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SPRING 2022





Community involvement has been the chief factor in the development of Oglebay as a self-sustaining enterprise and is one of the finest examples of what can result if we put the **American Ideals** to work.

– Courtney Burton, Jr.

Grandson of Earl & Sallie Oglebay



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Dear Friends,

Thanks to our community of donors, 2021 was another record year.

The Oglebay Foundation's fiscal year is January through December, so our holiday season is a mad dash of tabulating and acknowledging the generosity of donors who make year-end gifts. Typically we get a minor reprieve in midwinter with about seven to ten days to catch our breath and reflect on what worked, what needs tweaking and planning for the year ahead. **So far, 2022 has been different.**



Thanks to generous donors like you there's so much happening in the park it's hard to decide what to highlight!

Obvious improvements like the renovations and expansion of the West Wing are well underway at the Lodge. But changes big and small have been happening throughout the winter and early spring.

There are changes happening at the Good Zoo, new animals, new habitats and a new train. The grounds crew hasn't stopped: in between shoveling snow and ice, the team has been trimming trees, clearing out brush and recovering from a heavy ice storm in February that damaged many trees and structures throughout the park.

Planning for and implementing a **park-wide recycling program** is underway. This project is focused on long-term sustainability while we continue to steward our natural resources. The park is poised to look great while doing good.

More rounds of golf are played in the northern panhandle of West Virginia than the rest of the state combined. At the historic **Crispin Golf course, the cart paths are being repaved and improved.** This is phase one of our plans to ensure that golf will continue to be an Oglebay attraction and mainstay.

Bambi, more formally known as "Young Red Stag," was gifted to the park by sculptor Anna Hyatt Huntington in 1943. Now cleaned and restored, Bambi will majestically grace the lawn of Mansion Woods for years to come.

Finally, we are excited to add another alfresco dining option to the park. **Our Lakeview Cantina will open on Cinco de Mayo.**

It was snowing when I wrote this letter, but signs pointing to spring are everywhere. The park is awakening from its winter slumber. Activities are being planned. Memorial Day festivities have been scheduled including Oglebay's **New Backyard BBQ Festival with a concert by the Gin Blossoms** on May 28 – presented by the Glessner Group. The park is a buzz of anticipation.

What a difference a day makes – especially when it's a day at Oglebay.

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Oglebay Through The Years



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“ We know our donation is an investment in the park we love. That’s why we make an annual gift every year. ”



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Maintaining Greens, IMPROVING PATHWAYS

at Crispin

Crispin is Oglebay Golf's ground zero. The first round was played following a dedication of a temporary sands-green, nine-hole course on July 4, 1930. Five years later the now permanent 18-hole course was completed and the game of a lifetime has continued to be an Oglebay mainstay.

As with all things in the park, improvements to facilities and programs fall to community champions who make investments in the park they love, and more often than not, the sport they play. Golf enthusiasts established the Oglebay (Men's) Golf Club in 1938 and the Oglebay Women's Golf Club was established in 1963. Both organizations have done a superb job promoting amateur golf throughout the Upper Ohio Valley, through their active involvement with most of the tournaments, and in raising funds for improvements to the courses.

The 18-hole Crispin Center underwent extensive renovations in the mid-60s including expanding the automatic water system and replacing the old wooden bridge with an earthen walkway that spans the ravine on No. 5. The new walkway made the use of golf carts possible for the first time. The cart paths have since been paved and widened, to accommodate the number of golfers we see annually.

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between 19,000 and 23,000 rounds annually. In 2021 Crispin saw a recent record of 25,500 rounds, and Oglebay's golf staff, headed by General Manager Danny Ackerman, is working hard to promote and maintain this level of play into the future.

Part of the strategy is improving play on the course itself, especially the cart paths. The path's age is one factor, but the topography of our beloved West Virginia hills play a role in the paths' wear-and-tear. Water runoff from rain and ground maintenance eats at the paths' edge creating mini culverts that can make navigating the course tricky.

The cycle of play is important to upgrades and improvements and our golf leagues make a tremendous difference. More play leads to more investment which leads to a growth in membership and the cycle continues. Women's Golf Club member and former president, Chris Muroski

brought her concerns about Crispin's cart path conditions to Ackerman, anticipating upcoming tournaments in 2021 and beyond. They toured the path discussing what needed to be done, but Ackerman knew there was no budget for repairs. Muroski, no stranger to finance asked, "Can we at least get a number?"

