

WCCS HOLDS "GIVING THANKS" LUNCHEON

WCCS hosted its first Annual "Giving Thanks Luncheon" on Friday, November 15 at Miami Valley Gaming with over 200 guests in attendance. This luncheon replaces past Evening Affair Galas held on Saturday evenings.

The event's program included Linda Oda, WCCS Board of Trustees President; Martin Hubbell, President Elect; and Aaron Reid, WCCS CEO explaining the new Strategic Alliance

between WCCS and United Way of Warren County to benefit WCCS and the community. Amy Houpey, WCCS Food Service Director, followed explaining the WCCS Nutrition Program and Shannon Jones, Warren County Commissioner, shared the importance of Early Childhood Education.

Special thanks to Romar Management as the Presenting Sponsor, Platinum Sponsor Miami

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Below Left picture: Romar Management staff, Center picture: L to R: Senator Steve Wilson, Marsha Hash, Miami Valley Gaming, and Aaron Reid, WCCS CEO.



Adult New Readers honors volunteers with luncheon

Adult New Reader (ANR) tutors and non-tutoring volunteers were honored at an Appreciation Luncheon held Thursday, September 26 at Phillippi Hall, Otterbein.

This annual luncheon provides an opportunity for tutors to meet each other and compare tutoring techniques. In addition to ANR Advisory Council members, several WCCS programs were represented with their staff in attendance. The event included delicious food catered by Otterbein, door prizes, and lots of gratitude. Congratulations to

Mimi McCain for receiving the Victor C. Feinauer Tutor of the Year Award. Mimi has been tutoring for 19 years.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and contributed to make the banquet a success.





Substance Misuse Advisory Council hosted by Early Learning Centers

The Early Learning Centers (ELC) management team attended a Head Start Regional Conference in Chicago earlier this year to learn about new strategies for addressing the Opioid Crisis in our communities.

After attending this conference, the team created an action plan with strategies to better meet the needs of families in the ELC program who are facing the challenges and stigma of substance misuse. The strategies include providing training for all staff on de-stigmatizing substance misuse, training staff to use NARCAN in case of an overdose, forming connec-

tions with local maternity hospitals and emergency rooms to seek referrals to Head Start, and creating a Substance Misuse Advisory Council to build community connections and learn about additional resources for families.

On October 23, the ELC management team hosted the first Advisory Council meeting. It was attended by representatives from Beech Acres, Talbert House, Warren County Health District, Warren County Grants Administration, and Governor DeWine's Recovery Ohio office. Attendees shared



resources and discussed ways to improve the programs referral system with a "warm hand-off" to help connect families to needed services. The stigma of substance misuse results in lack of treatment and more overdose deaths. More state funding will be available to better coordinate services and to provide more child protection services when children are removed from their homes.

Carol Baden from the Governor's Office presented ELC with a certificate signed by Governor DeWine, recognizing the programs work of bringing community partners together to improve the lives of children who are affected by substance misuse.

ELC Health & Wellness Center opens in Franklin



WCCS Early Learning Centers (ELC) are operating a Health and Wellness Center on Conover Drive in Franklin adjacent to Centerpoint Health Care.

The center is staffed by Health Manager, Melissa Tucker, RN, and Health Assistant, Missy Leach, who can provide screenings for children, maintain health records, and transport parents and children to other health appointments with our agency van as needed. Operations Manager, Kim Cassidy, and Disabilities Manager, Diana Shope, are also housed at the site.

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WCCS has new CEO and a partnership with United Way of Warren County



WCCS has partnered with United Way of Warren County (UWWC) to share a CEO. As of August 1, in addition to leading UWWC, Aaron Reid is the CEO of WCCS.

UWWC has been transforming the traditional United Way model into one focused on building partnerships to solve community problems and create economic impact at the same time. Reid says, “Both organi-

zations exist to help people in Warren County lead better, more productive lives. However, when we do it in isolation of each other, we waste capacity to perform at the highest levels. It is an honor to be thought of for such a unique position.”

