took advantage of. A lot of special (and silly) memories were made by everyone! Each couple also had their picture taken and they received the photo to commemorate the special evening. Everyone enjoyed this special family time and had a lot of fun at the YMCA!



## CHANGES TO THE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Since the COVID pandemic the preschool program needed to make a few changes. Some of these changes we will continue into the future as we see a positive impact on our program, children, and families. Drop off and pick up is now done curb



side; which our parents enjoy and the staff are able to touch base with each individual family at least once a day. We have also included more technology, most importantly a new Dojo App where our staff is able to send personal notes, pictures, and updates of their children and class activities. Another change is we needed to incorporate individual sensory boxes for each child. The boxes are changed seasonally and/or with holiday themes. These boxes are also portable which allows the children to use them inside and outside of the classroom.

## RALLY FOR THE Y CHALLENGE



April 1 - 30, 2021

**RALLY** for the **Y**  
**RALLY. RIDE. RAISE.**



The Annual Rally for the Y Challenge for 2021 is scheduled for April 2021! This Challenge pays anyone who signs up and uses the two Expresso Bikes in our Wellness Center .10/mile for every mile they ride and it goes toward our Annual Campaign. You can also sponsor a rider who is doing the Rally Challenge. More information can be found by going to <https://my.expresso.com/Challenge/Team/RallyfortheY2021/3474602>

**PRESCHOOL SWIM**  
returned in January! Oh, how the little ones have missed this, and so have we!



## WELCOME WENDALL!



Next time you are in the pool area, you might see a new face on the deck. We are pleased to have our newest Aquatics Director, a Rhode Island Native that has been a Hoosier now since November! Wendall House has been with a member of the YMCA since he was 6 years old, working there since 16. "I took lessons ranging from swim to golf to tennis and even karate at my local Y. It has been without a doubt a main staple in my life in shaping my identity and development. I wouldn't have it any other way, being able work with such a wide range of different cultures globally. I love to understand a person's story and the Y community has a great pool of personalities," says Wendall.

## American Red Cross Award

Due to our ability host Blood Drives for the American Red Cross last year when COVID-19 shut others down, we were awarded an Outstanding Service Award! Thank you American Red Cross for recognizing us!



COVID-19 Pandemic  
American Red Cross Blood Program Partner

Speaking of Blood Drives, we held our most recent Blood Drive on Thursday, February 11th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm! This was one of the largest drives we have had for the American Red Cross. We had 22 donors, six of which were first timers, collected 38 units of blood, and potentially saved 114 lives! Way to Go Decatur County! Thank you for helping us give back to our community. **Mark your calendars, our next Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.**

## YOUTH BASKETBALL FINISHES STRONG!

Even almost a year later, COVID-19 is still effecting some of the programs we are offering here at the YMCA. Our Fall 2020 Youth Basketball Program just concluded on January 23rd. Even with a two week break due to a local spike in Covid-19 cases in November of 2020, the participants still learned a lot about basketball and got a chance to complete the season, even if it was a couple weeks later than normal. Rob Van Til, Associate Executive Director said, "We ended up with 12 teams and hosted 100 participants in the Fall league, and everyone were complete troopers for hanging in there as we navigated a tricky season!" The session even ended on a buzzer beating 3-point shot for a team to get their first win of the season! Our Winter session of Youth Basketball is going on now!

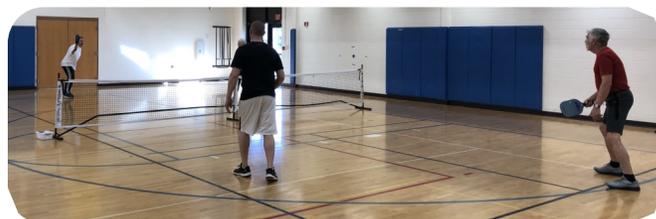


## PICKLEBALL ROUND ROBINS: A HUGE SUCCESS!

On Friday, February 5th, the YMCA held its first Competitive Pickleball Round Robin. We had 12 people participate in this Round Robin and they had a great time! On



Sunday, February 7th, we also held a Beginner Round Robin and eight people participate. Many of the people who participated were from outside the Greensburg area, which was very exciting. Guest passes were given to all the winners! "Starting in April, we will be offering Pickleball Round Robin Scrambles every month for both competitive and recreational players. We will also be hosing a monthly Skills and Drills starting March," said Deena Hamer, Fitness Director and Pickleball enthusiast. Hamer also added, "Pickleball is really starting to pick up here at the Y, and we love that people are really getting interested in it that we can start having more of these Round Robin events and Tournaments!" Hamer also mentioned, "Our next 2-day Pickleball Doubles Tournament is scheduled for April 9 & 10, and sign ups are going on now through April 5th!" If you are interested in learning how to play Pickleball, please reach out to Deena at [deenah@dcfymca.org](mailto:deenah@dcfymca.org) or 812-663-9622 x 28. Just in case you were wondering, Pickleball is played on a 20 foot by 44 foot area, about 25 percent of a tennis court, with a net shorter than tennis. Short paddles smack the waffle ball across the net to the opponent in a volley similar to pingpong. Games are played to 11 but must be won by two points. Y members can play for free most days of the week at designated times. Those times are listed in the program guide and on flyers placed around the building. Oh, and if you were wondering how the sport got the name



Pickleball, the family that came up with the game and rules had a dog named Pickles.