"Oglebay's list of maintenance projects is ongoing. The casual park user probably doesn't think about how much money it takes to keep the parks in top condition. I knew when I raised my concerns, I needed to follow-up with a gift to get the ball rolling," Muroski shared.

In addition to her leadership gift, the ever-quiet advocate for Crispin sought donations from friends and asked the Women's Golf Club to use funds raised by the group's events, such as the June Invitational Tournament, as funding sources. It wasn't a hard sell. Muroski, "... reminded the membership that this is the course we love and we need to do what we can to support it."



(L to R) Former Women's Golf Club president Chris Muroski and Oglebay Golf General Manager Danny Ackerman.

Muroski moved to Wheeling in 1989. "Oglebay is so important; it's such a blessing for the community. We can't take it for granted. If we expect the park to continue into the future, we have to do our part to support it. That means understanding that Lodge revenue isn't enough to sustain the park, private contributions are required."

Thanks to her efforts, enough money has been raised to start the cart path project.



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"Chris's efforts make Oglebay and the greater Wheeling community a special place to work and live. It was her initiative that brought this project to fruition," Ackerman said.

This year, the 1.4 mile path will be made wider and curbing will be added to minimize the runoff problems. Aprons at the end of the paths will also be made larger. Additionally, tee upgrades and repairs will be completed for holes 1-8 and No. 12. The No. 9 green will be improved as well. The work will be completed by Cast & Baker of Canonsburg, PA. 🌱



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STAG RESTORATION

Important local sculpture gets a new lease on life

American sculptor Anna Hyatt Huntington gifted a magnificent bronze stag sculpture to Oglebay in 1943. Beyond Wheeling, castings of the same sculpture are found in Houston, TX and New York, NY. The original casting was completed in 1919.

Huntington labeled her sculpture the “Young Red Stag.” The approximately 600 pound sculpture when unveiled was placed on a brick pedestal designed under the direction of Herbert J. Sanborn, then Director of the Oglebay Institute Museum. Its placement in the park is approximately six hundred feet behind

the Oglebay Mansion, on a lawn called Mansion Woods.

Locally the statue known as “Bambi” is surrounded by its own folklore and mythology including its origins and what connection Huntington had to the park. The original sculpture included impressive antlers that were removed at some point either intentionally or as a result of vandalism -- stories vary. What can be confirmed is little was done to maintain the sculpture in the nearly 80 years it’s called the park home, until now.



Artist Anna Hyatt Huntington was among New York City's most prominent sculptors in the early 20th century.

Thanks to a lead gift in memory of Jon McGann, a fund was created for the restoration and preservation of the Stag. McGann, a Wheeling native, served as an Oglebay lifeguard in his youth and spent untold happy hours in the park throughout his life.

Jamie Lester, a sculptor and painter with Vandalia Bronze in Morgantown, WV and his wife Nadia Pinna came to the park and spirited Bambi away in September 2021. Their mission was to return the cleaned sculpture before the following month's Oglebayfest.

While Bambi was being cleaned and its surface refurbished, the existing pedestal

was given a fresh update with a new limestone cover, cut and installed by local experts from Bridgeport, OH's Angelina Stone & Marble.

Lester and Pinna worked to remove surface dirt and grime from the bronze. Then followed a pressurized washing with a second process called "Walnut Shell Peening" where finely ground walnut shells are shot by a sandblaster to remove chemical stains, bronze disease and other corrosion from the sculpture's surface. This approach was intended to balance removing the verdigris without altering the original patina color Huntington achieved during casting.

The sculpture's corrosion proved too advanced so a more aggressive approach had to be used. The two worked with wire brushes to get down to the sculpture's raw bronze. With the bronze disease completely removed, the duo applied a corrosion inhibitor to prevent future damage and several layers of a protective wax coating.

