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**The Ozarks Regional YMCA Receives \$100,000 Gift from the
Bill and Bee Payne-Stewart Family to Build a New Pool at Camp Wakonda**

The Bill and Bee Payne-Stewart Family Foundation has pledged \$100,000 to the Ozarks Regional YMCA Camp Wakonda Capital Campaign (Phase I), toward building a new pool at Camp. Phase I of the campaign is focused on raising the funds needed for water-related infrastructure improvements at the YMCA's 80-acre Camp Wakonda. Planned Improvements include the water supply, waste system, shower houses/restrooms, and a zero-degree entry pool.

Since 1953, Camp Wakonda has been "home" to several hundred children ages 7-18 each summer in Ash Grove, MO. Camp Wakonda also offers family camping programs, specialized and custom camping programs, meeting space and facilities for corporate/leadership meetings or retreats, and special events throughout the year. Camp Wakonda has a climbing tower, zip line, high-ropes and low-ropes course, and a mole run. Camp activities include swimming, rock climbing, rappelling, horseback riding, float trips, caving, archery, biking, hiking, crafts, and "tribe" activities.

This pledge was made by Susan Stewart-Daniel and Lora Stewart-Thomas, daughters of Bill and Bee Payne Stewart. The Bill and Bee Payne-Stewart family will be recognized by co-naming of the new pool. For more information, or if you wish to donate to the Camp Wakonda Capital Campaign, contact Rhoda Clark at 417-862-8962, ext. 159.

The Ozarks Regional YMCA has served the community for over 120 years and has over 20,000 members in the association to build strong kids, strong families, and strong communities. The Ozarks Regional YMCA consists of seven branches including, The Ozark Mountain Branch in Hollister, Bolivar/Dallas County Area YMCA, Monett/Cassville, Camp Wakonda, Child Care branches, and two facilities in Springfield.

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