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Black Swamp Arts Fest wins Governor's Award

The Black Swamp Arts Festival has been chosen as a co-award winner for the Governor's Award for Community Development and Participation in the Arts in Ohio for 2023.

The festival will be honored during a ceremony in Columbus on May 17 for artistic and cultural achievement and the festival's impactful and visionary leadership in Ohio's creative sector, as well as its sustained dedication to promoting artistic excellence.

"We are thrilled to receive the Governor's Award for Community Development and Participation. As an all-volunteer run organization, relying on hundreds of volunteers the weekend of the festival, this award is truly about our community, and we can all take pride for making the arts an important part of our lives," said Todd Ahrens, BSAF festival chair.

The BSAF has been held in Bowling Green since 1993. Its ability to sustain its purpose of fostering the arts in the Northwest Ohio community factored into being selected.

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mission that connects arts and community through an annual festival and related activities throughout the year."

There were five letters of support from Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green City Schools, the City of Bowling Green, Kiwanis Club of Bowling Green and Ben's.

Floyd Craft, owner of Ben's, described BSAF as a model organization in the community which supports other activities and events in the downtown.

The festival is "one of the most anticipated events of the year," said Jason Miller, Kiwanis Club secretary.

BGSU President Rodney Rogers said that the festival is a "meaningful event that not only engages our regional communities and city, but also BGSU."

Every year, a core group of 25 board members works to organize the free festival; there are 850 volunteers.

The festival is considered a major driver of the local economy. Approximately 40,000 people attend every year. An estimated 20% of visitors come from more than 100 miles away. In 2021, visual artists collectively made more than \$500,000 in sales of their work. "While the festival is an annual event, its planning committee and various city staff meet throughout the year to ensure a successful, safe, and accessible event...through exceptional planning, we have experienced very few surprises and have always overcome any challenges to accomplish our shared goals year after year," said

Doggone entertaining



Layla, 2, an Australian shepherd-mix, catches a Frisbee thrown by handler Wesley Ryan Jan. 21, during the halftime of a Bowling Green State University women's basketball game. Handlers from Performance Dogs of Ohio were on hand entertaining basketball fans with doggy high jumps and disk tricks. See page 9 for more photos.



In order to be considered for selection for the honor, the festival needed a nomination and letters of support from the community.

Mary Hinkelman, executive director of the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce, submitted a nomination.

"Black Swamp Arts Festival has strengthened arts participation in our community for nearly three decades, providing free access to art and music, and welcoming diverse visitors and artists alike," Hinkelman said. "It is an organization by its very

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Balancing performance, emotions

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BGSU professor's research into healthcare quality improvement receives acclaim

By BGSU Marketing & Communications

A Bowling Green State University professor's research is receiving acclaim for its analysis on how a failure to take a balanced approach in healthcare quality improvement initiatives could lead to serious adverse effects.

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QI has traditionally been heavily skewed toward optimizing performance — such as reducing costs, achieving better patient satisfaction and

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Health dept. conducts inspections

By Sentinel-Tribune Staff

A Chinese restaurant in Perrysburg had more than 20 violations during a recent health inspection.

The Wood County Health Department conducted a follow-up inspection at **Yum Yummy**, 10677 Fremont Pike, on Jan. 19 and found eight critical and 16 non-critical violations.

Eleven were repeat offenses. Critical were written procedures and plans are not maintained and implemented; food not properly protected from contamination by separation, packaging, and segre-

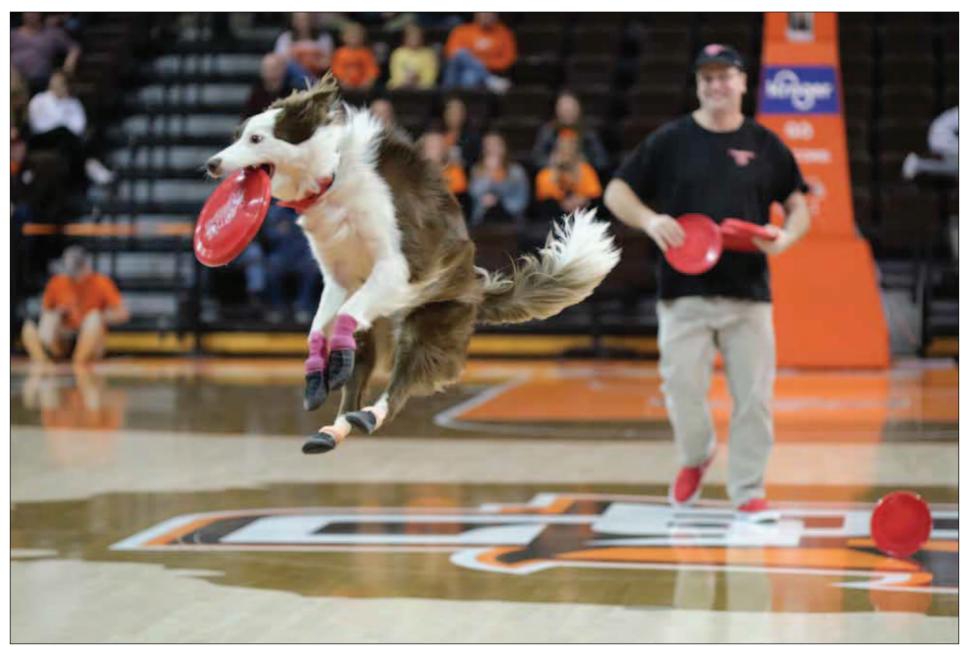
gation (repeat); equipment foodcontact surfaces or utensils are unclean (repeat); food equipment surfaces not cleaned at required frequency (repeat, corrected during inspection); chlorine sanitizing solution at incorrect temperature and/or concentration (corrected during inspection); ready-to-eat, temperature-controlled food not properly discarded when required (corrected during inspection); refrigerated, ready-to-eat, temperature-controlled foods not properly date marked; and working containers of poisonous or toxic materials not properly labeled (corrected

during inspection).

Non-critical were improper method for cooling temperaturecontrolled foods; working food containers not properly labeled (repeat, corrected during inspection); outer opening not protected (repeat); improper storage of food items (repeat); linens used inappropriately (repeat); improper use and/or maintenance of wiping cloths (repeat); re-use of single-service or single-use articles (repeat); non-food contact surfaces not

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Icon, 3, a Border Collie, jumps as his handler Ariel Faeth looks on.

Paisley jumps off of her handlers back to catch a Frisbee.





Stroh Center.

Paisley is carried off the court after entertaining the crowd at the 6, an Australian shepherd.



Layla catches a Frisbee in mid air.