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A Comprehensive System of Parks, Trails and Recreation in Allen County

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PARK DISTRICT FOUNDATION OF ALLEN COUNTY

As many of you know, the Park District Foundation of Allen County was established to benefit the citizens of Allen County through projects and programs in the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District. Many of the major capital projects that you see being accomplished in your parks are the results of generous donors supporting improvements and programs through non-tax monies. Without the Foundation, most of the projects simply wouldn't happen.

In 2018, individual donors shared their resources to sponsor the Nature Photography Contest, Ottawa Metro Park (OMP) Amphitheater programs and concert series, and the Lower National Park Open House entertainment in August. Projects through the Foundation included the Apple Festival entertainment, tent rentals and supplies. Over 7,000 people enjoyed the Apple Festival! In addition, the Allen County Farm Park continental rental was paid for through the Foundation as well as ongoing support for the Veterans Freedom Flag movement. Among the larger donations and more noticeable projects was the construction and use of the "BEE TLE" tent, a mobile nature center that is used at various sites across Allen County. Keep an eye out for the "BEE TLE" this year. It's



The "BEE TLE" mobile nature center



Ottawa Metro Park Amphitheater Program

have exceptionally well received and will continue to be used extensively for years to come.

While the listed projects and programs are the most noticed, citizens of Allen County and beyond continue to share their resources in big and small ways. 50% of which are important and very much appreciated. The Park District Foundation of Allen County is a non-profit corporation and *(Continued on page 2)*