

# FOUNDATION FIRST FRIDAYS

## 01/03/2025

### JANUARY EDITION

## GRATITUDE GIVING MAKES IMPACT



CROSSROADS PROPERTY RESCUE DONATES \$20,000 to support the Caring Cottage project and other programs at Mon Health. John Woods, Crossroads Property Rescue owner, presents his most generous donation to Karen Friggens, Vice President of Physician Services at Mon Health.



"Mon Health has been a lifeline for my family. When Allison and I first opened Crossroads Roads Property Rescue, we faced the challenges of limited income, no health insurance, and the excitement of expecting our first child. Thanks to Mon Health, we received exceptional care at a price we could afford, allowing us to focus on building our dreams while ensuring our family's well-being. It feels amazing to be able to give back to an organization that has had such a positive impact in our community and the Woods family!"

## NEW YEAR, NEW SCHOLARSHIPS!

THE MON HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION HEALTH CAREER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS



Our Health Career Scholarships are available to area students who have chosen to go into selected health care professions and meet scholastic and financial need requirements. Scholarships are valued at \$1,000 annually and can be awarded for up to 4 years or \$4,000 per recipient.

[CLICK TO LEARN MORE AND DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION](#)



## NEW SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF DR. ROGER KING

Dr. Roger King was a vital part of Mon Health for 40 years. He was known not only for his skill and dedication as a surgeon, but for his compassion, commitment and deep sense of responsibility for his patients and the community. In memory of Dr. King, the Foundation is adding a new health career scholarship in 2025 with details forthcoming. The King Scholarship is supported by the generous donations from the King family and all those he impacted in the community.



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**Together, this is how we MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!**

**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)!

**TICKETS NOW LIVE!**



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**Fall '25**

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



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## 02/07/2025

### FEBRUARY EDITION

## BOB HUGGINS FISH FRY

More than 850 attendees enjoyed the February 1st event at Mylan Park, hosted by Hall of Fame Coach Bob Huggins and his family. Golf icon John Daly was the special guest and WVU women's basketball standout, Meg Bulger emceed the night. The event had many surprises with a guest appearance by new WVU Football Coach, Rich Rodriguez and John Daly performing with The Davisson Brothers Band. In its 13th year, the event raises money to support cancer through the Norma Mae Huggins Cancer Endowment, which was established by the Huggins family after their mother died of colon cancer in 2013.

The Huggins family chose to partner with Vandalia Health to help provide cancer care across its seven cancer treatment centers, impacting the entire state of West Virginia. The event also supports Remember the Miners and the Mining Extension Program. Special thanks to Little General Stores, the Huggins family, and the many generous donors for making this incredible event possible.



## INFUSION PATIENTS FEEL THE DIFFERENCE

Sitting in heated, massage chairs isn't just for the spa. Vandalia Health, in partnership with the Norma Mae Huggins Cancer Endowment, utilized the proceeds from the 2024 Bob Huggins Fish Fry to ensure our infusion patients are the most comfortable they can be during treatment.

Patients were expressing discomfort with the aging infusion recliners, as treatment requires them to sit in for several hours. A total of 44 recliners were recently delivered to Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital Infusion Center, Mon Health Medical Center Infusion Center, Davis Medical Center Cancer Care Center, and CAMC Cancer Center-Beckley, providing infusion patients with a more comforting experience.