Both organizations are involved in school readiness, workforce, basic and emergency needs, and health for all ages – among many other things. This new Strategic Alliance will help WCCS expand the scale of programs in these areas. Reid stated, “This is a new way of operating in the non-profit world. There is so much opportunity to be more effective and drive real, measurable outcomes. WCCS and UWWC, working together, can accomplish some great things for Warren County.”

Preparing for winter weather



Ohio winter weather is here. The Ohio Department of Aging and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency remind older

Ohioans and their families that preparation is key and older adults may have special considerations as they get ready for another Ohio winter.

It is important to have a plan that will allow you to remain in place for at least three days should you be unable to leave your home due to weather conditions or other emergencies. Items to include: battery-operated radio, flashlight, & extra batteries; loud horn, whistle, or bell to signal for help; food you can open and prepare easily; a gallon of water per person, per day; extra blankets; and a first-aid kit. Lastly, have a small bag packed with essential supplies in case you need to leave your home.

Older adults may want to consider other steps to ensure you have what you need in an emergency, such as:

- Spare set of glasses & extra hearing aid batteries
- Backup supply of medications
- Assistive equipment, like canes, walkers, oxygen tanks, etc.
- Ask a family member or friend to contact you in case you are in an emergency

In addition, take special care during wintry conditions to prevent falls:

- * Wear shoes and boots that fit properly & have good traction
- * Slow down & give yourself extra time
- * Watch for tripping hazards in your home
- * Don't try to walk in more than an inch of snow
- * Watch for slippery surfaces ahead of you
- * When in doubt ask for help

For more information visit www.aging.ohio.gov/safeathome

Are you looking for quality Child Care?

Or is someone you know?

With 90% of brain development taking place before the age of six, where your precious little ones spend their time makes all the difference.

WCCS Early Learning Center can help.

Call 513-695-2215 or visit www.wccsi.org.



Donation received from Home Depot Foundation



WCCS Meals on Wheels program received a \$1000 scholarship from the Home Depot Foundation.

This scholarship was used to offset the cost of attending the 2019 Meals on Wheels Annual Conference and Expo. Food Service Director, Amy Houpey, attended the conference in Dallas, Texas this past August. The purpose of the scholarship was to create an opportunity to support continued learning and innova-

tion around safety programs within our network.

In addition, The Home Depot Foundation sponsored an Advanced Data and In-Home Safety Practice Workshop that Amy Houpey had the opportunity to attend in September. This workshop covered in-home safety and Design Thinking. The \$500.00 sponsorship covered the cost of the workshop as well as travel expenses.

Thank you, Home Depot, for your continued support to Meals on



Wheels America.

Pictured above L to R: Linda Oda, Amy Houpey, Richard Jones, Todd Thomas, Dennis Pelletier, Bruce Johnsonbaugh and Tom Ariss.



A generous donation



The Men's Club from Heritage at Miami Bluff's in Mason holds an annual fundraiser that assists with the Meals on Wheels program and WCCS.



This year the Club donated an all time high of \$3,000 for Meals on Wheels and \$3,500 for WCCS. A big "Thank You" goes out to everyone that took part in this fundraiser and to the Heritage at Miami Bluff's Men's Club.

Welcome new ANR tutors

A training session for Adult New Reader tutors was held Friday, Oct. 31 at the 741 Center. As soon as their paperwork is processed, the new tutors will be busy working with students one-on-one to help them achieve their goals.

In addition to a common goal of improving their literacy, each student has specific personal goals that are meaningful and relevant in their lives. These personal goals fall in the categories of Job and Job Advancement Preparation, Family Literacy,

Financial Literacy, Communicating Better with People, and Functioning Better as an Independent Adult.

