



Camp Milligan 2023

Camp Milligan was back in action for its second summer of fun and learning! Camp counselors welcomed 40 full-time campers back to summer camp on May 31. All ten weeks of summer break at Camp Milligan offered new opportunities for learning and adventure! New at camp this year was a fully-loaded STEAM lab. Campers and staff enjoyed many field trips that included local museums, the Indianapolis Zoo, Children's Museum, water parks, and so much more!

Alley Dedication

In August, the City of Crawfordsville's newest gathering space was officially activated. Mayor Todd Barton cut the ceremonial ribbon, along with Kelly Taylor, MCCF, and Susan Rosen, Milligans. Located in the heart of downtown, the former alley boasts a colorful mural by artist Jenna Morello. Tables, chairs, landscaping and lights



make it an inviting place to sit and relax.



Early Learning Expo 2023

The Montgomery County Early Childhood Coalition hosted the 3rd Annual Early Learning Expo in August. Nearly 60 early childhood educators attended for a morning of education, support, and encouragement. Educators visited with vendors and perused resources, and then enjoyed a delicious breakfast provided by Juniper Spoon. MCCF's Early Learning Director, Lisa Walter, recognized five students who completed coursework over the last year to achieve their CDA and Associate Degrees. Mayor Barton attended and provided a supportive message to our educators.

After a motivational message by keynote speaker Desi Payne, educators engaged in a workshop designed to help teachers further develop their understanding of science in the early childhood classroom. As an additional bonus, every teacher attending received a science kit valued at \$500 from Spark Learning Lab and Lakeshore.

The Montgomery County Early Childhood Coalition provided both educational supplies and furniture for the grand prize giveaway. Our lucky winners included the teachers and staff of Crawfordsville Head Start who won a set of Jumbo Magnetiles, Fuzzy Bear Preschool won a Toddler Tree-House, Happytown Daycare won a fully-stocked Grocery Market, and Rainbows and Rhymes won a Mud Kitchen. The Expo was a truly a celebration of our appreciation for all the hard work and dedication of our early childhood educators who care for and teach the youngest of our Montgomery County citizens.

Early Learning Center Update



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- Acuity
- City of Crawfordsville
- Early Learning Indiana
- Hoosier Heartland State Bank
- Lakeside Book Company
- Montgomery County Community Foundation
- Montgomery County Government

We continue to work to fund the construction of a new 124 seat child care center to serve children ages infant to 5 years old. Philanthropy, businesses and our local county and city government have joined together to form a unique partnership to address this important community need. We're grateful for the following investors who have joined us in this community project:

- Nucor Steel
- Penguin Random House
- Tempur Sealy
- Tipmont REMC
- Tri-County Bank & Trust
- Individual donors

Our goal is to have our funding secured by year-end and begin construction of the facility at 110 South Boulevard in the Spring 2024. If you're interested in helping to fund the child care center, please call Kelly at 765-362-1267.

Join us for a dedication of the newly-renovated
Frances Wooden Park



Saturday, September 30
10:00 a.m.
310 N Grant Avenue



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