

**FOUNDATION  
 FIRST FRIDAYS**

**Friday, April 5, 2024**

**WVRC Media Golf Classic ..... July 8**  
**DeLynn Memorial Golf Classic ..... August 5**  
**60th Annual Ball of the Year .. November 2**



**P3 PROGRAM  
 PROGRESSES**

Designed to support maternal mental health, our Progressing through Postpartum Program (P3) has grown its staff and expanded to include Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital. Led by Jennifer Bender, Perinatal Navigator, and Dr. Melinda Cooper, P3 dives into 2024 with further expansion of services and implementation of the Drug Free Moms and Babies Program.

**1st NIGHT OUT  
 IN PRESTON**

Preston Memorial Hospital Foundation hosted another successful First Night Out on March 23rd, despite being postponed due to January snow! Guests all chose a different theme for their tables, ranging from baseball to tropical, and participated in raffles, auctions, and karaoke throughout the evening. The event raised nearly \$10,000 for cancer care in Preston County.

**PATHWAYS  
 TO SUCCESS**

Mon Pathways to Success is a comprehensive program that empowers those who have difficulty re-entering the workforce. Now starting a 3rd cohort, Pathways has seen 10 jobs filled; 3 continuing their education, 2 promotions; and 9 individuals moved out of shelters and into independent living. This program is making a difference, one person at a time.

**FIRST FRIDAY HIGHLIGHT**

**CARING COTTAGES: CONSTRUCTION BEGINS!**

West Virginia based manufacturer Omis Building Technologies is breaking ground this month on our new patient family stay houses. Thanks to funding from the Ball of the Year and the generous support of our community, we are bringing this vision to life.

These cottages will offer a welcoming environment and allow families to remain close to their loved ones throughout their medical journeys.



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**DOCTORS DAY**

The overwhelming response received for Doctors Day confirmed just how special our doctors are. Notes of gratitude poured in, thanking over 70 physicians and staff for their dedication and care. Amy's words say it best, "You are a miracle worker! Your superb skills saved my mother, and my entire family can never thank you enough. From the moment she entered Mon Health, she received the utmost attention and care. Your work has made every day since immeasurably better." Our doctors make the difference, one person at a time!

**THE DOVE FUND**

The Dove Fund, a new initiative at Preston Memorial Hospital Foundation, supports cancer patients in financial distress by covering prescription co-pays, gas, and even groceries. Funded through local donations, it is a testament to the compassion and generosity of our community, rallying around those facing cancer. It offers tangible results by alleviating financial worries and allowing patients and families to concentrate on what truly matters: their health and well-being. The Dove Fund is making a difference! [www.monhealth.com/preston-memorial](http://www.monhealth.com/preston-memorial)

**FIRST FRIDAY HIGHLIGHT**

**BOB HUGGINS FISH FRY**

More than 1000 attendees were seen mingling, dining, and listening to great stories from WVU great Meg Bulger and famed Steelers Rocky Bleier and Jack Ham at the Bob Huggins Fish Fry, held April 6th at Mylan Park. This annual event raised nearly \$700,000 to benefit the Norma Mae Huggins Cancer Endowment, established by the Huggins family in their mother's name to support cancer care and research across the state. It also supports the Remember the Miners Scholars Program, providing scholarships to those studying mining and mining safety.



**WATCH VIDEO**

Bob Huggins chose to partner with Vandalia Health to help provide cancer care across its seven cancer treatment centers, impacting the entire state of West Virginia. Special thanks to Little General Stores, the Huggins family, and the many generous donors for making this possible.

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**Friday, June 7, 2024**



**CARING COTTAGES**

**MAKING PROGRESS:** Our new patient/family stay houses are progressing towards reality. With Omnis Building Technologies hard at work, construction is scheduled to finish in July. These cottages will offer a welcoming environment and allow families to remain close to their loved ones throughout their medical journeys. We would especially like to thank the Mon Health Medical Center Auxiliary for their unwavering support of this project, and stay tuned for the announcement of the open house!

**PRESTON RINGS 1st BELL**

The Cancer Care Team at Preston Memorial Hospital celebrated the graduation of its first patient and the first ringing of the newly installed bell. The plaque which holds the bell was designed and crafted by our Mon Health family members, Brian Steffke and Roxanna and Curtis Stiles. The Cancer Center, which opened in October, provides chemotherapy, lab services, and other oncology treatment, keeping cancer care close to home.

**FIRST FRIDAY HIGHLIGHT** 

**THE ANGEL FUND**

The Angel Fund benefits our cancer patients in financial need. There have been many instances where they've had to choose between paying for food and utilities, or medications and other treatments. This is unacceptable.

With your help, and in just the last 6 months, we have been able to support over 250 oncology patients, who have expressed tremendous appreciation. We provided gas cards and other transportation costs, meal tickets, medications, hotel stays, and even a loan payment. In addition, our Wig and Bra Bank had over 30 visits, where one young girl with total hair loss was able to find a wig for her senior prom. We can only do it together!



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## MON HEALTH TALK



Our Philanthropy Directors, Luella Gunter & Laura McCall, were live in-studio at WAJR for a recent session of Mon Health Talk. Listen and learn about the new family stay houses project, upcoming fundraisers, & more!