Pictured are new tutors 1 to 9, (back row) Peter Kurtz, Lois Jones, Karen Ray and (front row) Sue Neeb, Tammy Namaau, Stacy Weis, and Ginger Bartlam. Thanks to Dolcee Hoffman, Maureen Watson, Teena Baldrige, Judy Scott, Donna Walters, and David Geiger for helping ANR Director, Barbara Geiger, conduct the workshop.



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 Our winter season is November 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020
 You can contact us at **1.866.747.1042** or <https://capappointments.com>

Household Size	Annual Income
1	\$21,857.50
2	\$29,592.50

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News from the Social Security Administration

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for nearly 69 million Americans will increase 1.6 percent in 2020.

The 1.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in Social Security will begin in January 2020. Increased benefits to SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 31, 2019.

The maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax will increase to \$137,700.

The earnings limit for workers who are younger than "full"

retirement age will increase to \$18,240. (Social Security Administration deducts \$1 from benefits for each \$2 earned over \$18,240.)

The earnings limit for people turning 66 in 2020 will increase to \$48,600. (Social Security Administration deducts \$1 from benefits for each \$3 earned over \$48,600 until the month the worker turns age 66.)

There is no limit on earnings for workers who are "full" retirement age or older for the entire year. Please go to <https://www.ssa.gov/cola/> to read the article and for more information.



WCCS is on TV

Watch

Feelin' Good!

The show airs the 2nd and 3rd week of the month at 8:00am, 1:00pm and 8:30pm on Lebanon Cable Channel 6.

Or watch at www.wccsi.org On Demand or on YouTube

Feelin' Good is a collaboration of TV 6 and WCCS.





Head Start students are no strangers to interesting visitors

Carlisle Early Learning Center invited some local community partners to visit with the children and teach them about health and safety this fall.

Chief of Police Whitman, visited all the classrooms and talked about how to stay safe. The Fire Department brought their fire truck and showed the children all their protective gear. The children watched as they put on all their gear and equipment, and the

firefighters explained that even though they looked and sounded scary, if they were ever in a fire, a firefighter was there to rescue them.

The children also had a visit from the local librarian who read them stories, and Mr. Tim Crossman, the nutrition educator with SNAP, who taught the children about healthy foods and made fruit smoothies with them! Yum-yum!



VOLUNTEER - Then ask a Friend



Help share YOUR volunteer spirit with your friends and neighbors by asking them to volunteer with you. Call RSVP and we will be happy to find a unique opportunity to match the skills and interests of you both. RSVP recruits individuals 55 and over to volunteer in non-profit organizations in Warren County. You may call RSVP at 513-695-2252 to make a difference.

East Ridge Homework Club needs volunteers to help one child at a time become a productive, successful adult. Caring adults help 1st through 12th grade students with their school work daily after school. This may include utilizing computers with internet access and materials to complete their school projects.

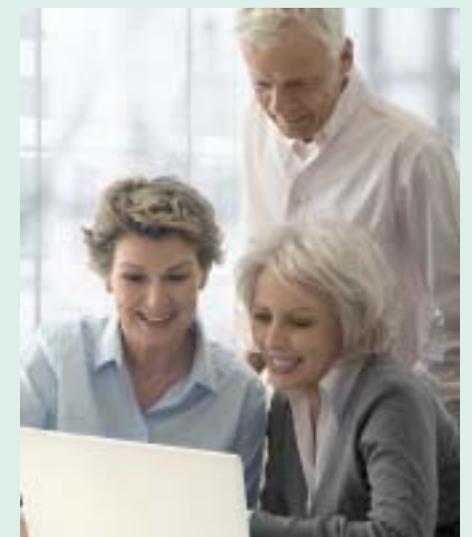
The Warren County Genealogical Society and Resource Center is staffed entirely by vol-

unteers. They have many ways to help from once a month to once a week. Meet and network with others who share your passion for genealogy.