*I didn't know it was possible to receive an infusion and feel like you were sitting in a chair at a spa. The difference in the comfort of the new infusion chairs is amazing. I and many others are incredibly grateful to Mr. Huggins and his family that they have provided this for the infusion patients.*

*Anonymous, Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital Infusion Patient*

This exemplifies how community donations are imperative to providing our patients with the best quality of care. Regan Siko, Mon Health and Davis Health Oncology Service Line Director stated,

*"We are deeply grateful for the generous donation that has made it possible to provide state-of-the-art infusion chairs with heat and massage features for our cancer patients. These chairs offer not only comfort and support during long treatment sessions but also a sense of relief and care that greatly enhances the patient experience. This donation truly exemplifies the difference that compassionate giving can make in improving the quality of life for those undergoing cancer treatment. On behalf of our patients and staff, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Huggins family and their supporters of the Norma Mae Huggins Cancer Endowment, who contributed to this meaningful initiative."*

**2025 EVENTS**



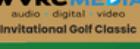
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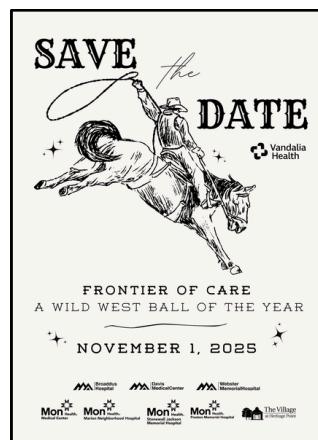
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## BALL OF THE YEAR 2025

The Frontier of Care: A Wild West Ball of the Year 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 EVENTS

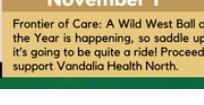
## BOB HUGGINS FISH FRY UPDATE



Vandalia Health proudly announced the installation of new state-of-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.

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## 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."

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## THE DERBY

Join us May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4T Arena in Bridgeport for THE DERBY, Mon Health Medical Center Auxiliary's new signature event where southern charm will meet fast-paced action. Your ticket grants you access to an afternoon of racing action and upscale entertainment including live Kentucky Derby streaming, whiskey tasting, southern inspired treats, live entertainment and more. Every moment supports Mon Health Medical Center, so it's time to dust off your derby hats, and get ready to sip, socialize, and cheer for a great cause!

Tickets are only \$100 and can be purchased here: [www.monhealth.com/thederby](http://www.monhealth.com/thederby)



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## FIRST CARING COTTAGE AVAILABLE SOON

Mon Health is working with Buckhorn Builders, a modular home builder, to create a small format cottage community that is scalable to trend with volumes for patients and families who are in unfortunate times of stress and financial instability. This will allow for a "home away from home" for those going through treatment/procedures, but also families who are under great duress from a loved one's hospitalization. Our new patient/family stay houses are progressing towards reality, with the first one on track to be available this summer. The cottages, which will be situated on Mon Health Medical Center's campus, will offer a welcoming environment and allow families to remain close to their loved ones throughout their medical journeys.

**CARING COTTAGE  
COMING SUMMER 2025**



The Caring Cottage project would not be possible without all of our generous donors. With the bulk of the funding coming from the 2023 and 2024 Ball of Year proceeds, a special thanks goes to the Mon Health Medical Center Auxiliary for choosing to support this project, all those who supported the Ball, and our community donors. You certainly have made a difference.

*We thank you, and most importantly,  
our patients thank you!*

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## CELEBRATING NURSES WEEK MAY 6-12

# SHARE YOUR STORY



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Andrew Starsick, RN, Cath Lab

Nurses are the heart and soul of Mon Health, and each year we take time to recognize their hard work, sacrifices, and compassionate care as we celebrate Nurses Week beginning May 6th.

Share how a special nurse provided you or a loved one with outstanding care through your grateful patient story. If you would like to celebrate your nurse and nurse's week by purchasing a star that will be displayed system-wide, please visit the link or scan the QR code. Proceeds support nursing programs.

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## DRAGON BOAT RACING AT STONEWALL RESORT - JULY 26

Vandalia Health is excited to bring a Dragon Boat Festival to our great mountain state this summer at Stonewall Resort on July 26. Dragon Boat Racing is one of the fastest growing team sports in the world with nearly 50 million people competing worldwide. This unique event brings together multiple communities to build team spirit, celebrate community, and allow people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds to compete. Proceeds support clinical expansions at Vandalia Health's Preston Memorial Hospital and Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital.