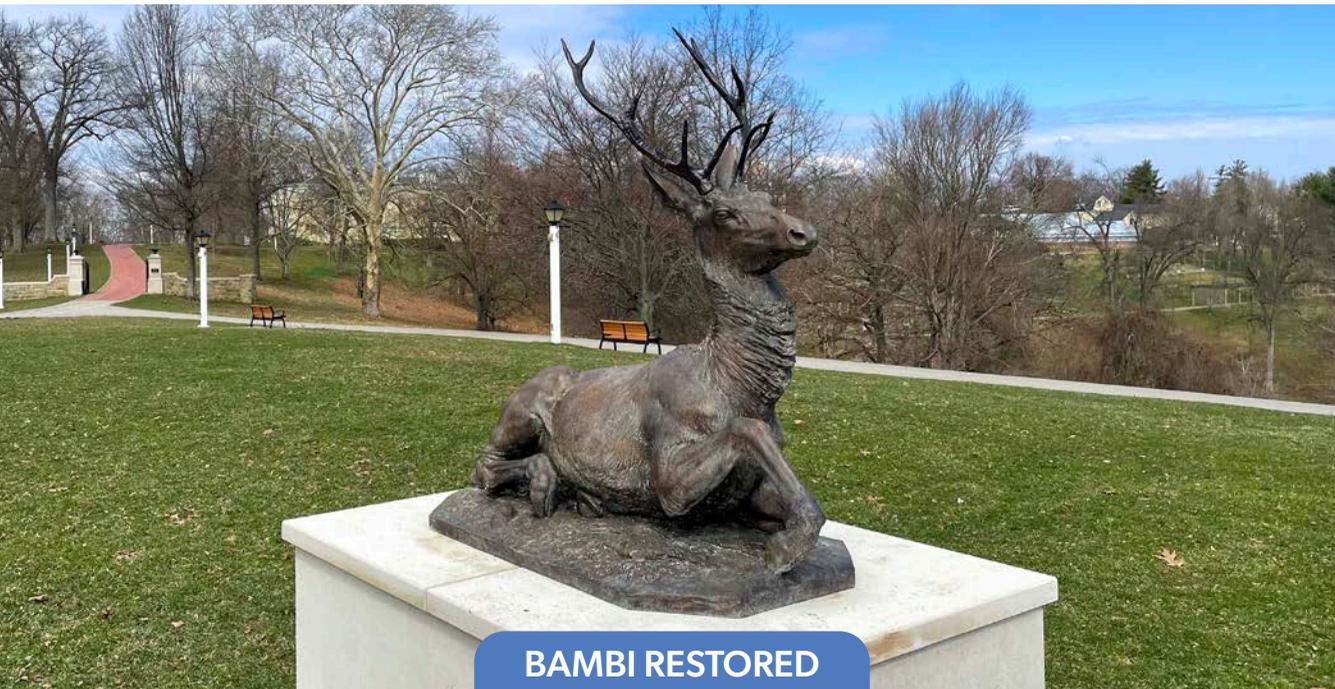
Remarkably, as if right on schedule, the sculpture was placed back on its newly resurfaced pedestal on September 29, 2021. In the meantime, a 3-D scan of the NY sculpture's antlers was done for Lester to use as a model for a replacement set to restore Bambi. Lester, ever the perfectionist (and incredible artist) used



STAG RESTORATION



(L to R) Nadia Pinna, Jamie Lester, Curt Byrum (Oglebay's Director of Capital Projects) and the crews from Angelina Stone and Marble and Savage Crane Service.



BAMBI RESTORED

this opportunity to match the original sculpture's patina, so Bambi will now be as close to the original as possible.

With Bambi's return, several other gifts have come in to ensure the sculpture won't suffer any further environmental degradation. With the antlers in place, decorative landscaping will surround the base inside a low fence. Interpretive signage, provided thanks to a grant from

Wheeling Heritage, will be installed along with lighting so that the Young Red Stag will be visible from the Lodge well into the evening.

A dedication ceremony to honor the memory of Jon McGann and to celebrate the second unveiling of Huntington's impressive sculpture will be held soon.



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Amy & Bob Mead

Having grown up in Wheeling, their paths crossed a number of times. Amy Stauffer and Bob Mead didn't know each other then, but both attended Oglebay summer day camps during their grammar school years. Amy points out it was a more innocent time as she took two city buses (Elm Grove to Woodsdale and Woodsdale to Oglebay) by herself every day. Camp was held at the Craft Center which is now the Hess Shelter. The children started their day doing crafts or reading in the Story Tower (the former dairy barn silo, now the starting point for the Aerial Challenge Course) then after lunch walked to the Crispin pool for a swim.

During junior high Amy was a cheerleader for Bridge Street Grade School and Bob played basketball for its big rival Woodsdale. Bob points out that's when he first noticed Amy, but "one couldn't date an opposing team's cheerleader. It was necessary to wait until the season was over." They met formally in 1952 at the end of 8th grade during a friend's birthday party held at Wheeling Park.

As high school sweethearts Bob and Amy both worked at the park. Amy checked clothes at the Oglebay pool lockers before being promoted to cashier. Bob's career started as a ball boy at the WV Open Tennis Tournaments. Later on he worked for Henry Hupp stocking the Crispin Center's snack bar and waiting tables both at the Pine Room and the outdoor amphitheater.