Atrium Medical Center has 200+ active volunteers but more are needed. Many activities are available including: driving a golf cart for valet, delivering mail, helping in various departments, discharging patients, answering phones, greeting patients, patient flow, filing, running errands, and more.

Bowman Primary School in Lebanon needs kindergarten, first, and second grade reading tutors. Many children this age need extra attention and support beyond what the classroom teacher can provide. So share the joy of reading and reap the rewards.

Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties Gardening, Visitor, Licensed Hair Stylist, Maintenance Assistant, Office Assistant, Receptionist, Respite Care Giver, Baker, Crafter. All are needed at Hospice.





741 CENTER TRIPS 2020

Call Joe Ramos-Provident Travel, for information & reservations at (513)763-3080, (800)989-8900 or email: jramos@providenttravel.com



Palm Springs, California

February 15-21, 2020

Our entire five night stay is Palm Springs Resort & Spa located right in the heart of downtown. You'll be just steps from

famed Palm Canyon Drive, where there are dozens of shops, restaurants and entertainment venues. We'll tour with a local guide, see movie star's



homes and learn about the history and geology of the Coachella Valley. We also tour Joshua Tree National Park and ride on the spectacular Palm Springs Aerial Tramway. \$1,899 per person double occupancy.

Mardi Gras Mystery

February 24-25, 2020

Please join us on our 2nd annual Mardi Gras Mystery! The theme is entertainment. You'll have two entertainment venues and an exotic animal encounter. Wear your favorite costume. It will be great fun! \$399 per person double occupancy.

St. Augustine, FL & The Golden Isles of Georgia

February 27-March 3, 2020

Historic St. Augustine is the oldest European settlement in the US. At the Golden Isles we'll tour the Rockefeller mansion and have lunch in the famed



Clubhouse. You'll enjoy trolley tours, a light-house tour and visit the Georgia Sea Turtle Center. \$1,299 per person double occupancy.

The Greenbrier – America's Resort

March 22-24, 2020

Experience one of America's most opulent resorts. The Greenbrier combines world-class service, amenities, and unique experiences with personalized attention. You'll

enjoy two breakfast buffets, two exceptional 4-course dinners, Afternoon Tea, and have time to enjoy the resort's unlimited amount



of activities. \$969 per person double.

Washington D.C.

Cherry Blossom Festival

April 2-5, 2020

Our nation's capital is spectacular when millions of Cherry Blossoms bloom. We'll tour the city with a local guide and see the grand Cherry Blossom Parade from reserved grand stand seats. On the tram tour of Arlington National Cemetery you'll experience the touching "Changing of the Guard" ceremony. \$769 per person double.

Virginia International Tattoo with Monticello & Colonial Williamsburg

April 30-May 3, 2020

The fantastic Virginia International Tattoo is the largest spectacle of music and might in the US! It offers military music, majestic massed pipes, drill team maneuvers, colorful and elegant dancers! You will also enjoy visits to Thomas Jefferson's home – Monticello and Colonial Williamsburg. \$899 per person double.



Tulip Time Festival, Holland, MI

May 5-7, 2020

Holland, MI will be celebrating Tulip Time. The stars of the festival are over five million magnificent tulips! You'll enjoy

colorful parades; two great evening shows with pre-show dinners; a tour of the Tulip Lanes and a visit to a tulip farm. \$637 per person double occupancy.



Gems of Iceland with Whale Watching

July 18-24, 2020

Iceland is known for natural wonders. On this guided tour you will see glaciers, active volcanoes, black sand beaches, geothermal areas, roaring rivers, majestic waterfalls, beautiful lakes, and more. \$4,479 per person double occupancy

The Grand Canyon and Arizona

September 15-22, 2020

Spend two nights on the south rim of the Grand Canyon and tour Oak Creek Canyon in mysterious Sedona. Spend two nights at Lake Powell and cruise on the vast man-made lake. Sightsee in Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park and top it off with a stay in Las Vegas! \$3,200 per person double occupancy.

