

MONTHLY



# MURRAY RIDGE COURIER

JUL 2022



Superintendent **Amber Fisher** witnessing **Jennifer Ryan** administering the oath of office for **Ryan Egbertson**, Murray Ridge Center's newest Board Member



Murray Ridge Center's Board of Directors convening on Monday, June 24th, 2022

## Meet our Newest Board Member!

### Welcome to LCBDD, Ryan Egbertson!

Sworn in on Monday, June 27th, **Ryan Egbertson** is Murray Ridge Center's newest board member! Ryan is the first person who receives services from LCBDD to sit on our board of directors, and he was appointed to serve by the Lorain County Board of Commissioners. Ryan is a remarkable individual, and we are thrilled to work with him in this capacity.



Welcome to LCBDD, Ryan!

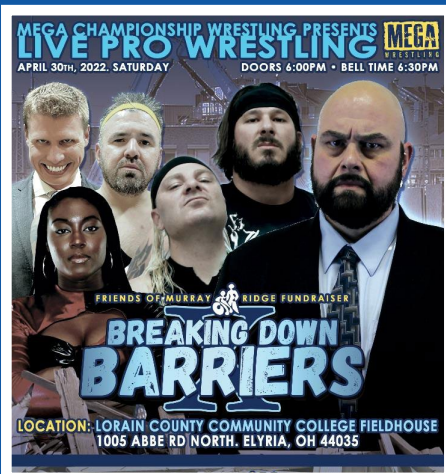


## DODD DIRECTOR VISITS

This past month saw a visit by Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) Director **Kimberly Hauck** as part of her statewide tour of county boards of developmental disabilities. At the meeting, directors of Murray Ridge Center's various departments met to discuss our programs and special projects, as well as the director's goals and vision.



Pictured, left: Members of Murray Ridge Center's Administrative team meeting with **Director Hauck** and Deputy Director of Policy and Strategic Direction **Steve Beha** from DODD  
Pictured, above: **Director Hauck** and Murray Ridge Center Superintendent **Amber Fisher**



At our June board meeting, Elyria Opportunity/Vocational Center Program Specialist **Jim Nagy** presented a check for nearly \$1,500 to Friends of Murray Ridge on behalf of Mega Championship Wrestling (MCW). The generous donation was raised at MCW's annual Breaking Down Barriers event, which occurred for the tenth time this past April. The family-friendly wrestling show was started in 2011 by Nagy and his co-promoters **Jeff Traxler** and **Brandon Xavier** for the benefit of Lorain County residents with developmental disabilities.



**Jim Nagy** presenting MCW's donation to Murray Ridge Center Superintendent **Amber Fisher** and LCBDD Board President **Beverly Gedid**



# SUMMER GAMES



Members of the Murray Ridge Track and Field Team met Ohio Governor Mike DeWine! From left to right: Sarah Ward, Stephanie Budweg, Alicia Lawrence, Governor DeWine, Ajonie' Glinsey, Coach Tonya Guitar, and Elena Reinhold

## Congratulations, athletes!

Congratulations to all the Murray Ridge athletes who competed in the State Special Olympics Games in Columbus on June 24-25! In total, individual athletes brought back 24 gold medals, 13 silver medals, six bronze medals, three 4th place ribbons, and three 5th place ribbons. This page shows just a few of the summer games' many highlights!

## 1st Place in Volleyball!

Congratulations to Volleyball Team members Joe Bellottie, Ryan Brown, Megan Craig, Tony Harris, Hector Lozano, Angelissa Pardo, Shari Reitenbach, and Jeffrey Torres, as well as head coach Rick Rovere and assistant coach Stacy Rosecrans!



Murray Ridge volleyball team members waiting for their medals (from left to right): Jeffrey Torres, Shari Reitenbach, Megan Craig, Tony Harris, Joe Bellottie, Angelissa Pardo, Hector Lozano, and Ryan Brown.



