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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – A community forum to discuss Issue 3 and the impact marijuana would have in Ohio, if the proposed legislation is passed this year, will be held at Main Elementary School on Dayton-Xenia Road in Beavercreek on Thursday, Oct. 22. The event, which is open to the public, begins at 7 p.m.

The forum is sponsored by Soin Medical Center and Cedarville University. Panelists include Janet Neal, DNP, RN, assistant professor of nursing from Cedarville University’s School of Nursing, Mark Pinkerton, MD, assistant professor of pharmacy practice from Cedarville’s School of Pharmacy, and Mike DeWine, Ohio’s Attorney General. A fourth panelist, ideally from ResponsibleOhio or a similar organization, is hoped to be added for the forum.

After opening remarks by all panelists, the forum will be opened up to include questions from the audience.

“The purpose of the forum is to bring information from various perspectives to residents in the Miami Valley about Issue 3,” said Mark D. Weinstein, executive director of public relations for Cedarville University. “Although some have already voted, our hope is through this forum, residents in the Miami Valley will better understand the benefits and concerns about the marijuana issue before they vote. An educated vote on this important issue is critically important.”

Neal has taught at Cedarville University since 2008. She earned her Doctor of Nurse Practitioner degree from the University of Cincinnati. Pinkerton joined the faculty in 2014 after many years in private practice—including Colorado where marijuana is legal. His Doctor of Medicine degree is from the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo. DeWine is a resident of Cedarville, Ohio and has served one term as attorney general.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,711 undergraduate, graduate and online students in more than 100 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings and leading student satisfaction ratings.