[Click here to listen on YouTube](#)

## DONOR SPOTLIGHT

**WVRC MEDIA GOLF CLASSIC:** Our first golf tournament of the season is SOLD OUT! We would like to thank our community of vendors who come together each July to have some fun at Pete Dye, while supporting the greatest needs of the medical center, patients and staff.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:  
 Our Tournament Sponsor

**WVRC MEDIA**  
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And Our Platinum Sponsors



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**HEALTH CAREER SCHOLARSHIPS:** For the 2024/25 school term, we awarded a record-breaking 54 scholarships with a total value of \$60,000 - all thanks to our generous donors.

You can find out more about the students in our "Future of Healthcare" series on Facebook, where we are highlighting our 30 new recipients throughout the summer. Each of them has impressive goals and unique personalities. And, if you see someone you know, be sure to like and share!



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## FOUNDATION FIRST FRIDAYS

Friday, August 2, 2024

## CELEBRATING 80 YEARS



THE MON HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY celebrates its 80th year with a groundbreaking for the first Caring Cottage, a patient family stay house on the Mon Health Medical Center campus. The Auxiliary provides additional support and services to hospital staff, patients, and the community. Since its inception, the Auxiliary has raised upwards of \$3 million for the hospital.

The Auxiliary's largest and longest-standing fundraising effort is the annual Ball of the Year, raising funds for vital programs and patient-focused projects such as Mon Health's Progressing Through Postpartum (P3) Program and most recently for the Caring Cottages. "It is a true honor to celebrate our 80th anniversary with the groundbreaking of the Caring Cottages project, a project that we have supported from its inception and know will enable Mon Health Medical Center to continue providing high-quality care to patients and their families across the region," said Chris Battin, Mon Health Medical Center Auxiliary President.

## FIRST FRIDAY HIGHLIGHT

**MOBILE NURSING LAB COMPLETES 1ST YEAR:** The "Mary Virginia" traveled across West Virginia providing labs and simulations for Mon Health Staff and WVJC nursing students and attended community events to help educate the public. Designed to expand access to nursing education, this training lab provides students and staff the opportunity to learn and practice in realistic situations. This innovation was made possible by the continued support of Ron & Stephanie Stovash, The Health Plan, the Hazel Ruby McQuain Trust, and the generosity of our community.



### MOBILE NURSING LAB - 1st YEAR STATS



59 Events  
 152 Simulations  
 431 Learners

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# FOUNDATION FIRST FRIDAYS

Friday, September 6, 2024

## COMING SOON!



THE 60TH ANNUAL BALL OF THE YEAR, hosted by the Mon Health Medical Center Auxiliary, is November 2nd, and it will be Wild, Wonderful and Whimsical so don't miss out! We are currently reserving our sponsored tables before releasing individual tickets. Please contact Luella Gunter for information and to reserve your table now for premium seating.

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## HUGGINS SUPPORTS CANCER CARE

College Basketball Hall of Fame Coach Bob Huggins presented a \$380,000 check on August 22nd at the Mon Health Zelda Stein Weiss Cancer Center as part of his pledge from the 2024 Bob Huggins Fish Fry, supporting cancer care services across West Virginia through Vandalia Health. David Goldberg stated, "We cannot do it alone and this community support is the difference. We are thankful for this relationship, friendship of the family and donors, and this very generous gift."



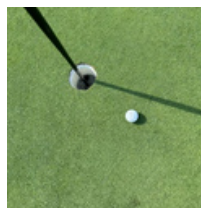
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## MON PATHWAYS GRADUATES 3rd COHORT

The Mon Pathways to Success program successfully graduated its third cohort on August 20th. This initiative, dedicated to empowering individuals facing various barriers to employment, has proven instrumental in fostering personal and professional growth among the participants. This program was initially supported by a \$75,000 donation by the Hazel Ruby McQuain Charitable Trust and additionally funded by a \$493,000 award from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

## DELYNN GOLF CLASSIC

THE DELYNN MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC, August 5th at Pete Dye Golf Club, hosted 102 golfers and raised over \$100,000 for the greatest needs of Mon Health. With 34 years now under its belt, this tournament is supported by long-time attendees and new organizations annually. We are incredibly grateful for our donors!



### SO CLOSE AND YET SO FAR:

Steve Monty, one of our own Mon Health Pharmacists, was 6 inches from a hole-in-one and winning a Mercedes Benz sponsored by Mercedes Benz of Morgantown!

### OUR SPONSORS:



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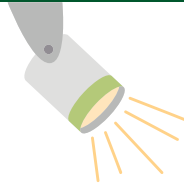
Friday, October 4, 2024

THE 60TH ANNUAL BALL OF THE YEAR, hosted by the Mon Health Medical Center Auxiliary, is November 2nd, and it will be Wild, Wonderful and Whimsical so don't miss out! Individual ticket sales are now open - [click here](#). We are still reserving our sponsored tables, so please contact Luella Gunter to reserve now for premium seating.

