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DECATUR COUNTY FAMILY YMCA

1 YMCA Way, Greensburg, IN 47240

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NEW PROGRAM REGISTRATION SYSTEM BEGINS DECEMBER 1st!

We are excited to share a new registration system for several of our programs beginning in January 2024. Registrations will open for both Y members and Program (non) members on the 1st of each month prior to the program beginning. Many of our programs will be going to a monthly schedule (i.e. swim lessons and several youth programs.) Youth sports are **not** included in this new monthly programming. The registration period will be for 1 month prior to the program starting and will close only when the program is full. Registrations for January 2024, will begin on December 1st and will last until January 1st and so forth. Y members will have the opportunity to register for these programs online, so please contact the Front Desk if you are interested in getting set up to learn how! Please reach out to any of the YMCA Program Directors if you have any questions. We look forward to helping you register for 2024 programs starting on December 1st!

Have a great Holiday season and thank you for being a valued Y member!

Sincerely,

Diane Hart-Dawson
CEO

OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL COURTS DEDICATED TO OUR CEO, DIANE HART-DAWSON

Our new Outdoor Pickleball Courts held a Ribbon Cutting event on Wednesday, December 6th at 11:30 am here at the YMCA. After the conclusion of the dedication speech that was given by Past YMCA Board Present, Susan Rust, it was revealed that the Pickleball Courts were going to be dedicated to Diane Hart-Dawson, the YMCA's CEO for the past 24 years! Diane, who was present at the event, but was unaware of the dedication stated, "I am truly surprised by this gesture and want to thank everyone for this incredible honor."



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ENJOY THIS ISSUE?

Feel free to share this newsletter with anyone who you think may find it useful.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, IDEAS?

Program Guide 2024 is READY!

Stop by the Front Desk to pick up your copy or download a copy at:
www.decatourcountyfamilyymca.org

GOT UPDATES?

Please stop by the Front Desk and update your information and method of contact to stay update on YMCA happenings!

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Our Halloween Carnival this year was held on Saturday, October 28. The event was held indoors and outdoors at the YMCA and several games were offered along with a Haunted School bus and a costume contest! Kids enjoyed playing in the Indoor Playground this year! The total attendance for the event was over 436 people! Everyone had a great time and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year! This event is truly a community collaboration, thank you to everyone who donated or volunteered! Please see some of our Costume Contest Winners Below: **Special Thanks goes to the following people or businesses:**

YMCA Staff	GECOM	Delta	Cobia Solar
Honda: Trunk or Treat	WTRE	REMC	Valeo



CHECK THIS OUT!



All the New Teen Programs here at the Decatur County Family YMCA!

1. **OPEN TEEN TRIFECTA:** Calling all Teens ages 13-18! Come ready to have fun and enjoy the YMCA for FREE from 9am-5pm on December 27, 28, 29. We will be having a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, Dodgeball games and much, much more!
2. **TEEN CHESS CLUB:** All skill levels welcome. Chess boards provided. Meets: Fridays: Jan: 5, 12, 19, 26 4:30pm - 6:00pm Fees: \$15 for 4 weeks
3. **Teen Pickleball: Ages: 12-18** Pickleball borrows aspects from badminton, tennis and other paddle sports. Its composite paddles and whiffle ball gives it a unique dynamic that requires its own strategy. Meets: Sundays: Jan 7, 14, 21, 28 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Fees: \$15 YM or PM
4. **Advanced/Adult Tae Kwon Do: Ages 16 and older** Tae Kwon Do is a Korean martial art which focuses on kicks and power. Students will learn Tae Kwon Do drills and forms to improve their balance, strength, and speed, while also learning discipline, focus and self-control. Meets: Wednesdays 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Fees : \$35 YM \$50 PM
5. **Teen Leadership Advisory Board (T-LAB)** Join the Teen Leadership Advisory board (T-LAB) to help create the YMCA IMPACT program. Help build this program and make an IMPACT on your community. Meets: Thursday, Dec. 14th and Jan 18th Grades 7-9: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Grades 10-12: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
6. **OPEN TEEN NIGHTS:** Calling all Teens ages 13-18! Come ready to have fun and bring ideas about programs you want to see at the YMCA! Meets: Saturday, January 24th 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Questions on any of these programs? Contact Youth Development Director: Joe Poteet at joep@dcfymca.org or 812-663-9622 x 26

"TERRENCE THE TURKEY" WAS BACK AND FILLED BASKETS TO GIVE TO THOSE IN NEED AT THANKSGIVING



Here at the Decatur County Family YMCA we take pride in giving back, to our community. We created a wonderful Thanksgiving Feast for four very deserving families in our community! Each basket included a 5 to 10 pound turkey, a bag of potatoes, and many other items traditionally known for Thanksgiving. We would like to thank every person who donated food to our baskets.



FIRST FINANCIAL DAY/DAY OF CARING

First Financial Bank volunteered their time on September, 13, 2023 for the Annual Volunteer Day and helped us move some much needed stone to our outdoor walking track. Then they returned just a short week later for the United Fund's Day of Caring on September 21, 2023 to help give more of our outdoor spaces a facelift. They painted the walking bridge, outdoor equipment and freshened up our landscaping! Thank you so much First Financial employees for all your hard work on both of these days!