Murray Ridge Bocce Teammates Tim Stewart and John Ahart

## Medals in Bocce!

Great job to our three bocce teams! John Ahart and Tim Stewart's team and Pam McClain and Cassie Kilgore's team brought home two gold medals each, with Annie Cirilo and D'Ronda Fleming earning fourth place ribbons! Congratulations to all, including head coach Yokita Thomas, as well as assistant coaches Michelle Miller and Joe Croftcheck!

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# SPECIAL OLYMPICS OHIO SUMMER GAMES Full Results

## Congrats to all Special Olympians!



Stephanie Budweg and Coach Tonya Guitar

### Modified Volleyball Team: 1st Place/Gold Medal

Joe Bellottie  
Ryan Brown  
Megan Craig  
Tony Harris  
Hector Lozano  
Angelissa Pardo  
Shari Reitenbach  
Jeffrey Torres

Head Coach: Rick Rovere  
Assistant: Stacy Rosecrans

### Soccer Team: 2nd Place/Silver Medal

Diana Clement  
Tim Dammeyer  
Ryan Eliason  
Jeremy Foster  
Noah Griffiths  
Gavin Hennigan  
Sean McCaffrey  
Sean Ware  
Katie Weaver  
Andrew "AJ" Westover

Head Coach: Russ Moyer  
Assistant: Michelle Miller  
Volunteer: Kris Miller

### Bocce Team: Doubles

John Ahart/Tim Stewart 1st Place  
Pam McClain/Cassie Kilgore 1st Place  
Annie Cirilo/D'Ronda Fleming 4th Place

Head Coach: Yokita Thomas  
Assistant: Michelle Miller  
Assistant: Joe Croftcheck

### Track Team Individual Events:

Stephanie Budweg  
100M dash 5th Place  
Mini Javelin 1st Place  
Tom Dammeyer  
200M dash 3rd Place  
Mini Javelin 4th Place  
Lutz Fazekas  
100M dash 3rd Place  
Shot Put 5th Place  
Ajonie' Glinsey  
200M dash 1st Place  
Alicia Lawrence  
200M dash 1st Place  
Shot Put 2nd Place  
Elena Reinhold  
100M dash 3rd Place  
Mini Javelin 1st Place  
Elizha Suggs  
200M dash 1st Place  
Mini Javelin 1st Place  
Sarah Ward  
200M dash 2nd Place  
Shot Put 5th Place

### Track Team 4x100M Relay: 1st Place

Tom Dammeyer  
Ajonie' Glinsey  
Alicia Lawrence (alternate)  
Elizha Suggs  
Sarah Ward

Head Coach: Tonya Guitar  
Assistant: Joe Croftcheck  
Assistant: Laura Roby

### Tennis Team:

#### Doubles

Cooper/Prihoda 3rd Place  
Lombeida/Zsigray 3rd Place

#### Singles

Michael Cooper 4th Place  
Andrew Prihoda 3rd Place  
Martha Lombeida 2nd Place  
David Zsigray 1st Place

Head Coach: Starr Price  
Assistant: Margie Byrd

Murray Ridge Center invites all Lorain County adults with developmental disabilities to participate in our Special Olympics Program. If you'd like to learn more about our upcoming Special Olympics Ohio activities and events and how to participate in them, please contact Shawn Hatcher at 440-284-2720 or at [shatcher@murrayridgecenter.org](mailto:shatcher@murrayridgecenter.org)

## LORAIN COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES HOLDING HIRING EVENT

Looking for a job where you can contribute to the community and enrich the lives of others by performing valuable and gratifying work? Don't miss one of our two upcoming hiring events!

### First Event:

July 22nd  
Cascade Park Meeting Room  
11AM to 7PM

### Second Event

August 5th  
French Creek Reservation Meeting Room  
10AM to 3PM

Attendees of the event will be able to apply, be pre-screened, and possibly have their initial interview on the spot! Part-time, full-time, and intermittent (PRN) positions are available.

