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## YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT RECAP

It is one thing to learn about governmental processes in government class, and it is another to experience the processes first-hand. Declan Bruns, Brenley Jameson, Carmin Ripperger, Charlie Stauffacher, and Tyler Williams represented the Decatur County Family YMCA at the Indiana YMCA's Youth and Government conference held in Indianapolis on March 8-10, 2024. Established in 1965, the program is a model government conference in which students can participate in a mock version of the Indiana State Senate, Indiana House of Representatives, or Indiana Supreme Court. The program enhances students' debate, critical thinking, and public speaking skills, as well as governmental processes and legislation knowledge. Bruns and Ripperger served as youth Representatives, Stauffacher and Williams served as youth Senators, and Jameson served as a youth justice/attorney. Both Stauffacher's and Williams's bills passed in the Senate. Stauffacher's bill concerned access to rural mental health resources. Williams's bill advocated for a reflective tape for law enforcement vehicles, and Bruns and Ripperger's collaborative bill sought to end shaming around school lunches. "Our group of students has been working on their bills and cases since October of last year. Each student worked diligently to prepare for the conference, as evident by their performance in the conference," said Sam Miller, program advisor. In addition to the debate sectors of the conference, students can run for appointed offices. Additionally, Stauffacher will serve as the Youth Lt. Governor for the 2025 conference making him the third Lt. Governor from the Decatur County Family YMCA in just five years! Diane Hart-Dawson, CEO of the Decatur Shelby County YMCA noted "It is great to see local high school students participate in this area of civil engagement. I have had the privilege of watching our participants for the last several years. I am always impressed by the professional way in which they present themselves and the leadership skills they display. It is also a testament to the hard work of our students that they have been appointed to the Lt Governor position so often."



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## QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, IDEAS?

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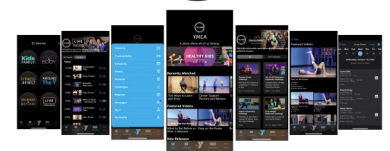
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# ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

This year's Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 26th. We had 50 people in attendance for this year's meeting and they were served wraps, fruit salad and a cookie catered by Deb Sellers Catering and potato salad and cole slaw donated by KB Foods. This year's meeting reflected on all the things we accomplished at both of our YMCA branches, Decatur County Family and Shelby County YMCA's during 2023.

- April 2023, both Decatur and Shelby County held their Annual Healthy Kids Day events. Decatur County hosted a Community Easter Egg Hunt in conjunction with theirs and had approximately 350 people attend. Shelby County's 2nd Annual Healthy Kids Day had approximately 500 people attend! Shelby County also held its Easter Egg Extravaganza which hosted 47 kiddos!
- In spring of 2023, the Decatur Shelby County YMCA was awarded the Lilly Grant Youth Development Award and the Youth Residential Grant Award that allowed the Association to initialize a Teen Program which grew throughout the year, starting with a Teen Leadership Advisory Board made up of local teens. It also allowed us to send 20 participants to Flat Rock Summer Camp for a week-long residential camp experience, and 5 families to weekend camp over Labor Day Weekend and one weekend in October. Also, we were able to send our fall break campers to Flat Rock for half a day to participate in a number of outdoor and indoor activities hosted by the Flat Rock River YMCA Camp.
- In June, we also kicked off our "Introduction to STEM programming" supported by Honda, which was an extension of our earlier informal programming that included the Flight Simulator lessons for our Afterschool and 21st Century program participants. We held a 2-week robotics camp where local middle school students were given the opportunity to build and program multiple different robots including a "piano and a slingshot". In addition, the summer camp participants were involved in learning forensics through a series of activities.
- The Shelby County YMCA hosted an 8-week "Summer of Growth" program sponsored by Edward Jones where they had over 230 participants take part in a different theme each week from Vacation Bible School, to arts and crafts, to sports and fitness. They also held a "Summer Starter Program" along with a "School Send Off" Program, which both totaled more than 30 kids!
- Our Decatur County childcare programming includes our preschool, a level 3 Paths to Quality which had over 110 participants. Our 21st Century Program once again run out of Greensburg elementary, where we had over 60 participants with 96% showing improvement in their math and reading scores to a C or better. Finally, our after school program which had over 100 participants and assisted the participants in their homework as well as provided both sports and educational activities.
- Our Association continues to support those individuals and families in need, allocating \$119,865 in financial aid to 434 participants allowing them to utilize our facility and programs such as, child care, youth programs and memberships.
- We concluded this year, with very good news from the State of Indiana, with sponsorship the County Commissioner's office who we give thanks to for their assistance, we have been awarded the OCRA grant which is \$500K to put towards the cost of the replacement of our roof, which has had a number of issues over the past two years. This allows us to maintain a healthy financial profile while continuing to provide a top-level facility for our members.