741 CENTER Weekly Activities

Monday

SilverSneakers Fitness Class	9:00 - 9:50
SilverSneakers Fitness Class	11:00-11:50
Veteran's Club (Last Mon. of Month)	11:00-12:00
Bingo for Prizes (Last Mon. of Month)	1:00 - 3:00

Tuesday

CIN Assoc. Blind & Visually Impaired	9:00
<i>(Usually 2nd Tue, by Appt. only 1-888-687-3935)</i>	
Dance to Fitness	9:00-10:00
Yarn Weavers (crochet/knit class)	10:00-12:00
Texas Hold Em	12:30 - 3:00
Bunco (1st & 3rd Tues.)	12:30 - 2:00

Wednesday

SilverSneakers Fitness Class	9:00 - 9:50
Writer's Workshop (1st & 3rd Wed)	10:00-12:00
SilverSneakers Fitness Class	11:00-11:50
Food for Thought Bible Study	12:30 - 1:45
Euchre	12:30 - 3:30
Mahjong	12:30 - 3:30
History Revisted (1st Wed.)	1:00 - 3:00

Thursday

Loving Hands Crafts (3 rd Thurs)	10:00-12:00
Craft Club	10:00-12:00
Bingo (every Thursday)	1:00 - 3:00

Friday

SilverSneakers Fitness Class	9:00 - 9:50
Travel Day Lunch Trips	10:30 - ??
SilverSneakers Fitness Class	11:00-11:50
Texas Hold Em	12:30 - 3:00
Bridge (Rubber)	12:30 - 3:00
Wheeler Dealer Square Dance	7:00 - 9:00
<i>(2nd & 4th Fri.)</i>	



Look

for new and exciting things in 2020!

Including

Movie Days,

Men's Breakfast Club,

Exerchi,

Matter of Balance

and Diabetes Workshops

CENTER MEMBERSHIPS
due
JANUARY 2020



THE 741 CENTER Calendar of Events 2020

All activities are held at The 741 Center, unless otherwise indicated. Monthly calendars are available at the 741 Center or for download on the WCCS website at <http://www.wccsi.org>. Programs are subject to change, cancellation and new ones may start after SOS printing. **For reservations or information call Laura at (513) 695-2239. Call for lunch reservations before 10:30 AM the day before at (513) 695-2257.**

If you are not a member of The 741 Center and attend our programs on a regular basis, please support your center with a membership for only \$20. Memberships under age 60 is \$30. Check the Monthly Calendar as Birthday/Anniversary days and dates will be changing so a more varied group can celebrate! You must be 60 & older to travel on our Friday Day trips with 741. *This does not apply to Provident Travel Trips. They are not a part of 741 Center.*
 ***Stay tuned as Matter of Balance and Diabetes classes will begin in early 2020...

Stay tuned for two new upcoming monthly events **MOVIE DAY** with popcorn and drinks provided and **MENS BREAKFAST CLUB!** Watch the calendar for dates!

January

- Jan 1 **Center is closed for New Year's Day** 
- Jan 7 **Dance to Fitness - 9:00 AM** Every Tuesday of every month dance your way to fitness and have a lot of fun. Upbeat & fast paced. Call for details? (formerly called Zumba Gold)
- Jan 8 **History Revisited - 1:00 PM** This class, held the first Wed. of each month, is a class you won't want to miss if you love history.
- Jan 8 **Yarnweavers - 10:00 AM** Knit & Crochet or even Sew and Quilt. Join us if you know how *or* want to *learn* how. These ladies really know how to have a good time. Every Tuesday of every month.
- Jan 8 **Writers Workshop - 10:00 AM** Join us the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month if you have ever been interested in writing. Or perhaps you used to write and want to begin again.
- Jan 10 **Travel Day Trips - Members 60 & up** join us for lunch and sometimes light shopping as we travel to a new destination every Friday of every month. You never know where we will go! 
- Jan 14 **Bridge/Texas Hold Em (Poker) - 12:30 PM** Tuesdays and Fridays of every month. Come and join the fun of Texas Hold Em.
- Jan 15 **Bible Study - 12:30 PM** Every Wednesday of every month. Insightful, enlightening and sustaining for your daily walk in the Word of God. Everyone is welcome.
- Jan 16 **Hospice Craft Class - 9:00 AM** Every third Thursday of every month you can do a good work for hospice patients and their caregivers by making a craft for them here at 741 with Hospice of Dayton. Supplies & ideas provided.
- Jan 17 **Center Closed for Martin Luther King Day**
- Jan 18 **Winter Wonderland Party - 1:00 PM** Games, food and fun. Maybe even a "snowball" fight. 

