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INDEPENDENCE WINS THE 2025 MIND CHALLENGE!

The 2025 Mind Challenge, a team trivia tournament for active seniors held at Senior Municipal Centers, crowned its champion on May 29, 2025. Independence defeated upstart Canal Fulton for the title. Independence won \$ 2,500.00 for their Senior Center by finishing first. Canal Fulton won \$ 1,500.00 for runner up. Broadview Hts. finished third and won \$ 1,000.00 and Sheffield Lake took fourth place and won \$ 500.00 The 2025 Mind Challenge began its 7th year on April 21 with a record number of teams, 120- cities, 71, and over 800 participants competing. New cities participating this year include North Canton, Wickliffe, Avon, Hubbard and Brunswick. This year's semi-finals and final rounds were held on May 28 & 29 at the Donna Smallwood Senior Center in Parma and featured Ohio Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Amy Acton as keynote speaker at the May 29 finals.

Seniors embrace the team trivia competition as this initiative is designed to allow them to use their minds and to enhance their overall socialization in a fun and free environment. The tournament is designed after the popular NCAA Basketball tournament with brackets and regions. Teams answer trivia questions by collaborating with each other and then wager points based on their knowledge of the questions.

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