

FIRST FRIDAYS

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2026 Bob Huggins Fish Fry Recap



The 2026 Bob Huggins Fish Fry was an unforgettable evening of community, tradition, and purpose—bringing together nearly 700 supporters from across the state to celebrate a shared commitment to improving cancer care across all of Vandalia Health.

Hosted by Hall of Fame coach Bob Huggins with special guests Clark Kellogg and Merrill Hoge, this year's Fish Fry once again blended the familiar warmth of a beloved annual tradition with the powerful impact of philanthropy.

Guests gathered to enjoy the signature fried fish, meaningful conversation, a lively atmosphere, and a performance from West Virginia Native Philip Bowen, all while rallying behind a cause that touches countless families throughout Vandalia Health's service area.

Beyond the camaraderie and celebration, the heart of the evening remained firmly rooted in giving back. The Fish Fry continues to serve as a cornerstone fundraising event, helping to advance critical programs, services, and initiatives that strengthen patient care and support those who need it most. Because of the generosity of everyone that attended, donated, and continues to support this beloved event, this year we were able to raise \$500,000. Thank you again for all that you do. We look forward to seeing everyone next year!



Over the past three years of our partnership, the Norma Mae Huggins Endowment has raised more \$1.8 Million to support cancer care at Vandalia Health.

Honoring Norma Mae Huggins

This year's event also carried special significance as we honored the enduring legacy of family, compassion, and care that defines both the Huggins Family and the mission of Vandalia Health.

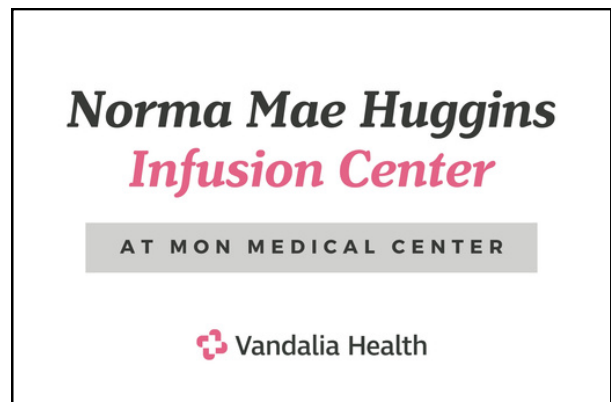
A particularly meaningful moment of the evening was the recognition of Vandalia Health's decision to name the Infusion Center at Mon Medical Center in honor of Coach Huggins's mother, Norma Mae Huggins who lost her battle with colon cancer in 2003.



This tribute serves as a lasting reminder that philanthropy is deeply personal. Every gift, every gathering, and every named space represents lives touched and stories remembered, ensuring that care extends beyond medicine to the connections that make healing possible.



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Plaque Rendering

Thank you to the Huggins Family, the Norma Mae Endowment Fund, and Little General for their continued partnership with Vandalia Health and all that they do to support cancer care in West Virginia.



*Mon Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital Team
at the Fish Fry*

Executive Director of Philanthropy Vandalia Health North

Laura McCall has been named Executive Director of Philanthropy for Vandalia Health North. She brings more than 25 years of experience in healthcare and higher education philanthropy and has spent the past two years serving donors and advancing patient care at the Vandalia Health Mon Medical Center Foundation. In this expanded role, Laura will focus on aligning donor generosity with local needs to ensure philanthropy continues to make a meaningful difference for patients and families.



February is Heart Health Month



HEART HEALTH = HEART HAPPY: For patients like Amy Fry, this is more than a phrase - it's the result of compassionate, coordinated care. Amy's heart health journey began in 2012 at Vandalia Health Mon Heart and Vascular Center and lasted several years. During that time, she experienced nearly every aspect of advanced cardiac care including imaging, catheterization, electrophysiology, open heart surgery, time in the CCU and ICU, and rehabilitation.

Through it all, what stands out most to Amy is not just the medical expertise, but the deeply personal way her care was delivered. She still remembers the many nurses, physicians, and staff by name. During some of the hardest moments of her life, they made her feel seen, supported, and never alone.

Thanks to the care she received, Amy is back to doing what she loves: hitting the slopes at Canaan Valley. Stories like Amy's are possible thanks to the generosity of donors like you. Your support helps ensure that patients facing heart and vascular conditions receive not only advanced medical care, but also the compassion, kindness, and connection that make healing possible.



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