Not only did the meeting reflect on 2023, it also set the path for 2024, Bill Myers is taking over as Board President and discussed our future goals.

- Replace our Roof
- Maintain a Level 3 Paths to Quality in our Preschool Program
- Expand our STEM offerings and participants
- Foster more Partnerships with Flat Rock River YMCA Camp, Church Groups, Program Sponsors, Corporations in our communities, etc.
- Create a World Class Culture: Customer Service Training, Membership Surveys/Feedback and Staff Retention

## Honorees at the meeting were:

- Volunteer of the Year Award– Lori Hunter– DCFY and Guy Ferguson– SCY;
- Staff of the Year Award– Carrie Shumaker– DCFY and Sophie Parker– SCY;
- Outgoing Board Members– Lori Hunter, Brett Abplanalp, Rex McKinney and Barb Jaked;
- Incoming Board Members– Robb Barlow, Stephen Black, Jaime Rivera and Taylor Gramman

## RESERVE YOUR CARTS!

### YMCA's Annual Golf Classic at the Greensburg Country Club

Thursday, June 6th, 11:00 am,

*Check in 10:00 am - 10:45 am*

Fees: \$300 per team (must be in one payment) or \$80 per person, and includes the following:

- ◆ Green Fees
- ◆ Cart
- ◆ Fruit & Snacks (Check-In)
- ◆ Dinner (immediately after golf)
- ◆ Refreshments/Snacks on the course
- ◆ Please register by May 26th



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• PLEASE REMEMBER: DCMH's HEALTHCONNECT has dedicated parking spaces for their patrons. Please DO NOT park in them during their business hours!

## TREE CITY ROLLING TOUR & CENTURY June 29, 2024

There are 5 routes to choose from:

1. 16 mile,
2. 34 mile,
3. 67 mile- Hilly
4. 67 mile- not as hilly,
5. Whopping 100 mile route.

Those who plan to ride the 100 mile route should be on the road by 7am, the 67 mile riders between 7-8:00 am, the 34 between 8-9am and the 16 milers between 8:30-9:30am. SAG stops (refreshments) are provided along each route with restrooms on all routes. A GREAT lunch will be provided on the riders return. This is a family event, so bring the kiddo's. Kids 12 and under riding with their parent or guardian are free! The 67 Hilly route and Century route are both official training rides for the Annual Hilly Hundred ride that takes place Oct. 4th-6th!

Fees: 18+: \$40 April 1-30, \$45 May 1-June 27, \$50 Day of Event  
13-17: \$30 April 1-30, \$35 May 1-June 27, \$40 Day of Event

Drift Shirts: Add \$15 to price of registration. Please add an additional \$4 if 2x or larger shirt is requested. Cut off to order a shirt is June 23rd

Register at YMCA or online at [www.treecityrollingtour.org](http://www.treecityrollingtour.org)

## HEALTHY KIDS DAY/ COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT!

This year's event was held on Saturday, March 23rd and had a over 250 people in attendance! We had 130 kids participate in our Easter Egg Hunt. The Hunt was held on our outdoor playground, for each of our age groups. After hunting eggs, the kiddos brought their eggs back to the "candy bank" and received a bag of candy! The "bags were sponsored by Centerstone and the candy inside was donated by Walmart, GECOM, Delta Faucet and Valeo! Walmart graciously donated a girl's bike and boy's bike which we raffled off at the end of the hunt! We also offered meals to everyone in attendance which were sponsored by Cobia Solar this year and included an uncrustable, fruit snacks, granola bar and Capri Sun to drink.

Walmart also donated water and apples. Our platinum sponsor this year was Decatur County Memorial Hospital. Their sponsorship allowed us to hand out T-shirts to the first 100 kiddos to the event! We had 24 vendors at this year's event and six Touch a Truck Participants! This year's vendors included Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp and their friendly and lovable skunk "Stinkerbell", DCMH Nutrition and Pediatric Physical Therapy departments, Girl Scouts of Central Indiana, Tree City Martial Arts, Decatur County Head Start, First Financial Bank, Indiana Dept. of Child Services, Community Healthcare Clinic, Centerstone Foster Care, Good Shepherd, Building Blocks, Ireland Home Based Services, Decatur County Health Department, Cub Scouts, Centra Credit Union, Mom's Helpline, 1 Voice, DoTerra Essential Oils, Dana Witkemper Insurance, Greensburg Public Library, Advocates for Children and Care Source. Families also enjoyed getting to see a firetruck from the Greensburg Fire Department, a Heavy Wrecker from TDS Towing, a Semi truck courtesy of Selking International, a Flatbed Wrecker from Sweet's Wrecking, a Decatur County Sheriff's Car and a Lineman Bucket Truck courtesy of REMC. Thank you again to all our vendors and Touch A Truck participants and everyone who spent time with us. We look forward to seeing everyone at our event in 2025!



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