

Findlay has a new look these days with the addition of eight new murals, taking Hancock County's colorful count up to 19 life-size paintings.

Under the direction of Awakening Minds Art, local artists have completed the city's eight newest murals as a way of bringing the community together through the visual arts while celebrating inclusivity and connection.

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in obtaining a map may contact either agency. Donations are appreciated.

Awakening Minds Art — an allinclusive art program that provides therapeutic and educational visual art programs for all ages and abilities — came up with the idea of commissioning new local murals as a way to bring more art into the community, according to Emily Sullivan, AMA instructor and development director.

"We asked local artists to submit some designs. We asked local businesses and

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building owners to submit their locations so that we could get some art around," she said.

According to Sullivan, the project fits in with the agency's theme for the year: "Art Makes Me Stronger, Art Makes Me Connected." She credited AMA board member and volunteer Tamera Rooney with suggesting the idea.

Artists include Rooney and Sullivan, along with Laura Flickinger, Marissa Green, Megan Hall, Ambz Kear and clients from Kan Du Studio. Many of the works featured guest artists as well.

"We're really, really happy about the outcome of these eight murals and we're excited to share them," Sullivan said.

Each of the newly created murals will include a sign with a QR code that will take visitors to a webpage detailing the inspiration behind the painting, the mural-making process and the people involved in its creation.

People visiting the murals are encouraged to tag @AwakeningMindsArt using the hashtag #artmakesmeconnected

In all, Hancock County has 19 murals, said Sullivan. She noted that a few more murals will be completed in the spring.



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November 7

Hancock County Veterans Day parade in Findlay

November 13

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- Guest speaker from the Family Resource Center on resiliency and healthy coping skills
- Bill Kieffer will present "Insights from the employer side of the desk" by covering topics such as:
 - General business.
- Culture of the civilian workforce,
- Transition from military to civilian life,
- Networking, and
- Talent acquisition, recruiting and interviewing.
- Consider this session, "Intelligence preparation of the career battlefield."

Mr. Kieffer will share content from his book "Military Career Transition: Insights From the Employer Side of the Desk" which debuted in July of 2021 as the #1 new release in Amazon's job hunting category, and was recently picked up by Gallant Few Rangers for all their program participants. Veterans, employers and community members will leave this session with a better understanding of what employers are thinking and how employers operate regarding military career transition.

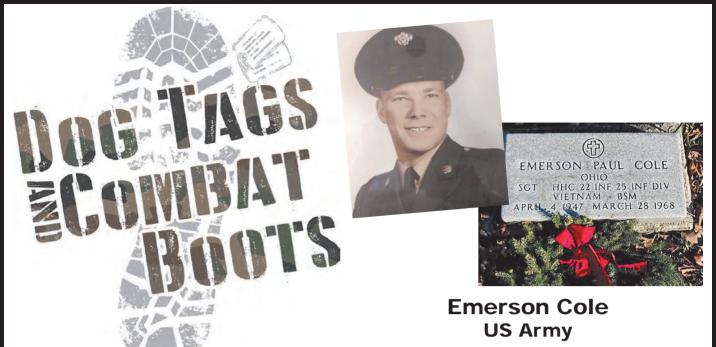
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- A light lunch will be provided
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Dave Morrow is a peacetime veteran of the USAF and Utah Army National Guard. He was an educator and an EMT. Dave is currently a documentary photographer and writer. He created the website https://dogtagsandcombatboots.org/ to share the stories of our Veterans. The site is dedicated to the stories of Vietnam Veterans and to the veteran Women Warriors of Ohio. It is hoped to be a place for healing.

Emerson Cole was the third child born to Timothy and Ruth Cole, arriving April 4th, 1947. He was known to be both "fun-loving" and a "hellion" by friends and family. Emerson graduated from Findlay High School in 1966. Not sure of what direction to go in life he took a job at Pepsi as a delivery driver. He loved riding his Ducati motorcycle. The Vietnam War caught up with him in 1967 when he was drafted into the Army.

After basic and AIT training Emerson was sent to Vietnam where he served with the Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. He was an Armored Personnel Carrier (APC) driver and Direct Fire Crewman.

He was well liked in his unit. One post on the "Vietnam Wall of Faces" from fellow soldier Dave Reese, "I served in the same squad as Cole-quite a character and friend-the tattoo on my leg is in his honor-Cole, Me and Larry Heinneman, one crazy crew-RIP" Emerson was a good soldier, earning the rank of Private First Class during his year in Vietnam. On March 28th, 1968, with only ten days left in country his unit was tasked to go to headquarters to trade in the old APC's and pick up new ones. When the new equipment onto trucks and sent back to their base. The truck Emerson was riding "shotgun" in was in an accident and rolled. He was killed six days before his 21st birthday. He was promoted posthumously to the rank of Sergeant.

Another soldier in his unit, Don Bass, gave tribute to him: "Larry went home first. Then I left. You were going to meet me in Omaha and pick up motorcycles and ride to Chicago to see Heinneman. It didn't happen, but I have never forgotten."

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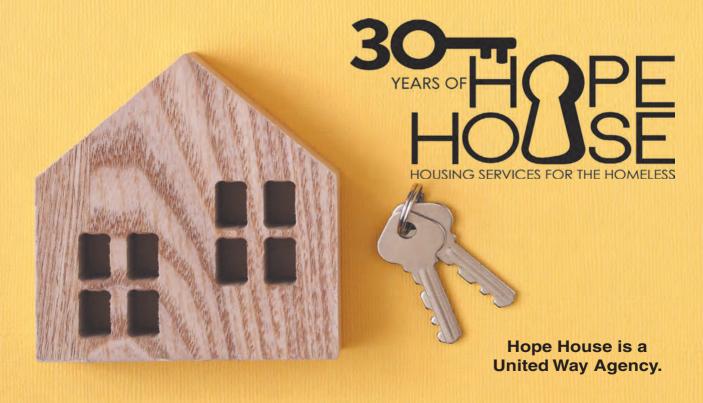
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