

MONTHLY



MURRAY RIDGE COURIER

AUG 2022



At Oberlin's OVC, Adult Program Aide **Leroy Keen**, **Cathy Pence**, **Gus McKee**, **Doreen Alaksa**, **Lisa Accord**, and Adult Program Instructor **Erin Leverknight** showing off their collected donations.



At OOV, Adult Program Instructor **Diania Landin** and **Michelle Amengual** "fill the bus" full of folders, crayons, glue sticks, and pencils.

The OVCs Fill the Bus!

Throughout July, our Opportunity & Vocational Centers (OVCs) took part in United Way of Greater Lorain County's "Fill the Bus" campaign, the stated goal of which is "to fill a backpack for every elementary school student in Lorain County to set them up to be successful for the upcoming school year." Our OVC staff and program participants truly went above and beyond, donating school supplies for families in need across Lorain County. This is just one great example of how our Murray Ridge Center family gives back to our community!



Just a fraction of the school supplies donated by our OVCs!

SUMMER FUN AT THE OVCS

Summertime is in full swing at our at our Opportunity & Vocational Centers! Enjoy these highlights from some of the fun activities our program participants have been enjoying under the sun.



LOVC adult participants were able to enjoy a summer afternoon picnic at the Myers family farm. Seated at the table, left to right: **Amanda Spreng**, **Thomas Wohlever**, **Tony Daniels**, **Hector Ortiz**, and **Chase Blackham**.



Another group of LOVC participants recently enjoyed a picnic at Mill Hollow. Left to right: **Emilie Grosel**, **Spencer Reynolds**, **Doris Torres**, **Tony Cogar**, **Joe Croftcheck** (staff), and **Ron St. Peter**.



OOVC staff and program participants visited the "Little Library on the Lake" at Lakeview Beach last month! Thank you to the Lorain County Metro Parks staff, who were kind enough to provide a beach wheel chair for one of our program participants. Standing left to right are two members of the Lorain County Metroparks Staff with **Cathy Pence**, **Erin Leverknight** (staff), and **Chad Lawrence**, and seated are **Lisa Accord** and **Mary Gressler**.



More LOVC participants enjoying ice cream at a recent visit to Hastee Tastee in Amherst. Left to right: **William McKinney**, **Eric Hodge**, **Joe Croftcheck** (staff), **Spencer Reynolds**, and **Katy Horvath**.

Want more photos? Check us out on Facebook!

A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE By Oberlin's Credo



Last month, Credo Music visited us at our Oberlin Opportunity & Vocational Center and gave a wonderful musical performance! Credo is a dedicated community of leading classical music professionals who work to educate and inspire talented young string players and encourage engagement with their community. Thank you for the wonderful performance, Credo Music!

SHEFFIELD LAKE Community Days Parade



Left to right: Jeremy Foster, Ryan Brown, Megan Craig, Brione Monk, Victor Elder, Alicia Lawrence, Jennifer Dutton (staff), and Pam McClain



Alicia Lawrence clowning for the camera

On July 14th, Murray Ridge Center staff, individuals with developmental disabilities, and their family members proudly represented Murray Ridge Center in Sheffield Lake's annual Community Days Parade. For some added fun, we decided to give our section of the parade a circus theme, and participants representing Murray Ridge dressed up in colorful clown wigs, red noses, and other fun outfits. Along the parade route, our attendees were even asked to stop and take photos with enthusiastic and supportive parade-goers, which you can see on our Facebook page!

More Summer Fun at the OVCs!



EOVC program participant **Michael Elliott** is putting the finishing touches on a painting that he is submitting to the Lorain County Fair art contest.



During an impromptu dance party, EOVC program participants **Alex Shearer**, **Ben Lewis**, and **Michael Telloni** entertained their peers by dancing to one of their favorite Backstreet Boys hits.

You can learn more about our day services for adults with developmental disabilities at murrayridgecenter.org under the "Services for Adults" tab.



Amy Trigilio at work at the Elyria Country Club

Supported Employment Spotlight: Amy Trigilio

Amy Trigilio has been employed in the Elyria Country Club kitchen as a dishwasher since 2004! By all accounts, Amy is an independent, reliable employee and her coworkers say she is an "angel". Amy says her favorite part of her job is working together with her coworkers, and they say they feel the same way about her. Amy is supported by her family, who help her get to and from work.

Outside of work, Amy enjoys swimming and competing in Special Olympics events, where she has won bronze, silver, and gold medals. She also loves listening to boy bands like One Direction, New Kids on the Block, and the Backstreet Boys, and she's a big fan of watching WWE on tv. Great job, Amy!