Questions? Contact Laura Yates at (440) 329-3734





# MURRAY RIDGE SCHOOL Summer Camp

## Enjoy these highlights from our summer camp program!

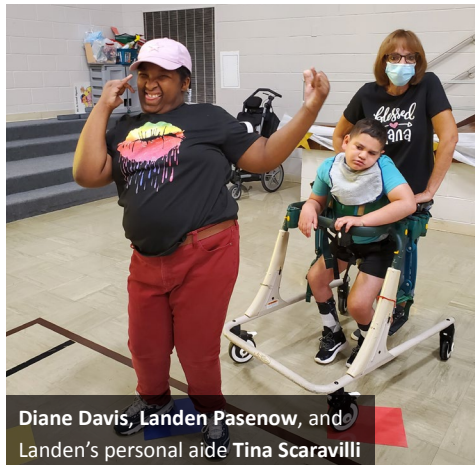
School is out and camp is in! This past month, Murray Ridge School held its annual three week summer camp program. The camp's programming themes were based on board games, and each week was planned around a different game: the first week was a giant version of "Candyland" filled with physical activity; the second put a creative spin on "Monopoly" by teaching students about traffic safety; and the last theme was "Clue", which had students work together to solve "the mystery of the stolen cupcake!" For the past two years, Murray Ridge School's summer camp program has been funded by a GEER Grant, which has allowed us to incorporate more educational and therapeutic programming during the three weeks of fun. Thank you to all of the teachers, aides, and occupational, physical, and speech therapists who helped make the enhanced camp program possible!



Charlotte Bush and Stacie Starr playing "Candyland" on a gym-sized board



Sariah Lugo and physical therapist Becky Farmer



Diane Davis, Landen Pasenow, and Landen's personal aide Tina Scaravilli



Speech therapist Jen Hakkio and Scarlett Wallace



Physical therapist Hannah Lilly and Jacksuel Albarran



Sa'Nayiah Birdsong and her personal aide Marc Davidson

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more pictures  
and video?**

Be sure to visit our  
Facebook page!

# Mark your **Calendars!**



## 2022 SELF-ADVOCACY TOUR

This summer, We Thrive Together will be hosting a regional self-advocacy tour. This tour will consist of five free events that can be attended either in-person or virtually. Each event will focus on the importance of self-advocacy, transition planning, and socialization. Join us and invite your friends to hear how individuals, family members, and service providers advocate for game-changing services. Meet awesome advocates from across the region who lead by example and have a ton of fun.

Students, adults, family, friends, and support staff are all invited to participate. The events are FREE. Participants can attend in-person or virtually, but registration is required.

## YOUR VOICE MATTERS. SPEAK UP!

For registration and additional information, please go to:

[wethrivetogether.org/self-advocacy-tour](http://wethrivetogether.org/self-advocacy-tour)

## 2022 SELF-ADVOCACY TOUR DATES

- Sat, Jul 30 – NW Ohio: Owens Community College | 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.
- Sun, Jul 31 – Central Ohio: The Ohio State University | 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.
- Sat, Aug 13 – NE Ohio: Cuyahoga Community College | 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.
- Sat, Aug 20 – SE Ohio: Ohio University | 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.
- Sun, Aug 21 – SW Ohio: Miami University | 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.

## EVENT AGENDA

- Panel Discussions (90 min)
  - Leverage Technology to Gain Independence
  - Self Advocacy: Share Your Voice To Maximize Your IEP/ISP
  - Success in Transition: Choose Your Own Adventure
- Fun and Games (90 min)

## hioISP Change is coming to Individual Service Plans in Lorain County

Your ISP will look different at your upcoming annual redetermination. The process for OhioISP will look very similar to the current process, but the final product will look different. Within the OhioISP will be both a comprehensive assessment of your needs and your ISP, which will include all of the services and supports that you and your team have worked to develop.

Your final OhioISP will be available to you and your team via DODD's online platform. Use this link to create your DODD account:

<https://dodd.ohio.gov/about-us/resources/account-creation>

DODD held a virtual informational session for families a few weeks ago. To watch the recording, visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpEkQno1thY>

Please visit <https://dodd.ohio.gov/compliance/oisp/welcome> for additional information or contact your SSA.