The couple attended numerous dances at Wheeling Park's White Palace and the Pine Room during their high school and college years. They graduated from WVU in 1960, after which Amy began her teaching career

at Bridge Street and Bob completed a stint in the US Army. They held their wedding reception in October 1961 in Wilson Lodge's Betty Zane Room. The Meads left Wheeling in 1963 and returned twenty years later. During that time they resided in Cleveland; Long Island; Pittsburgh; Lafayette, CA; northern New Jersey and Lewiston, NY. "We experienced Central Park in New York City, Golden Gate Park in San Francisco and other major metropolitan parks. But there is nothing quite like Oglebay. Knowing Oglebay was waiting for us made our return an easy decision," Bob stated. On October 7, 2021, Bob and Amy celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at the Pine Room with family and friends.

The family sports nine generations of Wheelingites (arriving in 1772) and four generations of Oglebay aficionados. In honor of this long history the family is making gifts to renovate and endow Speidel Cottage #4. In addition to Bob and Amy's bequest, contributors include Bob's sister Mary Mead Boxley Utt, her daughter Martha Creasey and son Ab Boxley III, all of Roanoke, VA; Bob's sister-in-law, Mary Jane Mead, widow of his late brother Charlie, and their daughters Helen Snyder and Beth Snyder all of Charlottesville, VA; and daughter Laura Weatherall of Wellesley, MA; brother A. Davis Mead of Englewood, FL; as well as Bob and Amy's sons Bob Mead Jr. of Wheeling, WV, and Charlie Mead III of Dillon, CO.

Thanks to the family's generosity and love of Oglebay, the Speidel Cottage will be named the Mead Cottage when the renovations are completed this summer – a great romance indeed. 🌿

Planning Your Estate Gift

Charitable planned gifts offer a tremendous opportunity for you to provide valuable financial support, receive a benefit in return, and leave a lasting legacy.

Wheeling Park was created through 170 leadership gifts made in December of 1924, and 98 years later the community continues to benefit from the visionary philanthropy of civic leaders who purchased Wheeling Park and created the Wheeling Park Commission.

Through a bequest, Earl Oglebay left a legacy of 750 majestic acres, gardens, historic farm buildings, a tradition of quality hospitality, and a vision for a future of first class recreational opportunities that has grown into the park we all know today.

You don't have to be rich to leave a legacy. There are several giving strategies that can be used to fund the things you love.

An estate gift is one of many ways you can make a difference in the parks. At the Oglebay Foundation, Eriks Janelsins can guide you or your financial advisor on the giving vehicle that makes the most sense for your circumstances.

IRA ROLLOVER BENEFITS

An IRA rollover allows people age 70½ and older to reduce their taxable income by making a gift directly from their IRA.

Benefits of an IRA charitable rollover

- Avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to the Oglebay Foundation
- Make a gift that is not subject to the deduction limits on charitable gifts
- Support an area of Oglebay or Wheeling Park that you love.

How an IRA charitable rollover gift works

- Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a gift from your IRA to support the Oglebay Foundation.
- Your IRA funds will be directly transferred to the Oglebay Foundation (FEIN: 55-0750128) to ensure the park you love is here for generations.
- Please note that IRA charitable rollover gifts do not qualify for a charitable deduction.
- Please contact us if you wish for your gift to be used for a specific purpose.



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NEW Alfresco Dining



Oglebay's Lakeview Cantina Coming May 5, 2022

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things like fresh
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are hard to beat.

Laura Ingalls Wilder





**RECYCLE
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REUSE**

Being good stewards of our resources is a core value for Oglebay, but getting a recycling program off the ground is no simple task. The size and complexity of our organization make the logistics of implementing a program on this scale quite an undertaking.

Wheeling Park Commission President & CEO, Bob Peckenpaugh explained, "Creating and implementing a recycling program wasn't an option for me when I joined the team. The park needs to make recycling a priority and lead by example. Guests don't see recycling as a nice thing to do, but as an expectation, especially for the younger audience we're trying to attract as long-term, repeat visitors."

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Recycling Assistance Grant Program was

designed to help organizations like the Wheeling Park Commission make recycling a reality. A 2022 grant is funding Oglebay's new program which aims to divert the park's more than 70 tons of paper, cardboard, aluminum cans, garden materials and food leftovers along with the Good Zoo's additional 90+ tons of animal excrement from our waste stream.