Anyone interested in employing someone with a developmental disability can call our Supported Employment Department at (440) 324-4993.



Kyle Offenburg showing off his catch to his Boy Scout "buddy"

At the camp, our scouts enjoyed a variety of activities including hiking, swimming, and fishing. The Murray Ridge School Boy Scout Troop is an official Boy Scout Troop and is open to all students enrolled at Murray Ridge School.

Murray Ridge School's Summer Boy Scout Camp

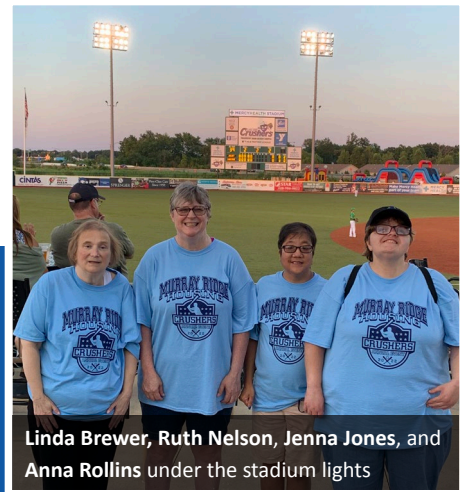
Murray Ridge School's Boy Scout Troop had its annual summer camping trip this past August 6th and 7th at Camp Avery Hand at the Firelands Scout Reservation. Each Murray Ridge Boy Scout was paired with a buddy from an area troop, and many family members also participated. Special thanks go to Boy Scout Troop leader **Julie Kraker**, a teacher at Murray Ridge School, who coordinated both days of the event.



Patrick Boey enjoying some time on the water with his Boy Scout "buddy"



Maintenance Technician **Chuck Heisler**, MRHC Board Member **Pete Barth**, MRHC Board Member **Tim McLaughlin**, **Charles Johnson**, Administrative Secretary **Jennifer Ryan**, MRHC Board President **Jerry Vessalo**, and LCBDD Superintendent **Amber Fisher**



Linda Brewer, **Ruth Nelson**, **Jenna Jones**, and **Anna Rollins** under the stadium lights

Annual MRHC Crushers Game Night!

On Thursday, July 14th, Murray Ridge Housing Corporation (MRHC) hosted its annual trip to Mercy Health Stadium to watch the Lake Erie Crushers. Sporting complimentary t-shirts, more than 75 tenants of the Housing Corporation attended the event, where they were treated to hot dogs, soda, and other ballpark goodies. Everyone enjoyed a great ballgame, especially with Crushers pitcher Matt Mulhearn maintaining a no-hitter until the 7th inning! However, the most exciting pitch of the game was thrown by Murray Ridge program participant **Robert Kerpics**, who got to throw out the ceremonial first pitch. Many thanks for a wonderful evening go to the event's sponsors: **Callihan Electric**, **Dick Esser Plumbing & Heating Inc.**, **Jamie's Carpet Shop**, **Midwest Siding**, **Schlather Insurance**, **Strittmather & Sons Inc.**, **T-Square Construction**, and **White Pine Wealth Management**.



Robert Kerpics throwing out the ceremonial first pitch!

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FCA All Abilities Camp will take all of the perspiration and inspiration that normally comes with an FCA camp, and add a focus on providing a fun, safe, quality camp-environment for individuals with special needs.

Metro Cleveland FCA is launching our first All-Abilities Camp. This one-day (September 17, 2022) sports camp will include activities such as soccer, football, baseball, physical fitness, ninja warrior obstacle course, and more! Camp will also feature a daily spiritual theme or lesson that will be taught and applied at camp. Further, campers will be taught how to work together in a team, and how to deal with the victories and challenges that are often presented in sports and life.



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



Murray Ridge School receives IDEA Part B grant funds. If you would like to review, or provide suggestions concerning our use of these funds, please contact our Director of Educational Services Dann Swift at 440.329.3760.

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.

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.

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.

We are looking for PRN (as-needed) and 9 month full-time and part-time Speech and Language Pathologists!

Custodial/Maintenance Positions

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

**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: Meister residents that attend LOVC recently enjoyed a scenic tour along the Vermilion River aboard the Mystic Belle! Front: **Danny Velez**, **Young Killinger** (staff), and **Diane Pasa**. Back: **Clayton Rhodehamel**, **Kara Zudell**, **Ciarra Barbee** (staff), **Vito Faga**, and **Trevor Doty** (staff).

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