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All Ohio County events submitted will be listed.





Bigfoot sightings in Centertown?



A life-sized Bigfoot statue keeps an eye on the roadway in front of Sluggo's Grill in Centertown, Ky. So when you are in the area looking for sasquatch you can stop by for one of Sluggo's signature Bigfoot burgers. (Photo by Dustin Bratcher)

By Lee Bratcher

Mainly Local Business Spotlight

Did you know that the Centertown area is a hotspot for Bigfoot sightings? Did you know that Centertown has a Bigfoot-themed restaurant that has created quite the buzz in Ohio County?

If you answered no to both questions, you need to educate yourself on Sluggo's Grill. Located at 510 Main St. in Centertown, Sluggo's Grill celebrates the Bigfoot legend by providing delicious food and a ton of special events for the whole family.

They provide a fun-loving atmosphere with a life-size Bigfoot statue out front and Bigfoot murals painted on the walls inside. The restaurant also has a map marking local Bigfoot sightings that have been investigated.

They offer great food, at great prices, that could feed a family of Bigfoots...

BigFeet?... Bigfeets? You get the idea. Sluggo's has signature Bigfoot burgers, catfish, BBQ sandwiches and daily specials. Daily specials include Fish Friday, Elvis meatloaf, beans and cornbread, and much more.

They also host a sasquatchian amount of fun events. In fact, just this March, the restaurant has hosted a

Bible study, karaoke, a painting class, bingo and a group of Bigfoot investigators.

In April, the restaurant will hold Easter events including easter egg hunts with the Easter Bunny.

Sluggo's Grill is trying to help bring life back to the Centertown community and beyond. There's plenty of seating for customers and the restaurant is available

for birthday parties, reunions and other events.

There's also a picnic shelter for those who
want to enjoy the fresh air.

There are also plans to add a weekly outdoor flea market, a Bigfoot Frontier Festival, car shows, tractor shows, poker runs, and more Bigfoot memorabilia!

Sluggo's Grill is named after Sluggo
Brown who has lived in Centertown most
of his life and is known by many people
in the community. He can often be
seen drinking coffee at the grill with his
friends talking about horses, farming and

iogging.

Bring the family to Sluggo's Grill, it's Bigfoot approved.

To discover more about Sluggo's Grill including upcoming events and daily specials, follow them on Facebook. If you have any questions, email Sluggo's at sluggosgrill@gmail.com.

Advance Equipment, Advanced Care

Ohio County Healthcare adding advance imaging equipment

Sponsored Feature Story

Ohio County Healthcare has made a \$1.9 million investment in several key pieces of diagnostic imaging equipment to provide upgrades to current equipment and provide additional services to the community.

"The purchasing process of the equipment took a year, as there were several site visits across the country to look at the equipment being used in other facilities and to see it in practice," Jerrod Davis, director of ancillary services, said.

Two ultrasound machines were purchased and installed in May. These machines have a new technology which shows enhanced detail for a more comprehensive scan. This increases the ability to detect the disease at an earlier stage. With the additional ultrasound machines, OCH is more efficient in scheduling and accommodating the patient. After several months of renovations, OCH also recently installed a new fluoroscopy unit, which delivers higher image quality and increased radiation safety features.

"The new MRI will provide faster scan times, larger patient weight capacity, and have a much larger bore size to create a more open feel to the scanning experience," OCH radiology manager Michelle Ball said of the new MRI machine. "This will help patients who struggle with claustrophobic-like feelings when being in an enclosed space."

With the new MRI, OCH now has the capability to perform breast MRI biopsies.

Coming in the summer of 2023 is new X-ray equipment and CT scanner. OCH is upgrading from a 64-slice to a 160-slice CT scanner. This equipment provides faster scan times and allows for the addition of cardiac imaging.

Once the new surgical wing is completed in the spring of 2023, renovations to the vacated space will begin to accommodate the additional X-ray machine and new larger CT. This equipment will be located directly across from the emergency department which will increase accessibility to patients in need of emergency imaging. "The vision of Ohio County Healthcare is to provide outstanding care here. This includes making sure that the quality of our technology is matching our outstanding level of service," CeCe Robinson, Community Relations Director, said.

New equipment includes -

- Canon Prime CT 160 slice
- Canon Orian 1.5T MRI
- 2 new Canon US Aplio 1900 Ultrasound machines
- GE Legacy Flat Panel DR Fluoroscopy



Things are changing, but our roots are strong

Ohio County HEALTHCAR

- Welcoming new physicians Angel O'Quinn, D.O. Family Medicine and John Ruth, M.D. - ENT Surgeon
- Building Surgical Excellence with the \$22 million dollar Surgical Wing, coming 2023
- Partnered with Advanced Center for Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Surgeons (formerly OSMO) for Clinic, Surgery, and 24/7 ER

At Ohio County Healthcare, we are turning over a new leaf while still providing Outstanding Care Here

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What is OCEDA and what do they do?