For more information about the Dragon Boat Festival or to explore sponsorship opportunities, contact Laura McCall, Senior Director of Philanthropy:

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## CARING COTTAGE ARRIVES

We are excited to announce our first Caring Cottage is on site! While interior preparations are still underway, we expect to have it available soon. The Caring Cottage will serve as a home-way-from-home for our patients and families who are in unfortunate times of stress and financial instability.



## WHAT DO I WEAR?

### A WILD WEST BALL OF THE YEAR STYLE GUIDE

The Ball of the Year continues to be a classic Black-Tie affair, but we are leaning toward the fun side of formal. This year, we're adding a bold twist: a western flair. Think Yellowstone meets Bougie Texas as you plan your look. Not sure where to start? See our inspirations below. And don't worry if you're missing a cowboy hat, as our custom hat bar will be open the night of the event for anyone looking to create something new or add to their collection.

**WILD WEST BALL OF THE YEAR STYLE GUIDE**



**Bolo Tie**



**Your Best Boots**



**Cowboy Hat**



**Belt Buckle**



**Just Do You**

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The 5th Annual Rogers Clay Shoot at Stonewall Sporting Clays will benefit the Organ Donor Wall at the new Mon Harrison Neighborhood Hospital.



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## GOLF CLASSIC SOLD OUT!

The WVRC MEDIA GOLF CLASSIC on July 7<sup>th</sup> at Pete Dye is sold out for the second year in a row. We would like to thank our community of vendors who come together each July to have some fun at Pete Dye and support Mon Health. This year's proceeds will benefit the P3 Progressing through Postpartum Program.

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## HEALTH CAREER SCHOLARSHIPS



The Mon Health Medical Center Foundation has awarded 53 health career scholarships to area students for the 2025/26 school term with a total value of \$59,000. We currently have 18 named scholarships that are supported through endowed funds and community donations.

You can find out more about the students in our "Venture Further" series on Facebook where we are highlighting the 20 new recipients throughout the summer. Each recipient has impressive goals and unique personalities. If you see someone you know, be sure like and share.

**WISHING YOU A FUN AND SAFE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY WEEKEND!**  
**MAKING THE DIFFERENCE TOGETHER**



## LAST CALL!

### DRAGON BOAT RACING

**July 26**



Stonewall Resort

Supports Preston and Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospitals

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**August 4**

Pete Dye Golf Club

Supporting P3

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## DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL RAISES \$70,000

The inaugural Vandalia Health Dragon Boat Festival at Stonewall Resort on July 26<sup>th</sup> made a big splash, raising over \$70,000 in support of clinical expansions at Vandalia Health Preston Memorial and Vandalia Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospitals. With over 300 attendees, the day was filled with energy, teamwork, and purpose. Congratulations to our top finishers:

- 1st Place - The Union Current sponsored by the North Central WV Building & Construction Trades Council
- 2nd Place - Knot your Average Crew sponsored by Health Carousel
- 3rd Place - Biceps and Bikinis sponsored by Grafton City Hospital
- Team Spirit Award - I.V. League sponsored by Medical Staffing Solutions, Inc. (MSSI)

A special shoutout to Dynamic Dragon Boat Racing for their expertise and guiding us through this unique sporting event. We are deeply grateful to every paddler, volunteer, sponsor, and supporter who helped make this a success. Together, we are building stronger, healthier communities across North Central West Virginia.



## SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR EVENT SPONSORS & PARTICIPANTS YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

**\$90,000**

### WVRC MEDIA GOLF CLASSIC

This sold-out tournament raised over \$90,000 to support our Progressing through Postpartum (P3) Program.

**\$105,000**

### DELYNN MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC

Also supporting the P3 Program, this tournament is on course to raise over \$100,000 for the 3rd year in row.

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Proceeds from this 5<sup>th</sup> annual event supports the Organ Donor Wall project at the upcoming Mon Harrison Neighborhood Hospital.