Spearheaded by Good Zoo and Park Operation leadership, the program leverages materials used within the park in new and creative ways. A newly funded wood chipper will turn the nearly 100 yards of cardboard that comes into the park each year into bedding materials for the animals at the Good Zoo. After use, this repurposed bedding will be added to a new composting program turning it and other materials into fertilizer for flower beds and gardens throughout the



Good Zoo Director Dr. Joe Greathouse uses the newly funded wood chipper to repurpose cardboard into bedding material for the animals.

park. This example is just one of many that highlight the opportunity to bring the park into best practices.

Environmental sustainability is a primary component of the Good Zoo's mission so it makes sense that its director Dr. Joe Greathouse will drive this park-wide initiative forward. Greathouse who has been reducing the zoo's carbon footprint for the past few years said, "Identifying

best practices on environmental sustainability and its advocacy is where the Good Zoo begins the process of everything we do, from new construction to new programs as well as the animals we support."

The Good Zoo will house the composting area on a new concrete pad hidden behind the animal habitats. A project manager will be hired and tasked with monitoring



New Retail Products with Sustainability in Mind

Bird Friendly Coffee, has a Smithsonian certification, considered the environmental gold standard in sustainable food production. Purchases fund coffee preserves that protect biodiversity, and support farmers committed to conserving bird and wildlife habitat.

Beyond Good provides single origin cocoa products that support farmers and forests in Madagascar home of our lemur population.

Sales of locally sourced products from Proyecto Titi support Columbia's wild cotton-top tamarins and their habitat.

Snow Leopard Trust products are available to support Mongolia's wild snow leopards and Pallas cats.



the compost while also working with the finance department to measure the program's cost savings comparing pre- and post-grant waste removal levels. This hire will also help to identify additional sustainability projects within the park.

Greathouse and his team see opportunities everywhere from can and paper collection stations to retail products and the offerings at our snack bars. The team at the zoo has worked "to identify retail products that support the environments where many of our animals come from."

“ Recycling is becoming more and more critical. ”

Other recent sustainability improvements at the zoo include: converting 63 halogen walkway lamps to LED fixtures and incorporating LED lighting in all new construction including several new animal habitats and the recent renovations to the Red Barn's public restrooms – which also feature environmentally sensitive facilities.

The new serval habitat incorporates sun tunnels that reduce the need for electric lighting while also providing animal enrichment.

At the snack bar they're working to convert non-fountain beverages to recyclable aluminum cans to reduce the zoo's plastic usage.

Many of these recent improvements were made possible by a federal grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Oglebay's Director of Horticulture, Roads and Grounds, Ryan Wilson says he sees "tremendous opportunity to benefit the park. Beyond the cost savings and reducing the park's carbon footprint, the program is a great first step toward meeting the expectations of our more environmentally conscious guests."

In addition to the Good Zoo's efforts, recycling will start to happen throughout the park including all the cottages and shelters, the Schenk Lake area, within the Arboretum, along the Hilltop, at the Crispin Center as well as all park offices. "Making it easy to recycle is the first hurdle. When recycling is easy to do most people do the right thing," Wilson observed.

Eriks Janelsins, Oglebay Foundation President & CEO said, "Recycling is becoming more and more critical. At first it seems so overwhelming. These first steps are important and the little things make people stop and take notice. Our small office of five went from consuming three cases of bottled water a month to a water cooler. We've reduced both costs as well as our carbon footprint. During the renovations to our meeting and event spaces, we added water fountains with bottle-filling-stations which have made a positive impression on our NTC School participants and the businesses that use these facilities. Replacing bottles of water with pitchers and reusable glasses, it not only feels right, it's the right thing to do."