Volleyball Clinic:

The YMCA presents a Volleyball Clinic with local Varsity Volleyball coaches. Come join us to learn Volleyball skills and fundamentals. This clinic is open to Grades 4-6 no volleyball experience is required.

Meets: Sundays: Jan 7, 14, 21, 28
4:00pm - 5:00 pm
Fees: \$25 YM \$45 PM



1ST ANNUAL SKELETON CHASE A SUCCESS

The Decatur County Family YMCA held its 1st Annual Skeleton Chase 5K on Saturday, October 21. 34 participants donned their best Halloween Costumes and enjoyed a great day of weather chasing our Skeleton around for 3.2 miles!



Congratulations to all our competitors and to the winners!

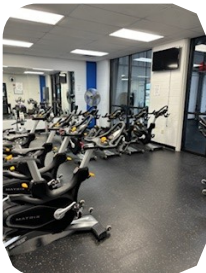
- 1st - Kathy Wiggins 42:10
- 2nd - Tricia Johnson 47:59
- 3rd - Rebecca Schwering 52:13
- Best overall time/overall female: Madeline Risher 22:48.83
- Best overall male: Olive Corya 23:13.75

Thank you to all the course volunteers and sponsors as well as the Police and Fire Departments who make this event possible each and every year!



CHRISTMAS CAME EARLY TO THE YMCA!

Come check out our new Spin Bikes in the Cycle Studio!



Want to give them a "spin"? Come try Cycle w/ Caitlin on Tuesday and Thursday nights 5:45 pm -6:15 pm!

Pickleball Rules Heading into 2024!



Winter Pickleball Tournament: Registration begins December 1st February 2nd, 3rd, and 4th

- Feb 2nd: Senior Mixed Doubles
- Feb 3rd: Women's and Men's Doubles
- Feb 4th: Mixed Doubles

Entry Fee: \$30 per person 1st Division Event, add \$10 for each additional Division Event.

If you desire a tournament drift T-shirt, add \$15 for sizes through XL. Add \$4.00 more for 2 XL or larger.

OPEN PICKLEBALL: Ages 15+

Pickleball borrows aspects from badminton, tennis and other paddle sports. Its composite paddles and whiffle ball gives it a unique dynamic that requires its own strategy.

See schedule below!

Fees: Free YM \$4 PM per day (10 punch card for \$25, 15 punch card for \$30)

Questions, please contact Deena Hamer, Pickleball Director, at 812-663-9622 x 28 or deenah@dcfymca.org.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday (starting 11/11/23)	Sunday
8am-12pm COMPETITIVE	8am-12pm RECREATIONAL	8am-12pm COMPETITIVE	8am-12pm RECREATIONAL	8am-12pm OPEN PLAY	9-11:30am OPEN PLAY	CALL FOR INFO
AFTERNOON OPEN PLAY						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2-4:30pm OPEN PLAY	2-4:30pm OPEN PLAY	2-4:30pm OPEN PLAY	2-4:30pm OPEN PLAY			

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF OUR BIGGEST LOSER COMPETITION!

1. Paul Wiseman lost 14.4 pounds
2. Marilyn Smith lost 7.6 pounds
3. Kristina Hermann lost 5.4 pounds



NEW YEAR, NEW YOU TRANSFORMATION

JANUARY 2- FEBRUARY 26

Transform yourself, a friend, or a loved one to make this year, the healthiest yet! With group Circuit classes 2 x weeks, personally designed workouts, nutrition classes, weekly challenges and weekly weigh ins. Each participant will receive a Free Water Bottle. Fees: \$40 YM and \$120 PM (PM will receive full membership for 8 weeks) Weigh In Dates: January 3rd and 4th: 5:30 am-6:00 am, 8:00 am-10:00 am; 11:15 am-11:45am; 5:30 pm- 7:30 pm



DONATE TODAY!

The holidays provide time for gratitude and reflection, and we want to thank you for being a member of our Y. The Y is the place for everyone in our community to belong, and financial donations help us remain relevant and available to all.



As a charitable organization, the Y provides financial assistance to those who cannot afford the cost of programs, membership, or services. Membership dues support our facility and operations, not financial assistance. We rely on the generosity of members and friends to ensure the Y remains affordable and accessible to all. As you know, at the Y, lives are changed every day. Donations help give kids, teens, and adults – of all ages and backgrounds – a better chance to reach their full potential.

Thank you for considering a tax-deductible donation to the YMCA where you can see lives being positively affected every day!

To make a donation, please click the **DONATE NOW!** tab on our website or mail your donation to 1 YMCA Way, Greensburg, IN 47240 Attn: Diane Hart-Dawson or visit us at the Y so we can thank you in person!

STAY CONNECTED

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Like us on Instagram: [@dcfymca](https://www.instagram.com/dcfymca)
Find out about us on the website
www.decatourcountyfamilyymca.org