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### WILD WEST BALL OF THE YEAR

Now selling sponsorships! Please contact Luella Gunter or Laura McCall: Luella.Gunter@VandaliaHealth.org - Laura.McCall@VandaliaHealth.org

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## YOUR SPONSORSHIPS AT WORK

### BALL OF THE YEAR SPONSORSHIPS SELLING FAST



There's a new Sheriff in town...

The Vandalia Health Ball of the Year – "Frontier of Care: A Wild West Ball of the Year" on November 1<sup>st</sup> promises to be an unforgettable night honoring our generous community and dedicated employees. Proceeds will benefit all hospitals within Vandalia Health's northern region, or you may choose your local hospital, keeping your support close to home.

We extend enormous thanks to the Mon Health Medical Center Auxiliary for 60 years of laying the groundwork and supporting us with over \$5 million in donations, with a majority stemming from Ball of the Year proceeds.

Sponsored tables are selling fast, so we encourage you to reserve now for the best seating. Let's celebrate!

**Contact Laura McCall to secure your table at this highly anticipated event!**

**304-285-2289 - [Laura.McCall@VandaliaHealth.org](mailto:Laura.McCall@VandaliaHealth.org)**

### GOLF CLASSICS SUPPORT NEW MOTHERS AND FAMILIES



The 2025 WVRC Media Golf Classic and DeLynn Memorial Golf Classic raised \$203,500 to support the Progressing through Postpartum (P3) Program.

One in 5 mothers and one in 10 partners experience a perinatal mood disorder such as depression and anxiety during pregnancy and up to a year after giving birth. The P3 program combats these statistics by offering postpartum support services to new families. With screening, early detection, and management of symptoms, we can provide continuous support throughout their journey. And with the addition of Moodr Health, a secure messaging platform, the impact has been substantial with a 43% improvement in mood and anxiety disorder scores.

The Mon Health Medical Center Auxiliary seeded this program in 2019, and again in 2021, with proceeds from the Ball of the Year.

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### PRESTON CELEBRATES 70 YEARS



Vandalia Health Mon Preston Memorial Hospital celebrated 70 years at the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Buckwheat Festival in Kingwood, honoring our long-standing history in the community. Participation included an anniversary float and artifacts display that won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the educational exhibits, and included renderings of the new addition for the Oncology and Infusion Center slated to open in 2026.

### P3 TAILGATES AT THE BRAWL

Mon Health OB/GYN raised awareness and support for the Progressing through Postpartum (P3) program during the Backyard Brawl on September 13<sup>th</sup>. The P3 staff accepted donations while providing information on this valuable program that supports new families as they begin their journey into parenthood, with one father stating, "This program made us both feel less alone and showed us how to get through it together." P3 is a game changer for all parents in need of support. Special thanks to Sweet P's Barbeque for tailgating with us at Mon Health Medical Park and donating a portion of their proceeds to the P3 program. To learn more, call Mon Health OB/GYN at 304-598-5811.



Only 4 weeks until the Wild West Ball of the Year! Contact Laura McCall to secure your spot on November 1st. 304-285-2289



You're invited to the 2026 Bob Huggins Fish Fry on January 30th at Mylan Park! It's the perfect way to kick off the weekend before cheering on the Mountaineers as they take on Baylor at home on the 31st. We look forward to seeing you again this year, and coming together to support cancer patients across West Virginia.

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## WILD WEST BALL OF THE YEAR - SHOWDOWN!