# YOU'RE INVITED!

## YMCA ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 30 AT 12:00 PM  
Via Zoom, see meeting information below.



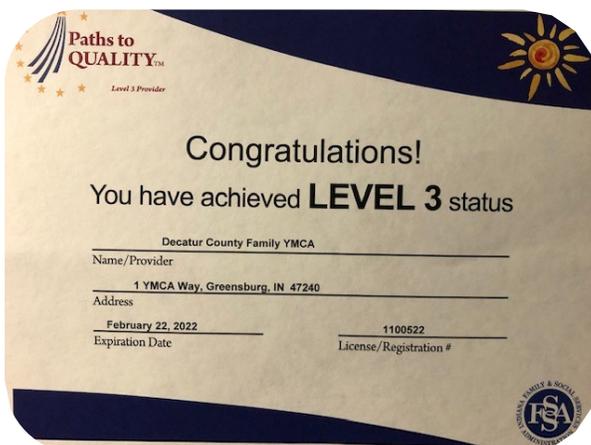
### BUILDING CAUSE-DRIVEN LEADERS

Meeting information: <https://ymcaalliance.zoom.us/j/91319755893?pwd=NTI3ajEvL2p6eWVhVitsR1R4UUFoQT09>

Meeting ID: 913 1975 5893

Passcode: 716906

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### OUR PRESCHOOL PROGRAM IS NOW A PATHS TO QUALITY LEVEL 3 STATUS!!

Paths to Quality is Indiana's voluntary quality rating and improvement system. It is based on four levels and we are currently at Level 3! "We have been working to make quality improvements within our program and are proud of our achievements, said Donna Dykes, Child Care Director. More details to follow in next newsletter.

## Our Future Leaders attend a Virtual Government Conference



The 2021 Indiana Youth and Government Model Government Conference (MGC) took place February 26, 27, & 28. The Conference, a program of the Indiana Alliance of YMCA's, brings students from all over the State of Indiana together to learn about democracy. The Conference, built on the

motto, "Democracy must be learned by each generation", strives to engage youth in experiential learning of government processes normally is held at the Indiana State House in Indianapolis but this year it was held virtually.

Again this year, the Decatur County Delegation showed their strengths during the conference. This year's group included Ben Bausback, who was held two different leadership roles at the conference Lt. Governor/President of the Senate. Jessica Williams, was in Youth Governor's Cabinet and Press Secretary. Joining them for the conference were Brenner Hanna, Gabbie Haviland, and Mollie Pumphrey as Senator's. Karigan Acton was in the House of Representatives. Decatur County also had one attorney in the Supreme Court this year, Elizabeth Hyatt.

In her first year in the MGC, Kerigan Acton had her bill come out of committee ranked as the 5<sup>th</sup> best bill out of 21 bills, quite high for a first year. In the Senate, all three of the Decatur County Delegates had their bills ranked in the top 7.

Action, Pumphrey, & Haviland all had their bills pass out of both houses and sent to the Governor for action. Unfortunately the Governor did not sign any of them into law despite Acton's bill passing on the floor of the Senate by a unanimous vote! Hanna's bill passed through the Senate but the MGC ended before it could be heard in the House.

In the Supreme Court, two cases were heard and argued by the attorney, Elizabeth Hyatt.

"As is the case each year we have sent students to this conference, this year's group stood out. We are always one of the smallest Delegations at the MGC, but year after year our kids rise to the top. Mollie Pumphrey was in the running for Outstanding Delegate, coming up just short in the voting. I could not be more proud to be a part of this group, they really make us all look good," said Gary Bailey, Youth and Government Advisor.

The Youth in Government program is funded by a few local grants through the YMCA Annual Campaign and the United Fund.



**We are doing our part to help eliminate waste from plastic bottles. CHECK OUT OUR NEW Water Bottle Filler stations! We now have three of them, one in the Wellness Center, one in the main hallway by the locker rooms, and one upstairs outside the Group Fitness room.**

## Community Rewards

It's easier than ever to donate to the YMCA just by shopping like you normally would! We have two different Community Rewards programs that we are enrolled in that gives a percentage of the total you purchase back to the YMCA. It's simple just follow the steps below either for Amazon Smile or Kroger Community Rewards and start shopping! Thank you again for helping us with our mission.

### Amazon Smile

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Go to the above website, scroll down until you see:



Enter your Shopper Rewards Card and link it to Decatur County Family YMCA, our organization # is TE863.

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## BUILDING CAUSE-DRIVEN LEADERS



The Annual Campaign is now in full-swing! The money raised from the Annual Campaign allows the YMCA to provide individuals and families with financial assistance due to the inability to pay in full for classes, programs and/or memberships. Last year alone, we awarded \$96,947 in financial assistance to members of the Decatur County community and surrounding areas. This year, our goal is to raise over \$108,000 to provide assistance for our community.

We hope that all the time and effort we put into this campaign will allow our future and those of our community to shine brighter than ever! To get more information on how you can donate, please stop by the Front Desk for more details, or you can click on the DONATE NOW! button on our website, sign up for an account and be on your way! Remember no gift is too small, and thank you for helping us "To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all."

## STAY CONNECTED

You can always stay connected with your Decatur County Family YMCA on all our social media platforms!

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