The Ohio County
Economic Development
Alliance is the main
economic development
organization for Ohio
County, Kentucky. OCEDA
was created by the Ohio
County Fiscal Court in
February of 2014 and was
created because there was
a need for an organization
to focus solely on
economic development in
Ohio County.

Since its creation,
OCEDA has been dedicated
to growing the county and
actively working to create
opportunities for
businesses and residents.
This also includes creating
Mainly Local as a means to
spotlight tourism,
businesses, and events
happening in Ohio County.

OCEDA is not just focused on attracting new business to Ohio County, it helps to retain and expand existing businesses. OCEDA also helps the county to develop a competitive and productive workforce while encouraging entrepreneurship.

OCEDA's staff and board of directors are always ready to help the local business community, along with industry site selectors, developers, investors and any business looking to put down roots in Ohio County. OCEDA provides assistance to businesses in a number of ways including, incentive programs, demographics information, site selection assistance, workforce assistance and general project support.

One key program offered by OCEDA is its Revolving Loan Fund which provides low-interest loans to those looking to start a new business, expand a current business or provide assistance to a struggling business.

In addition to the revolving loan fund, OCEDA offers business counseling to current business owners or those looking to start their own businesses. These counseling sessions can take place in a number of ways, like meeting oneon-one, in groups, or by phone or video conferencing. The counseling could include coaching, mentoring, or providing information. OCEDA can connect entrepreneurs with the resources they need to start or maintain a business.

Economic development matters in today's business climate. It can improve the wealth and well-being of a community

based on the goals and needs of the community.

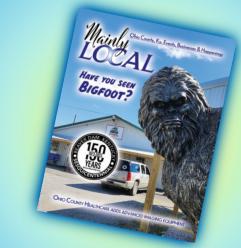
For a community to thrive, there must be job opportunities, educational and training opportunities, and a diverse collection of businesses and industries. Economic development can help a community achieve all of those objectives, leading to growth and improvements in the quality of life.

OCEDA wants to help you achieve your dream of owning, retaining or expanding your business.

Contact OCEDA today to start a conversation about what it can do to help your business. Call 270-298-4496 or email oceda@ohiocountyky.gov. You can also visit the OCEDA website (ohiocountyky.com) or its Facebook page (facebook.com/ohiocounty).







Contact Christina for info! 270-298-4469 MainlyLocalOC@gmail.com

OC Public Library Q2 Calendar of Events

April 1 & May 6

Ohio County Public Library Teen Volunteers & Movie 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Grades 7th - 12th

April 4 & 5

Ohio County Public Library Dino Dig Mini Interactive Play Space Ages 4 - 12 with adult Opens at 10 a.m. daily

April 4, May 2, & June 6

OC Public Library Annex Techie Tuesday Ages 14 and up 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

April 6

OC Public Library Parking Family Petting Zoo & Cotton Candy All Ages Welcome 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

April 8 & May 13

Ohio County Public Library Free Family Movie All Ages Welcome 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

April 10, 17, 24, May 1 & 8, June 5, 12, 19, 26

Ohio County Public Library Baby Romp & Rhyme Ages 0 - 24 months with caregiver 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

April 10, May 8, & June 12

OC Public Library Annex **Books and Beyond Book** Club Ages 18 and up 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

April 11 & May 2

Ohio County Public Library Time Traveler's Club Grades 3rd - 6th 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

April 11 & May 2

Ohio County Public Library Art Through the Ages Grades 3rd - 6th 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

April 11, May 9, & June 13



OC Public Library Annex Color Connection Coloring Club Ages 14 and up 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

April 12, 19, 26, May 3 & May 10, June 6, 13, 20, 27

Ohio County Public Library Toddler Time Ages 2 & 3 years with caregiver 10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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April 13 & May 18

Ohio County Public Library Teens Only Program 5: p.m. - 7 p.m. Grades 7th - 12th

April 14, 21, 28, May 5 & May

Ohio County Public Library Stories & STEAM Ages 4 & 5 years 10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

April 15, May 20, & June 24



Ohio County Public Library Crochet Corner Craft Program Ages 14 and up 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

April 17 & May 15

Ohio County Public Library BeTWFFN the Lines Tween Club

Ages 9 - 12/Grades 4th - 6th 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

April 18 & May 9

Ohio County Public Library Famished for Fiction Teen **Book Club** Ages 14 and up 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

April 18, May 16, & June 20

Ohio County Public Library Trivia Night Ages 14 and up 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

April 21, May 26, & June 23

OC Public Library Annex Dungeons & Dragons Ages 14 and up 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

From Our Family

To Yours...