**Thursday, August 25th 2022**

**Appetizer Bar**  
**½ BBQ Chicken Dinner**  
**Corn on the Cob - Baked Beans - Potato Salad - Homemade Macaroni Salad**  
**Dessert Bar**

**Murray Ridge School  
Prom Fundraiser**

**Doors Open: 5:30**  
**Party: 6-10pm**  
**Dinner: 6:30**  
**Music: 6:30-9pm**

**BYOB**

**Benefit Dinner - Raffles - Cornhole Tournament - Live Music**

**Advance Ticket Sale Only**  
**\$25 or 6 for \$125**  
**Purchase By: August 21st**  
**440-864-4654**

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## Nominations Sought for Exceptional Service Awards

Do you know a Murray Ridge employee whose work efforts reflect remarkable dedication and have significantly contributed to the well-being of people with developmental disabilities? Nominate that employee for an Exceptional Service Award! If you are a community member; consumer; or parent, guardian, sibling or other relative of a Murray Ridge program participant, submit your nomination to Kevin Naughton, Community Education/Volunteer Director. Please include a brief paragraph outlining your reasons for nominating the employee. All nominations will be forwarded to the Board for consideration. The Board presents Exceptional Service Awards on a quarterly basis. If you have any questions, contact Kevin at (440) 329-3734 or kevin@murrayridgecenter.org

## Boardroom Briefing

The Lorain County Board of DD convened at 6:30 p.m. on June 27, 2022. The Board welcomed new member Ryan Egbertson. Murray Ridge Program Specialist Jim Nagy (retired wrestler 'Mad Dog Manson') presented a check for the Friends of Murray Ridge in the amount of \$1,493.10, proceeds from Breaking Down Barriers X which was held on April 30, 2022; this show, an annual family-friendly wrestling event put on by Mega Championship Wrestling (MCW) for the benefit of Lorain County residents with developmental disabilities, had been paused for two years because of the COVID pandemic, and was eagerly awaited and attended by many Murray Ridge program participants and affiliates, along with wrestling fans from the local community. Board member Becky Cornman announced that the Board's Exceptional Service Award Committee had selected a nominated Murray Ridge employee to receive the next quarterly award. The Board approved 2022-2023 Agency calendars. The Board passed a resolution authorizing the public release of a draft of the 2021 Strategic Plan Progress Report, and gave notice of a public forum on this report to be held on July 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Board's Administration Building, 1091 Infirmary Rd., Elyria, Ohio; a copy of the Draft 2021 Strategic Plan Progress Report can be accessed at [www.murrayridgecenter.org](http://www.murrayridgecenter.org) or by calling (440) 329-3734. Superintendent Fisher and SSA Director Heather Gurchik discussed various ways to support providers of service to local residents with developmental disabilities.

## Now Hiring!

## FEATURED positions



### Direct Support Professionals (Home Setting)

We have openings available for permanent and PRN (as-needed) positions to care for residents of our Meister Road Home. Hours vary based on position and/or assignment.

### Direct Support Professionals (Adult Program Setting)

We have openings available for permanent and PRN (as-needed) positions to care for participants in our Adult Program. Hours are generally during the day.

### Custodial/Maintenance Positions

We are looking for full-time and PRN (as-needed) custodial/maintenance help and two full-time Maintenance Technicians. Hours are generally during the day.

### Service and Support Administrator (SSA)

We have openings for full-time Service and Support Administrators. Hours are generally during the day.

### SSA Data/Account Clerk

We are looking for a full-time SSA Data/Account Clerk. Hours are generally during the day.

### We are looking for PRN (as-needed) Speech and Language Pathologists

**We provide the training.  
You provide the ♥**

To see our current openings and to apply, go to the Murray Ridge website and click on "Opportunities"

**All candidates:**

Must have valid Ohio drivers license, good driving record, and High School Diploma/GED. Must pass background check, drug test, and physical.

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**Photo of the Month:** Elyria Mayor **Frank Whitfield** cutting a rug with **Alex Shearer** at Elyria's summer concert series!

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