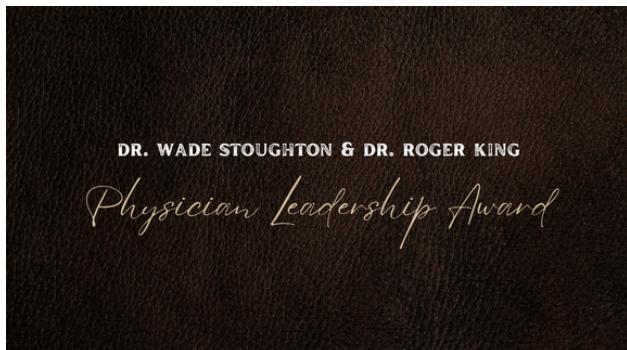
The 2025 Vandalia Health Ball of the Year raised nearly \$500,000 bringing together 700 guests for an unforgettable evening filled with Western charm, cowboy hats, and a generous spirit of giving. From the saloon-style décor to the rustic chic ensembles, guests fully embraced the theme and helped make this inaugural event one to remember. The evening featured live entertainment, a frontier-inspired meal, and an atmosphere of celebration as our community came together to support patient care across the Vandalia Health northern region.

We are deeply grateful to every sponsor and donor for their generous support. We also extend a heartfelt thanks to our vendors and volunteers whose creativity brought this event to life and helped make it possible.



### Honoring Excellence in Care and Community

This year's Ball celebrated 23 outstanding individuals whose dedication extends far beyond the walls of our hospitals. Twenty-one physicians were recognized for their excellence in patient care, innovation, and leadership across the Vandalia Health northern region. In addition, Julia Spelsburg and Kim Liston were honored with the Chris Battin Community Service Award, recognizing colleagues whose compassion and service exemplify the true spirit of giving back.



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## (On Tuesday ☺)

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## GRATEFUL FOR YOU THIS GIVING TUESDAY

As we move through this season of gratitude, we're reminded of the powerful impact philanthropy has across Mon Health and the Vandalia Health Northern Region. Every day, patients and families feel the difference – from compassionate programs and advanced technology to transportation support, comfort items, and healing environments.

Today is Giving Tuesday, a global day dedicated to doing good. It's a moment for our community to come together in support of the programs and services that mean the most to them – from mental health and wellness to patient comfort, access to care, and family support.

Thank you for the support you've already shown this year. If you're considering a Giving Tuesday or year-end gift, your generosity helps provide care and comfort where it's needed most, right here at home.

Thank you for keeping philanthropy at the heart of our healing mission. [MonHealth.com/Donate](https://MonHealth.com/Donate)

## BOB HUGGINS FISH FRY - JANUARY 30TH

Vandalia Health is proud to partner with the Norma Mae Huggins Cancer Endowment for another year of fighting cancer across West Virginia. Our partnership has already made a big difference for our cancer patients. With your support, we've purchased 44 state-of-the-art infusion chairs, enhancing comfort and care for thousands of patients receiving treatment across our system. We have also secured new SRS (stereotactic radiosurgery) equipment which is used as a non-invasive radiation therapy that precisely targets and destroys tumors.

These investments have expanded access to advanced, targeted cancer treatment close to home and reflect the heart of our mission and the heart of this event. We thank those who have been a part of the journey so far, and we look forward to another great year!

FROM THE COURT TO THE END ZONE - CHAMPIONS JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER



The Bob Huggins Fish Fry has become a cherished tradition because it does more than entertain, it helps change lives, and we're coming back to Mylan Park with another iconic line-up. This year, we bring together basketball legend Clark Kellogg, NFL fan favorite Merril Hoge, emcee Amanda Mazey, and a powerful performance by the Philip Bowen Band, all rallying behind the people we serve. When we all team up, cancer doesn't stand a chance!

**Sponsorships, Tables, and Tickets Now Available: [BobHugginsFishFry.org](https://BobHugginsFishFry.org)**



# Send a Letter from Santa

PROCEEDS BENEFIT PRESTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

We're excited to share that the Preston Memorial Hospital Foundation is launching a festive holiday fundraiser, Letters from Santa! For a \$20 donation, families can request a personalized letter from Santa for their child, grandchild, or loved one. All proceeds will support the Preston Memorial Foundation's ongoing efforts to enhance patient care and community health programs. Orders accepted through December 12th, and letters will be mailed by December 15th.