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April 22



Ohio County Public Library Lego League All ages welcome 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

April 25



Ohio County Public Library Afterschool Program -Pokemon Grades K - 6th 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

May 5

OC Public Library @ Ohio County Community Center Auditorium Reed Masterson - Magician / Illusionist All Ages Welcome 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

May 11

Ohio County Public Library Home School Support Space All ages welcome 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Ohio County Public Library Board Game Bash All Ages Welcome 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

May 23 & May 24

Ohio County Public Library Space Station Mini Interactive Play Space Ages 4 - 12 with adult Opens at 10:00 a.m. daily

June 7, 14, 21, & 28

Ohio County Public Library **Book Buddies** Ages 4 & 5 years with Teen Volunteers ^{*} 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

June 7, 14, 21, & 28

Ohio County Public Library Teen Volunteers / Book Buddies Grades 7th - 12th 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

June 7, 14, 21, & 28

Ohio County Public Library Teen Lunch & Program Grades 7th - 12th 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

June 8, 15, 22, & 29

Ohio County Public Library Summer Reading Programs Grades K - 6th 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. OR 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

June 30

Ohio County Public Library Summer Reading Finale All Ages Welcome 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.



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Events in Hartford

April 1 - Easter Egg Hunt @ Ohio County Park

April 1-10 — City of Hartford, Golden Ticket Citywide Scavenger Hunt, more information on facebook.com/ HartfordKY or hartfordky.org

April 11 - Homemade Pizza Crust FCS Workshop - Ohio County Cooperative Extension Service - 1337 Clay St. Hartford - 1 p.m. - Limited Sign-ups

April 19 - Cork & Case - Wine or Spirit Tasting

April 25 - FCS Workshop - Cupcake Decorating - OC Co-op Extension Service - 5 p.m. - Limited Sign-ups

April 25 - Grab-α-Bag Job Fair @ OC Public Library w/ KY Career Center & local/regional employers - 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

May 6 - Cork & Case - Wine or Spirit Tasting

May 6 - 7th Annual Zak Embry Memorial Horse & Mule Fun Show Benefit for Daniel Carmon - @ Ohio County Fair Grounds - 2 p.m. - All classes are \$5 - Auction and concessions available - All Proceeds will go to Daniel Carmon's family for medical expenses. Daniel and their daughter, Marti, were in a head on collision on Jan. 5. Daniel sustained multiple injuries and has a long road ahead to recovery.

May 15 - Release of Historic Hartford Walking Tour, more information on facebook.com/HartfordKY or hartfordky.

June 17 - Hartford Summer Family Fun, more information on facebook.com/HartfordKY or hartfordky.org

April 27 - Musician's Fellowship event @ OC Senior Center - Anyone may attend, everyone usually brings a dish, musicians welcome - musicians volunteer - 6 p.m.

May 25 - Musician's Fellowship event @ OC Senior Center - 6 p.m.

June 22 - Musician's Fellowship event @ OC Senior Center

Events in Ohio County

April 22 - Live music @ Dundee Community Center -Jasper Beatty and friends

June 17 - First Annual Bigfoot Color Run/Walk to raise money for a new swing set. There will be sign-up sheets at Sluggo's Grill and Centertown City Hall - 9 a.m. for preevent signup, \$5 event cost. 10 a.m. start BYO T-shirt. There will be hamburgers and hotdogs with drinks for sale/ donations at the finish line.

June 24 - McHenry Summer Fest @ McHenry Community Park - 9 a.m. - For more information visit facebook.com/ **McHenrySummerFest**



at one of our many restaurants.

BeaverDamTourism.com

Events in Beaver Dam

April 27 - Rumble on 2nd Bike Nite @ Beef O'Brady's - 6 p.m.

2023 Strawberru Festival Events

May 27 - 5K run during Strawberry Fest - presented by the OC Family Wellness Center - Race starts behind Beef O'Bradys

April 22 - Bluegrass Fast Draw Club Shoot @ 117 Madison Street, Beaver Dam - Shoot starts at 10 a.m.

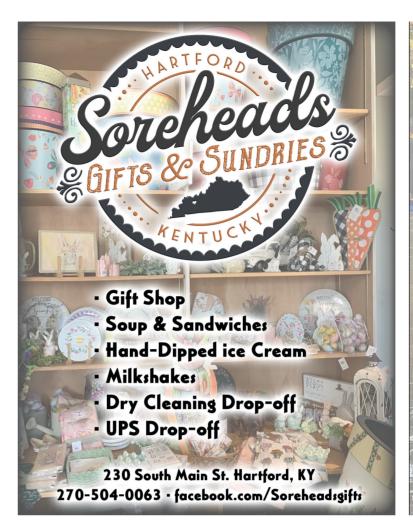
May 27-28 - Strawberry Festival Try Cowboy Fast Draw @ Downtown Beaver Dam

June 24 - Bluegrass Fast Draw Club Shoot @ 117 Madison Street, Beaver Dam - Shoot starts at 10 a.m.