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## DONOR SPOTLIGHT

### MILAN PUSKAR FOUNDATION DONATES \$300,000



Mon Health Medical Center's implementation of Neurosurgery & Spine care was made possible in part by a two-year pledge totaling \$300,000 from the Milan Puskar Foundation. Their support was critical, enabling us to purchase the specialized surgical table, microscope, and other neurological instruments necessary to provide advanced specialty care. With Dr. Houman Khosrovi (HK) leading the way, we can now offer comprehensive neurological services for the patients in our community. Dr. HK stated, "Access to advanced neurosurgery and spine services is paramount, and I am proud to join Mon Health and offer this necessary service to patients across West Virginia."

## FOUNDATION TEAM GROWS STRONGER

### MADISON HUTSON

#### EVENT PLANNING COORDINATOR

Madison, joining us in July, has a deep-seated passion for all things event planning with previous experience in the athletic space. She believes that every event holds significance and that even the smallest details make a huge impact. In this role, Madison orchestrates Mon Health's most celebrated moments into perfectly planned events. She looks forward to seeing you at our upcoming events as you join in making a difference.

"Life should be one long celebration with nothing more important than the special little milestones in between."



### LAURA MCCALL

#### SENIOR DIRECTOR OF PHILANTHROPY

Laura, who joined us in December, brings extensive experience to the Foundation, working closely with the executive director, developing innovative strategies, and advancing our fundraising goals as Mon Health continues to expand its footprint.

"Fundraising is much more than the monies received. It's about the people and building relationships, aligning priorities, telling stories, and demonstrating impact. It's an exciting time at Mon Health and I'm thrilled to be part of the team."

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# FOUNDATION FIRST FRIDAYS

Friday, November 1, 2024

## Mammos & Massages

Mon Health Medical Center's inaugural Mammos & Massages series included two special days dedicated to breast cancer awareness and self-care.



After their annual mammograms, attendees enjoyed a spread from Baker Cheese, and indulged in relaxing massages provided by Cassie from Triquetra Body, creating the perfect blend of health, wellness, and community support.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORTS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS



### Partners with Mon and Davis Health Systems



During October's Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Mon Health System and Davis Health System partnered with Hope Gas to raise awareness of the critical importance of early detection. By encouraging women to receive potentially life-saving mammograms, the "Here, Hope is Different" campaign promoted proactive health measures that lead to earlier diagnoses, more effective treatments, and better long-term survival rates. To further motivate women, those who received a mammogram during October were gifted a free crossbody bag, reinforcing the message that early action is key to better outcomes.

## Preston Volleyball Teams Join the Fight

On October 9, Central Preston Middle School and South Preston School volleyball teams teamed up to raise \$1,195 for the Mon Health Preston Memorial Hospital Foundation Pink Fund. Each year, high school and middle school sports teams throughout Preston County host Pink Out games to promote awareness of breast cancer and the Pink Fund, which aims to provide free screenings for patients without insurance. PMH staff were on-site to accept the check, promote the importance of screenings, and provide information for attendees.



## Lewis County CEOS Hosts Luncheon

Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital and the Lewis County Community Educational Outreach Service (CEOS) Clubs joined together on October 9th to host the 30th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon to encourage women in the community to learn more about the importance of early detection for breast cancer. Breast cancer survivors Christy Beam and Jamie Clem Breen spoke on their experiences. Jamie stated, "I want to inspire with the hope of health and wellness for my friends, family, and community. People must remain vigilant and receive their yearly screenings and recommended follow-up visits. Early detection saves lives."

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## FALL EVENT UPDATE

**BOTY RAISES \$450,000**

THE MON HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY celebrated its 60th year of the Ball of the Year, raising \$450,000 for our Caring Cottage, a home away from home for our patients and their families. We thank all of our generous sponsors who made this possible.



CHRIS BATTIN receives the Mon Health Community Service Award, named in her honor. This award recognizes her tireless volunteer work at Mon Health and in the community. Thank you Chris!

**CLAY SHOOT RAISES \$40,000**

THE RANDY ROGERS MEMORIAL CLAY SHOOT raised \$40,000 to support Mon Health's greatest needs and UNOS, the United Network for Organ Sharing. Special thanks to:



# 2025 Save the Dates

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## February 1

The Bob Huggins Fish Fry benefits the Norma Mae Huggins Endowment and Oncology across Vandalia Health. Go fishing for details and purchase tickets at [BobHugginsFishFry.org](http://BobHugginsFishFry.org)!



## May 3

The Mon Health Medical Center Auxiliary presents "The Derby", their new event at 4T Arena. It's time to start looking for the perfect hat! Proceeds will support the Mon Health Medical Center.



## July 7

The Bill Hennessey Golf Series continues to be "unbelievable" at Pete Dye and will benefit the Mon Health Medical Center.



## July 26

Celebrate the sport of dragon boat racing at Stonewall Resort this summer! Proceeds support Preston Memorial Hospital and Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital.



## August 4

35 years and still going strong! This is your chance to tee off at Pete Dye. Supporting Mon Health Medical Center, this tournament is always a "classic".



## Fall '25

The former Ball of the Year is transforming! Stay tuned for more details on Mon Health's inaugural signature event.



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