



Orrville Walks Begins Year Four



Amber and Alex Chomyak stop by Heartland Point's patio while walking their dog, Sutton.

Good habits, good health, good friends—on April 5, Orrville Walks kicked off its fourth year of promoting the healthy habit of walking around town.

Sponsored by Aultman Orrville's Growing Healthy Habits and Heartland Point, the purpose of the walk is to encourage healthy practices. Orrville Walks will continue each Thursday through Sept. 20. Participation is easy—just walk every Thursday!

Thanks to an Aultman Orrville Hospital grant, check in became easier midway through last year's walk with the introduction of a computerized system that logs miles and weeks walked with a simple card. The card is free and requires very little information from you (which is used only for Orrville Walks). Once you have your card, it is an easy process using the iPads set up at Heartland Point. One iPad is at the information counter inside the building, and the other is conveniently located on the patio for people who walk with their dogs.

Check-in with your card automatically registers you for the weekly raffle prizes and the grand prize at the end of the summer. Your Orrville Walks card also serves as a 15 percent off coupon at Heartland Point Cafe on Thursdays.

Aultman Orrville's Growing Healthy Habits appreciates the support of area businesses and their help in motivating residents to participate each week.

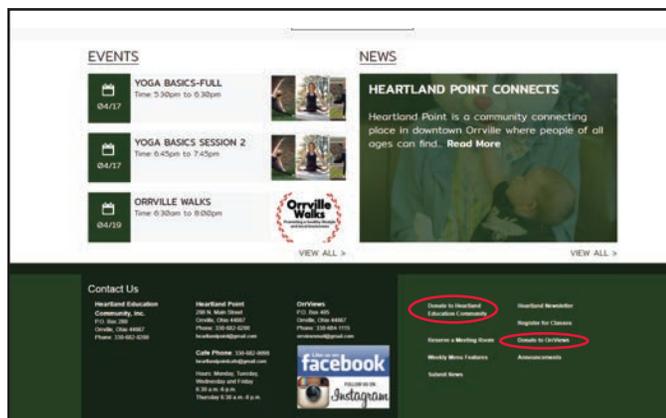


Heartland Point and Heartland Point Cafe celebrated National PB & J Day with a peanut butter and jelly sandwich bar that allowed customers to choose from several varieties of Jif® peanut butters and Smucker's® jams, jellies, and preserves, plus toppings like bananas, cranberries, and marshmallow cream. The crew also led the charge for Spring to arrive with its "No Snow" T-shirts worn in mid-April. For details and pictures of Heartland Point's fun events, "like" our Facebook page or follow us on Instagram.



Support HECI & OrrViews with just a click!

Online donations for the Heartland Education Community and OrrViews are quick, easy, and secure. These initiatives both fall under the nonprofit umbrella of the Heartland Education Community, Inc., but they have separate missions and separate funding. Go to www.heartlandorrville.com to learn more about how these initiatives are furthering lifelong education in the community and sharing the positive news of what is happening in the Orrville area.



Did you know?

Beginning with the Class of 2007, every student in the Orrville City Schools has had Character Education throughout his or her school career—from kindergarten through senior year. The Heartland Good Character Words of the Month program began in 1994.



Heartland Steering Committee Welcomes New Members

What is Heartland and why is it important to the community? New members of the Heartland Steering Committee attended a luncheon orientation in early April to learn more about the organization's history and its current priorities. The organization welcomed Sara Reith, OHuddle; Chris Hilty, McElroy Packaging; Justin Haislip, State Farm Insurance; Kate-lynn Mejia, OrrViews; and Jacob Shalkhauser, The J.M. Smucker Company.

An unexpected treat for the new members was having Tim Smucker (Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Directors of The J.M. Smucker Company, former Co-President and CEO of Smucker (2001-11), Chairman of the Board (2011-16), and founding member of the Heartland Education Community, Inc.) attend the luncheon for a first-hand account of the Heartland's beginnings. "We were sitting around the kitchen table discussing what it was we were trying to do, and we said to each other 'aren't we trying to shift the focus from school to education and shift the responsibility from school to the community,'" said Smucker. "It was a simple concept and a way to help make Orrville's already good schools better."

Heartland's Board Chair Maribeth Burns was also involved with the founding of the organization. She explained that the character education program in Orrville schools was built by its citizens. "There were plenty of character programs packaged and ready to pull off the shelf for use in the classroom. We wanted something that was unique to this area and worked with the Institute for Global Ethics to create a program based on the community's shared values."

Several of the new members commented that they didn't realize how many community members worked on the founding of Heartland, and all were eager to get to work on one of the committees.

More on Heartland Education Community, Inc.'s history can be found at www.heartlandorrville.com.

Lifelong Learning at Heartland Point

Learning is not something that stops when a person graduates from high school or college. Learning can be a lifetime endeavor that brings joy to many people.

Heartland Point, downtown Orrville's community connecting place, offers one-time or multi-session classes that appeal to a variety of age groups and interests.

"Great instructor! Loved painting the picture."



One of the most popular classes is *Seasonal Painting* with Kristin Lorson. Up to 25 students per class paint the same picture with step-by-step instruction from Lorson. Many participants have never painted before and are surprised how talented they really are.

"Teaching these classes is so rewarding for me," said Lorson. "I love helping others discover their creativity. It has added a dimension to my art, and my life, that I wasn't expecting."

Yoga has been another popular class this spring with almost 30 people each session working to master the basics. Other classes coming on the spring schedule include learning to crochet, Medicare education, and a history presentation—*The Axes that Built Wayne County*—by Paul Locher. Register for all of Heartland Point's learning opportunities online or by calling 330-682-0200.

Current Priority Updates

Heartland Preschool

The preschool program began operating in the elementary school building in August 2017 and moves to its permanent home in the Boys & Girls Club for the 2018-19 school year. The transition provides room to add a class for 3-year-old children.

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The term English Language Learners has been shortened to simply English Learners. Members of the committee helped provide Workplace Spanish classes for 25 teachers in the Orrville schools. Funds for this program were provided by a grant to Heartland from the Wayne County Community Foundation.

College & Career Readiness

Vital Connections is a program for educators that will be held June 5, 6, and 7 to introduce them to the jobs available at various businesses throughout Wayne County. Approximately 30 teachers will travel together to learn more about what businesses will need in the future and how important what they teach in the classroom is to a student's career.

Mentoring

OHuddle mentoring program now serves more than 80 students in Orrville middle and high school buildings. Data meetings that have been held at OMS in the past three months show students are yielding 16 percent improvement in academics, behavior, and attendance since prior to starting OHuddle service.

OrrViews

The paper now has its own Facebook page at www.facebook.com/OrrViews. The page includes previews of coming issues, links to archived stories, and a donation link to quickly and easily support our community's paper. Look for the Senior Spotlight Issue on stands May 18!

Character Education

The school district calendar subcommittee will begin work on the 2018-19 school year calendar in early June. The business connection subcommittee will also be working this summer to develop packets for businesses to encourage the continuation of Heartland's Character Words of the Month into the workplace.