It's because we didn't know about it

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Beaver Dam celebrating 150 years with year-long celebration

Bu Lee Bratcher For Mainly Local

Did you know that 150 years ago the state of Kentucky formally incorporated the city of Beaver Dam? I'm sure most of you did and for those who didn't, the city of Beaver Dam plans on reminding

with a year-long sesquicentennial celebration.

"We're planning several events throughout 2023, all honoring or celebrating the history of our community. Whether it be our music heritage, coal/timber/ agriculture heritage, sports heritage, railroad heritage, or other special aspects of Beaver Dam, we plan to celebrate it all." said Beaver Dam Mayor Paul Sandefur.

A committee began working on the year-long celebration last year. In fact, the 2022 Beaver Dam Christmas Festival kicked off the festivities.

During the Christmas Festival, the city unveiled an amazing project celebrating its history called "Doors to Our Past." The project had local artists paint scenes of Beaver Dam's history on old wooden doors. The doors are displayed throughout the city and



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Tuesday	10:30-
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Thursday	10:30-
Friday	10:30-
Saturday	10-2
Sunday	CLOSE

include a plaque with details about the scene and the artist who painted it.

In January, the city announced it would hold a "Battle of the DAM Bands" at the Beaver Dam Amphitheater as another event of the sesquicentennial celebration. Eight finalists will "battle" it out May 13 at the amphitheater and win their share of \$16,000 in prizes.

Last month, the city recognized Bruce School's accomplishment of winning the 1935 Kentucky Black High School State Basketball Championship. The team and its championship were celebrated at the Ohio County High School during halftime of an Eagles' basketball game. A photo of the championship team was given to the school to display with past Ohio County champions.

The Beaver Dam Strawberry Festival will be a huge part of celebrating 150 vears this Memorial Day weekend and will feature the Beaver Dam Cruise-In. Also part of the sesquicentennial

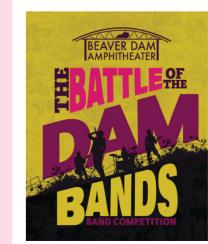
celebration is the Beaver Dam Amphitheater's

Summer Concert Series. As usual, the Beaver Dam Tourism Commission has already announced a strong lineup of acts, including Casting Crowns on May 6, Blackberry Smoke on May 27, Chris Young on Aug. 11 and the Beach Boys with the Owensboro Symphony on Aug. 12. The annual 80's Rock the Dam show July 29 will feature Winger, Firehouse, Jack Russell's Great White and Steelheart.

There is a good possibility that more incredible concerts will be announced in the future. For tickets and information on upcoming events, visit BeaverDamAmp.

Speaking of more exciting announcements, the city of Beaver Dam will be celebrating 150 years all year long, which means more events are coming. It's party time in Beaver Dam and everyone is invited to celebrate 150

For more information about upcoming events in sesquicentennial celebration, visit facebook.com/ BeaverDam150/



BEAVER DAM AMPHITHEATER Upcoming Events

May 6: Casting Crowns May 13: Battle of the DAM

May 27: Blackberry Smoke July 1: Sparks in the Park Julv 29: 80's

Rock sthe DAM 6 Aug. 11: Chris Young

Aug. 12: Beach Boys

And more to come!



Growing Business Since 1964



OUR MISSION

The mission of the Ohio County Chamber of Commerce is to promote the economic well-being of the people and businesses of Ohio County in order to enhance the quality of life in Ohio County.

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OUR GOALS

- -Enhance the business climate in Ohio County.
- -Be the catalyst for the development of Ohio County.
- -Be a force for cooperative actions that enrich the quality of life in Ohio County.
- -Be an organization that efficiently operates to meet members' needs and interests.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENT

BUSINESS: # Employees: 1-5 \$120, 6-10 \$155,

11-20 \$200, 21-50 \$230, 51-100 \$345, Over 101 \$400

UTILITY: \$425

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION: Per million assets x\$15/

\$500

CIVIC CLUB, CHARITABLE ORG., CHURCH: \$75 INDIVIDUAL: \$75 (Leadership OC Graduate \$65)

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The Chamber Membership Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday monthly, September through June, at Cornerstone Hall Senior Services Center Ohio County Park

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