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BALL OF THE YEAR 2025

The <u>Frontier of Care: A Wild West Ball of the Year</u> will be held November 1st at Waterfront Marriott in Morgantown. Proceeds will benefit Mon Health and Davis Health Systems.

As we start a new chapter in the Ball of the Year history, we are incredibly thankful to the Mon Health Medical Center Auxiliary for curating the Ball over the past 60 years. In that time, they raised nearly \$3,000,000 to support vital programs and patient-focused projects such as Mon Health's Progressing Through Postpartum (P3) Program and most recently, the Caring Cottages. Luella Gunter, Executive Director of Philanthropy stated, "We are honored to continue the legacy that our Auxiliary has built for 60 years, and the host the Ball of the Year in support of all of our hospitals in the Vandalia Northern Region."

Saddle up, we think it's going to be quite a ride!

2025 $\Sigma_{M}^{M_{\Sigma}}$ EVENTS

BOB HUGGINS FISH FRY UPDATE



Vandalia Health proudly announced the installation of new stateof-the-art infusion chairs at facilities across the state, thanks to a generous \$150,000 donation from the Norma Mae Huggins Cancer Endowment with proceeds from the 2024 Bob Huggins Fish Fry. The chairs are designed with built-in heat and massage functions, providing comfort during long infusion treatments, and influencing the recovery process.

Bob Huggins personally felt it was important to purchase these upgraded chairs stating, "When I think back to my Mom and what she endured, the patient experience matters greatly."

The 2025 Bob Huggins Fish Fry raised \$660,000 to benefit cancer patients across Vandalia Health. We are grateful and excited to see how the continued support of the Norma Mae Huggins Cancer Endowment will impact cancer care in West Virginia in 2025.



CLEAR MOUNTAIN BANK DONATES CARE PACKAGES





Mon Health's Cancer Center and Preston Memorial Hospital received over 100 care packages, assembled and donated by Clear Mountain Bank staff, along with partners Alkami and Prelim. The packages included carefully selected comfort items such as neck pillows, blankets, socks, puzzle books, tea and more, offering relief and encouragement to patients. "This project hits close to home for me because I lost my mother [to cancer] six years ago, and every item included in the care packages is something that made her more comfortable while she was undergoing treatment," said Carmen Pennington, Branch Manager, Clear Mountain Bank Pierpont and Suncrest locations.

Regan Siko, Director, Oncology Service Line, Mon Health System, Davis Health System stated, "The care packages are a wonderful reminder of the support and care available to our patients from the community. It's acts like these that help make a difference in the lives of those battling cancer, and we are thankful for Clear Mountain Bank's continued commitment to making our patients feel supported and cared for."

If you are interested in learning about leaving a legacy gift to Mon Health through your estate, please contact Laura McCall, Senior Director of Philanthropy, at 304-285-2289 or Laura.McCall@VandaliaHealth.org.

Together, this is how we MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!