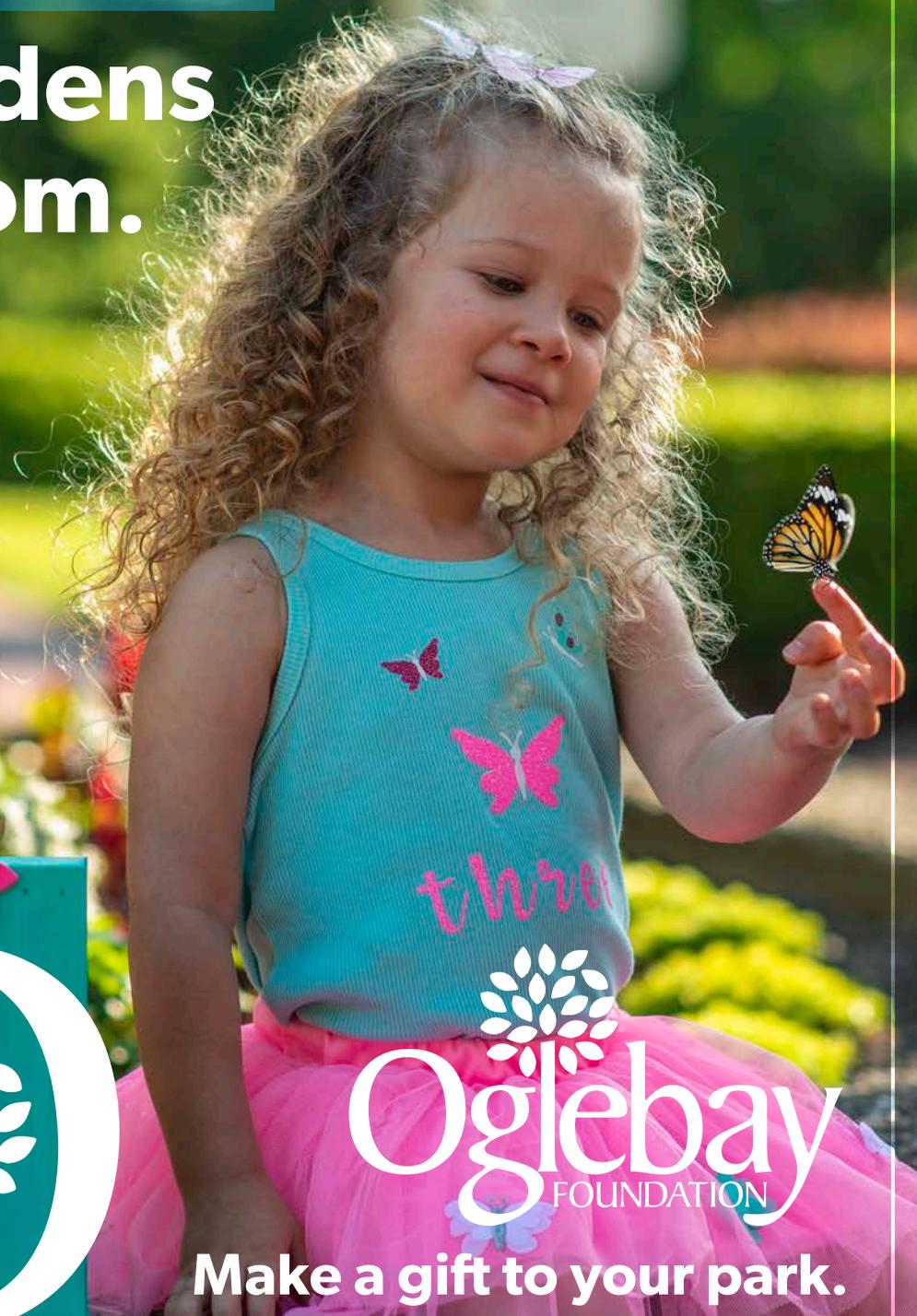


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The Sunday Funday Summer Concert Series is made possible by generous donations from the Elizabeth Stifel Kline Foundation and the Oglebay Foundation.

Live music every Sunday starting at 7 p.m.

- May 29** Eli and the Mojo Kings (Variety)
- June 5** Steeltown Band (Rock Variety)
- June 12** Brynn Marie (Pop Country)
- June 19** The Matt Barranti Band (Blues Rock)
- June 26** Crazy Horse (Country)
- July 3** Rumors (Fleetwood Mac Tribute) *at Schenk Lake*
- July 10** Hard Day's Night (Beatles Tribute)
- July 17** JukeBox (Variety)
- July 24** Hoard & Jones (Country/Contemporary)
- July 31** Move Makers (Variety)
- August 7** Garth Guy (Garth Brooks Tribute)
- August 14** The 1985 Band (Retro 80s)
- August 21** Michael Cleveland & the Flamekeepers (Bluegrass)
- August 28** Billy The Kid & The Regulators (Blues)
- September 4** Wheeling Symphony Orchestra – Music Under the Stars

*Musical acts may be subject to change without notice. In case of rain concerts moved to Wilson Lodge's Glessner Auditorium.



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"Everyone and Everything was Great!! Yeah this is an Excellent place for you to check out and spend some time with the family. ❤️"

Larrey, January 22

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Viviana, February 15

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"Can't get enough of this place.... A must go-to!!!"

Beth, November 19

"Such a beautiful resort! They have been so accommodating! 😊"

Amara, November 23

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