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## Paths to Quality Level 3 Achieved

The Decatur County Family YMCA's preschool program continues to grow and change. We are a licensed center and are moving up the Paths to Quality ladder. Paths to QUALITY is Indiana's statewide rating system for early care and education programs. It is a voluntary statewide system created to improve the quality of child care and early education for children.

This program shows parents that the Decatur County Family YMCA's preschool is of high quality and follows all of the state standards that are needed at each level. "We currently passed Level 3 out of four levels and I am very proud of my staff who has worked diligently to make this happen, this is one more step we are taking to constantly improve the quality of our child care program." said Donna Dykes, Child Care Director.

On March 26th, we received our yard sign, Dykes also added, "We want to also send a big thank you to the Decatur County United Fund and Executive Director Joane Cunningham for their funding which allowed us to purchase items needed for Level 3. United Fund has been funding our Y for over 20 years." This funding also paid for background checks and trainings the staff needs to stay current.



Due to the COVID pandemic, we needed to purchase items for individual learning. This was provided by a grant through Stronger Learning Indiana; especially for early learning child care programs. "The pandemic made it a challenge for us to earn the Level 3 status, but we were determined to make it happen, so this one means a lot to us to have achieved it." Dykes concluded.

## SHORT-TERM MEMBERSHIPS

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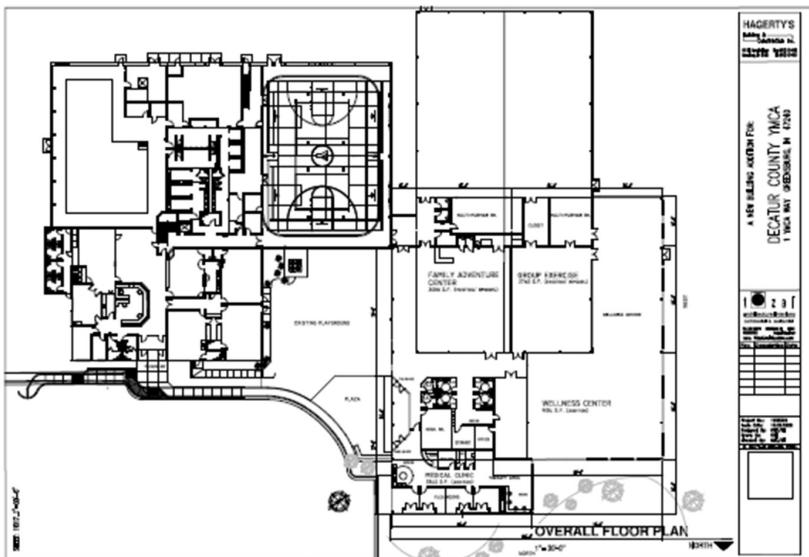
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## Sessions 4&5 Program Guide is READY!

You can stop by the Front Desk to pick up your copy or download a copy at:  
[www.decaturcountymcfa.org](http://www.decaturcountymcfa.org)

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Our Capital Campaign has been in full swing for a couple of years now, minus a slight hiatus during 2020, but we are well on our way to our goal. We look forward to continuing to meet the needs of our community with these improvements and enhancement to our current facility for many years to come. The official ground breaking for our new expansion is Thursday, May 27th at 11:00 am! The facility addition and will include a Family Adventure Center (Indoor Playground), Family Locker Rooms, an Expanded Wellness Center, a New Group Exercise Room, and improvements and renovation of the lobby and second floor area. The Decatur County Memorial Hospital, and their commitment to the project remains strong, as they will have 3000sf of dedicated space for education, wellness, and post-rehabilitation programs. To date, we have raised \$3,267,429 of our \$3.5 million goal. If we reach our goal of \$3.5 million, we will be able to bolster our endowment to further ensure the long-term sustainability of the Decatur County Family YMCA facilities and programs. Please check out more information relating to our Capital Campaign on our website, [www.decaturcountymfamilyymca.org](http://www.decaturcountymfamilyymca.org), under the Capital Campaign tab. To learn more about our project or to donate, you may contact Diane Hart-Dawson at 812-663-9622 or by email at dianehd@dcfymca.org.



Proposed floor plan of new expansion.

## ANNUAL MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY

This year's Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 30th, virtually through Zoom. The meeting began by reflecting on 2020 and everything we accomplished during a very unprecedented year in our 106 year history:

- Annual Campaign raised over \$96,467 and we allocated \$64,561 to families and individuals who would not otherwise be able to fully utilize our facility and programs such as, child care, youth programs and memberships.
- We served over 70,589 meals through our year-round feeding programs that was expanded on during the pandemic to help provide school-age children a healthy, well-balanced meal. This was 47,384 more meals than 2019!
- Even through a pandemic, Our 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program served 89 participants, which was 12 more than in 2019. 93% of 1st to 5th grade students maintained or increased their reading grade to a C or better. 98% of same participants maintained or improved their math grade to a C or better. Beating the goal of 70% in each!
- Our Preschool Program earned Paths to Quality Level 3, status. Please see more about this achievement on page 1.
- Our Youth and Government once again had a great showing at its conference which was held virtually this year.

Not only did the meeting reflect on 2020, it also set the path for the future. Heather Corya, is continuing her tenure as Board President and discussed our future goals.