**Click the mitten to get started!**

## GROWING IN CARE ACROSS MONONGALIA AND PRESTON COUNTIES

### Beam Signing at Preston

On December 19, we'll begin the day with a morning beam signing at Preston Memorial Hospital, marking an exciting milestone in the hospital's clinical expansion project. Staff, community members, and partners are invited to add their names and well-wishes to the final beam before it's placed – a symbolic moment celebrating growth, progress, and expanded access to care for the communities we serve.



### Home for the Holidays: Caring Cottage Dedication

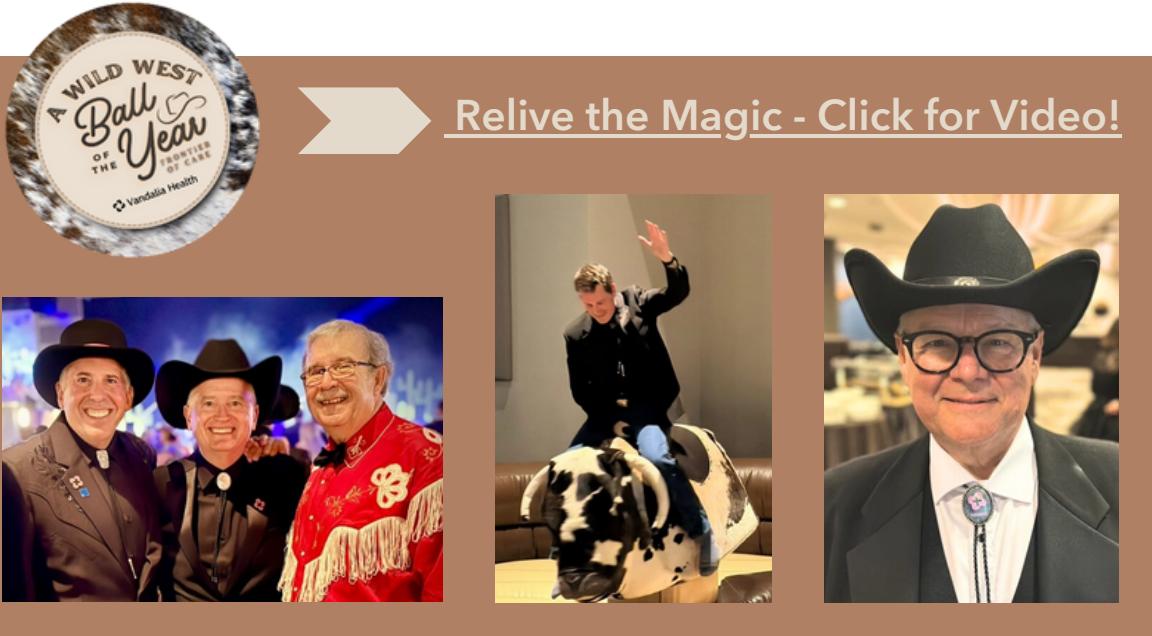
Next, we move to Mon Medical Center where we will officially dedicate our Vandalia Health Caring Cottages, a comforting "home away from home" for patients and families who need a peaceful place to stay during their medical care. As part of our Home for the Holidays celebration, we'll open the doors of this beautiful space to the community that helped make it possible. Guests will enjoy holiday treats, warm drinks, and a first look at how this cottage will support families during some of their most challenging moments. This special ribbon-cutting ceremony is a chance to recognize the generosity and partnership that brought the Caring Cottages to life. We look forward to celebrating with our donors, community members, and local leaders as we welcome families home for the holidays.

**TOGETHER, WE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!**



Celebrating Moments that Matter - Thank you for joining us in celebrating the Vandalia Health Wild West Ball of the Year. We are proud to be your "Frontier of Care", where quality, community, and compassion come together for all those we serve, one person at a time.

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**NEXT UP!**  
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