- Jan 16 Birthdays and Anniversaries celebrated. **Bingo - 1:00 PM** Join us for the fun each Thursday of every month.
- Jan 22 **Euchre/Mahjong - 12:30 PM** Every Wednesday of every month. New players welcome. 
- Jan 23 **Craft Club - **NEW** 10:00 AM** Members bring their ideas and supplies and have fun creating something. Every Thursday.
- Jan 27 **Veteran's Club - 11:00 AM** The last Monday of every month. All Veterans both men & women are welcome to join us.
- Jan 27 **Bingo for Prizes - 1:00 PM** Always a great time with fun prizes. Every last Monday of the month.
- Jan 31 **Wheeler Dealer Square Dance - 7 to 9 PM** 2nd & 4th Friday evenings of each month. 

February

- Feb 3 **SilverSneakers - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM** Every Mon-Wed-Fri of the week, every month, we offer one of the most popular and successful workout programs in the area. Especially designed for seniors and led by a certified instructor. 
- Feb 6 **Craft Club - 10:00 AM** Bring your own ideas and supplies. Anything goes, jewelry making, sewing, quilting, painting or holiday crafts. Some supplies provided.
- Feb 7 **Travel Day Trips - Members 60 & up** join us for lunch and sometimes light shopping as we travel to a new destination each Friday of each month. You never know where we will go!
- Feb 13 **Hearts & Flowers Party - 11:00 AM** Join us for a "love"ly time for games, food, and fun! Birthdays and Anniversaries celebrated too. 
- Feb 17 **Center Closed for President's Day**
- Feb 24 **Bingo for Prizes - 1:00 PM** Always a great time with fun prizes.
- Feb 27 **Craft Club - 10:00 AM** Bring your own ideas and supplies. Anything goes, jewelry making, sewing, quilting, painting or holiday crafts. Some supplies provided.

March

- Mar 2 **SilverSneakers - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM** Every Mon-Wed- Fri of the week, every month, we offer one of the most popular and successful workout programs in the area.
- Mar 3 **Yarnweavers - 10:00 AM** Knit & Crochet or even Sew and Quilt. A fun and friendly class if you know how to crochet & knit *or* want to learn how. These members really know how to have a good time. Every Tuesday of every month. 
- Mar 3 **Bunco with Snacks - 1:30 PM** First & third Tuesday of each month join us for a time of fun.
- Mar 12 **Bingo - 1:00 PM** join us for the fun each Thursday of every month.
- Mar 12 **St. Patrick's Day Party - 11:00 AM** Test your luck in our fun games. Join us for food and laughs! Birthdays and Anniversaries celebrated too. 
- Mar 13 **Travel Day Trips - Members 60 & up** join us for lunch and sometimes light shopping as we travel to a new destination each Friday of each month. You never know where we will go! Questions? Call us.
- Mar 19 **Craft Club - 10:00 AM** Bring your own ideas and supplies. Anything goes, jewelry making, sewing, quilting, painting or holiday crafts. Some supplies provided.

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Dayton - WDTN ABC Channel 2 - WHIO Channel 7

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