- Our Capital Campaign was reinstated in November 2020 with a revised goal of \$3.5 million down from previous goal of \$5 million. The scope of project did not change, and will still include a Family Adventure Center (Indoor Playground), Family Locker Rooms, an Expanded Wellness Center, a New Group Exercise Room, and renovation of the lobby and second floor area.
- Ground was broken in Shelby County for our new YMCA branch, in 2019 and it is scheduled for Grand Opening in July 2021. It is in collaboration with Major Hospital which will have two other tenants located inside the MHP Community Health and Wellness Center. The YMCA will be the third tenant in the building and be roughly 66,000 square feet.

### Honorees at the meeting were:

- Anne Buening—Volunteer of the Year Award;
- Anna Burress— Staff of the Year Award;
- Outgoing Board Members- Anne Buening, Jean Long, and Dennis Wilson
- Incoming Board Members- Spencer Burkett and Barb Jakad



## EASTER EGG TRAIL

In place of the Community Easter Egg hunt that is sponsored by the Greensburg Daily News and normally held at the Decatur County Family YMCA, we had a Community Easter Egg "drive-thru" instead on Saturday, March 27th. FREE meals were handed out to the first 500 people at the Greensburg High school and FREE Easter Baskets to the first 500 people at the Decatur County Memorial Hospital. There were eight additional sights throughout our community that families could visit and receive "goodies" from. The day was great and the turnout was even better! Thank you to everyone who enjoyed the Easter Egg Trail and especially to our community members who donated to us to help make it possible! We could not do it without your help and support.



## 22nd Annual Golf Classic Thursday, June 3rd, 11:00 am, Check in 10:00 am - 10:45 am Greensburg Country Club

Fees: \$280 per team (must be in one payment) or \$75 per person, and includes the following

- ◆ Green Fees
- ◆ Cart
- ◆ Fruit & Snacks (Check-In)
- ◆ Dinner (immediately after golf)
- ◆ Refreshments/Snacks on the course
- ◆ Gift & a sleeve of balls guaranteed those registered by May 27th

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## PICKLEBALL IS TAKING OVER THE Y!

Have you heard about Pickleball? Pickleball borrows aspects from badminton, tennis and other paddle sports, and its have been exploding in popularity everywhere including the YMCA! We have many Open Pickleball times available throughout the week and now offer Monthly Round Robin Scrambles for anyone who is interested in playing. We held our first Scrambles in February.

Our Competitive Scramble on February 5th had 12 participants and the winners were: 1st place- Kevin Zimny, 2nd Place- Mike Fox and 3rd Place- Mark Comer.

Our Recreational Scramble on February 7th had 8 participants and the winners were: 1st Place- Michelle Freed, 2nd Place- John Freed, and 3rd Place- Jim Acton.

We held our 2nd set of Scrambles in April. Our Recreational Scramble on April 23th had 8 participants and the winners were: 1st Place- Iris Wilhoit, 2nd Place- Jeff McKinley and 3rd Place- Pam White. Our Competitive Scramble on April 30th had 12 players and the winners were: 1st Place-Mike Fox, 2nd Place- Mark Comer, and 3rd Place- Greg Schwering.

## OUR SPRING PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

We hosted our first Pickleball Tournament of 2021 on April 9th and 10th. We had 62 players from 14 different cities including Knoxville, Tennessee! Mixed Doubles played on Friday evening and Men's and Women's Doubles played on Saturday. Below are our winners from the tournament.

### Men's Doubles 3.5 and above

1st Place- Patrick Fox and Gary Bailey  
2nd Place- JD Martin and Kevin Zimny  
3rd Place- Jim Johnson and Jeff Owens

### Women's Doubles 3.5 and above

1st Place- Beverly Yager and Lynne Saler  
2nd Place- Cyndi Purvis and Cindy Massey  
3rd Place- Heidi Stagge and Jackie Fayette

### Women's Doubles 3.0 and below

1st Place- Debbie Cotton and Erica Saltsman  
2nd Place- Michelle Miller and D'Aune Murray  
3rd Place- Pam White and Iris Wilhoit

### Mixed Doubles 3.5 and above

1st Place- Shelly Burnside and Patrick Fox  
2nd Place- Autumn Hurm and Keith Hildebrand  
3rd Place- Cyndi Purvis and Wayne Purvis

### Mixed Doubles 3.0 and above

1st Place- Jackie Fayette and Daniel Fayette  
2nd Place- Debbie Cotton and Sam Cotton  
3rd Place- Rainee Martin and JD Martin



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# What is the HERITAGE CLUB?

It is a diverse group of people, but they are all part of one group, sharing a common goal: that goal is to build a **stronger future** for the lives of our children and families in Decatur County and the surrounding areas.

## How do I become a Heritage Club member?

Two ways - You can leave the Decatur County Family YMCA in your estate plans or you can make a donation of \$1,000 to the Endowment. It is that easy! A donation ensuring the YMCA is in our community for future generations is worth so much and will definitely ensure a legacy of a lifetime!

## How can I make a donation to the Endowment?

You can make a donation to the Sustaining Fund online or you can come in and speak with one of us. We would gladly accept a donation in the form of a check, cash, credit card or stock payment.

## STAY CONNECTED

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

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