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Hidden Valley Lake Rated in the Top 50 Communities in the Tri-State Region (Sunman-Dearborn & South Dearborn Schools in Top 35)

Cincy Magazine publishes an annual report that compares various quality of life data elements of over 270 villages, towns and cities within the tristate region of Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. Dearborn County's own Hidden Valley Lake ranked #27 on the list of the 50 best communities in the area. As a component of the annual assessment, the Cincy Magazine staff performs extensive research based on various quality of life criteria including housing rates, taxes, crime, and the public school system.

This is the ninth annual "Rating the Burbs" analysis done by the Cincinnati-based magazine publisher. Hidden Valley Lake beat out stiff competition from areas we all know such as Crestview Hills, KY and West Chester, OH. The HVL community ranked #13 in safety and the Town of Dillsboro was ranked the #32 safest communities in the tristate. Bruce Keller, Community Manager for Hidden Valley Lake, said "Hidden Valley Lake also made this list last year -- it's satisfying to know we're staying true to the HVL mission. It's very rewarding to see the tristate region recognize our Indiana community for its quality of life."

Hidden Valley Lake's rating was helped by a boost from the Sunman-Dearborn School system; achieving a noteworthy #6 rating on the list of quality public school systems in the region. They were compared to 70 school districts in the 8-county region and analyzed based on criteria such as per-pupil spending, pupil-to-teacher ratios, and teachers with a Master's degree. Certainly not to be overlooked, South Dearborn Schools (Aurora, Indiana) also made the list and ranked #28 of the Top 35 schools in the region.

Dearborn County Commissioner and President of the Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana (OKI) Council of Regional Governments Kevin Lynch stated "Dearborn County Commissioners and economic development leaders are thrilled that Cincy Magazine is telling our story. We congratulate Hidden Valley Lake, Dillsboro and Sunman-Dearborn and South Dearborn schools for this well-deserved recognition. There's an awful lot to be proud of over here in Indiana!" The Cincy Magazine website is: www.cincymagazine.com. There you can view a digital copy of this month's magazine at: http://issuu.com/cincyflip/docs/0615_cincy?e=7593162/13019076 (page 42 begins the article).

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