

# The Crusade

June 2024

## Ross County Advocacy Newsletter

### Crusader News

The Advocates met 2 times this month, May 9<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>. In each meeting the advocates are introduced. Here's what was discussed.

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, Attendees of this meeting included special guest speaker and I.T. Director George Myers, Board Member Hunter Robinson, Special Olympics athletes Sabrina and DJ as well as guests from Easter Seals, First Capital Enterprises and Goodwill.

The meeting was turned over to I.T. Director George Myers who gave a presentation about internet safety and the different facets through which someone can fall victim to online scams and harm. He told stories to help add emphasis to these harms.

George Myers asked the attendees about what apps the attendees use and what things they do within these apps. He broke these answers into different categories and helped to give tips within each of these categories to remember to keep people safe. Some of these tips included only shopping on trusted and known websites or encrypted websites. He mentioned using virtual credit cards on these

sites. Outside of the shopping category he advised to only add people you know in real life on your social media platforms and report any suspicious accounts trying to add you as a friend. As far as tips within the online dating platforms he recommended that people use reputable websites, being cautious when taking conversations from these platforms offline and informing trusted others of any locations when you meet with someone from a dating app. He advised to be careful of knowing what is legal and illegal when looking at adult entertainment and to be aware of phishing emails. Some further discussion about attendees experiences with hacking and scams occurred.

The meeting was then turned back over to Austin Speakman where we did our Crusade For Change and asked people to detail any issues with accessibility and being mistreated due to our disabilities over the time since the last we met. After some discussion about accessibility issues at different restaurants the meeting was adjourned.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Advocate Austin Speakman introduced Advocate Conor McMahon who proceeded to give a presentation on obsessive compulsive disorder or OCD. In this presentation he spoke about various aspects of OCD including what it is like for him personally to live with it, some of the repeated behaviors and patterns he and others with OCD do, a movie called What About Bob that showcases OCD and how it impacted him as a child. He went on to define the mental illness, speak on the symptoms and how

OCD forms as well as ways in which one with OCD can help such as therapy, cognitive learning and medication.

The second guest speaker, Superintendent Amy Beeler, was then introduced by Advocate Austin Speakman. Amy proceeded to speak about her past as a radio dispatcher for the police, being a member of State Highway Patrol and an investigator of speech pathologists. She continued to speak about how she got involved with the developmental disability field, working her way up through the SOCOG organization to becoming the Superintendent of the Board.

You can follow the Capital City Crusaders on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/mD9MMveNnzcjDNc3/?mibextid=qj2Omg>

## **Sports News**

SAVE THE DATE! June 28th- 30th, 2024. State summer games are happening at The Ohio State University. Go support your favorite sports and athletes.

## **In the News**

### **Pioneer Picnic with the Paints**

Pioneer Picnic with the Paints is fast approaching. Registration is open until June 6<sup>th</sup>. This outing is at the VA on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Buffet opens at 6 pm and the game starts at 7:05. There's reserved seating off left field.

The link to register is <https://forms.office.com/r/YqdYgQC5GE>

## **Kinnikinnick Fen Nature Preserve**

The Kinnikinnick Fen Nature Preserve on Crouse Chapel Road just had a ribbon cutting for their new trail. This beautiful trail is ADA Accessible, so if you're looking for new trail go check this out!

## **Free Admission to National Parks**

The Access Pass is a free, lifetime pass, available to U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States

It is available to U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States that have been medically determined to have a permanent disability (does not have to be a 100% disability) - that provides admittance to more than 2,000 recreation sites managed by six Federal agencies.

At many sites the Access Pass provides the pass owner a discount on Expanded Amenity Fees (such as camping, swimming, boat launching, and guided tours).

You can read more about this at <https://www.nps.gov/aboutus/accessibility.htm>

# June KNECT Calendar

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\*\*Outings Limited to 4 individuals so please RSVP as soon as possible.

Sunday	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Saturday
						1 Paints Game FREE 6pm - 10pm
2 Traders World 11am - 4pm	3 Fishing 3:00pm - 8:00pm *Must have a fishing license*	4 Paints Game FREE 6pm - 10pm Top Golf TBD	5 Paints Game FREE 6pm - 10pm Movies TBD	6 Paints Game FREE 6pm - 10pm Hocking Hills Adventure	7 Bowling 11am - 4pm Kings Island 12pm - 5pm \$30.00	8 Reds Game 4:10 Game- Cubs \$30.00 Kenworth Truck Parade 5pm - 10pm
9 The Other World 11am - 4pm \$15.00	10 Wormburner Golf 12pm - 5pm FREE	11 Reds Game 7:10 Game - Guardians \$30.00	12 Paints Game FREE 6pm - 10pm Minford Petting Zoo \$10.00	13 Paints Game FREE 6pm - 10pm Scene 75 3pm - 8pm	14 Paints Game FREE 6pm - 10pm Bowling 10am - 3pm	15 Dierks Bentley (Riverbend) \$30.00 WWE at the VIP 12pm - 5pm FREE
16 Columbus Air Show TBA \$90.00	17 Kings Island 5pm - 10pm \$30.00 Hyper bowling 12pm - 5pm	18 Paints Game FREE 6pm - 10pm Cincinnati Zoo 10am - 3pm \$10.00	19 Paints Game FREE 6pm - 10pm	20 Paints Game FREE 6pm - 10pm Nellie Dog 3pm - 8pm	21 Pioneer Night at the Paints FREE 5pm - 10pm A Tribute to Garth Brooks (Majestic) \$25.00	22 Casino/Horse Racing 5pm - 10pm
23 Reds Game -\$30.00 1:40 Game- Red Sox	24 Game Night 3:30 - 8:30	25 Top Golf TBD	26 Scene 75 3pm - 8pm	27 Zoombezi Bay 10:30 - 3:30 \$45.00 Includes Gazebo Rental	28 Paints Game FREE 6pm - 10pm Bowling 11pm - 4pm	29 Paints Game FREE 6pm - 10pm
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## Health and Wellness

Here's some summer safety tips from the Ohio Dept. of Developmental Disabilities:

# TIPS FOR SUMMER SAFETY

KEEP OTHERS SAFE THIS SUMMER



## Get to know...

My name is Noah Hiles. I'm an advocate at the Pioneer Center. My passion project is recruiting volunteers for the Special Olympics who wants to volunteer for track and field powerlifting swimming and other sports. Go Trailblazers!

*We are always looking for articles for this newsletter, if you want to add your birthday to the calendar, or if you'd like me to research and put information into the newsletter. You can contact me through email at [bcoey@rossdd.org](mailto:bcoey@rossdd.org).*