



MurrayRidgeCenter
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The Murray Ridge Courier

February 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen... Our Murray Ridge Raiders Basketball Teams!



Team 1

Front row (l-r): Jeff Torres, Jon Torres, Ray Behner, Leif Hammond, Carl Jeans. Back row (l-r): Coach Matthew Maldonado, Jeremy Foster, Logan Yatson, Ryan Eliason, Steve Locurto, Coach Leroy Keen.

Team 2

Front row (l-r): Isaiah Wicks, Jason St. Marie, Mike Cooper, Hector Lozano. Back row (l-r): Coach Russ Moye, Raul Torres, Tim Dam-meyer, Dan Montgomery, Charles Johnson, Doug McCartney, Coach Wes Partin.



Team 3

Front row (l-r): David Zsigray, Matt Anthony, Todd Buchanan. Back row (l-r): Coach Jacob Diaz, Bill Lacko, Eric Bryner, Kurt Caris, Victor Elder, Andrew Donald, Marko Govich, James Peters, Robert Assanakis, Coach Brian Chutes.



Lady Raiders

Front row (l-r): Shari Reitenbach, Steph Budweg, Elena Reinhold, Megan Craig, Stacy Smith, Sarah Ward. Back row (l-r): Coach Rick Roevere, Diana Clement, Britiny Bennett, Maria Pincura, Brittany Botson, Maria Pincura, Jennifer Hunsucker, Coach Jimmy Ward.

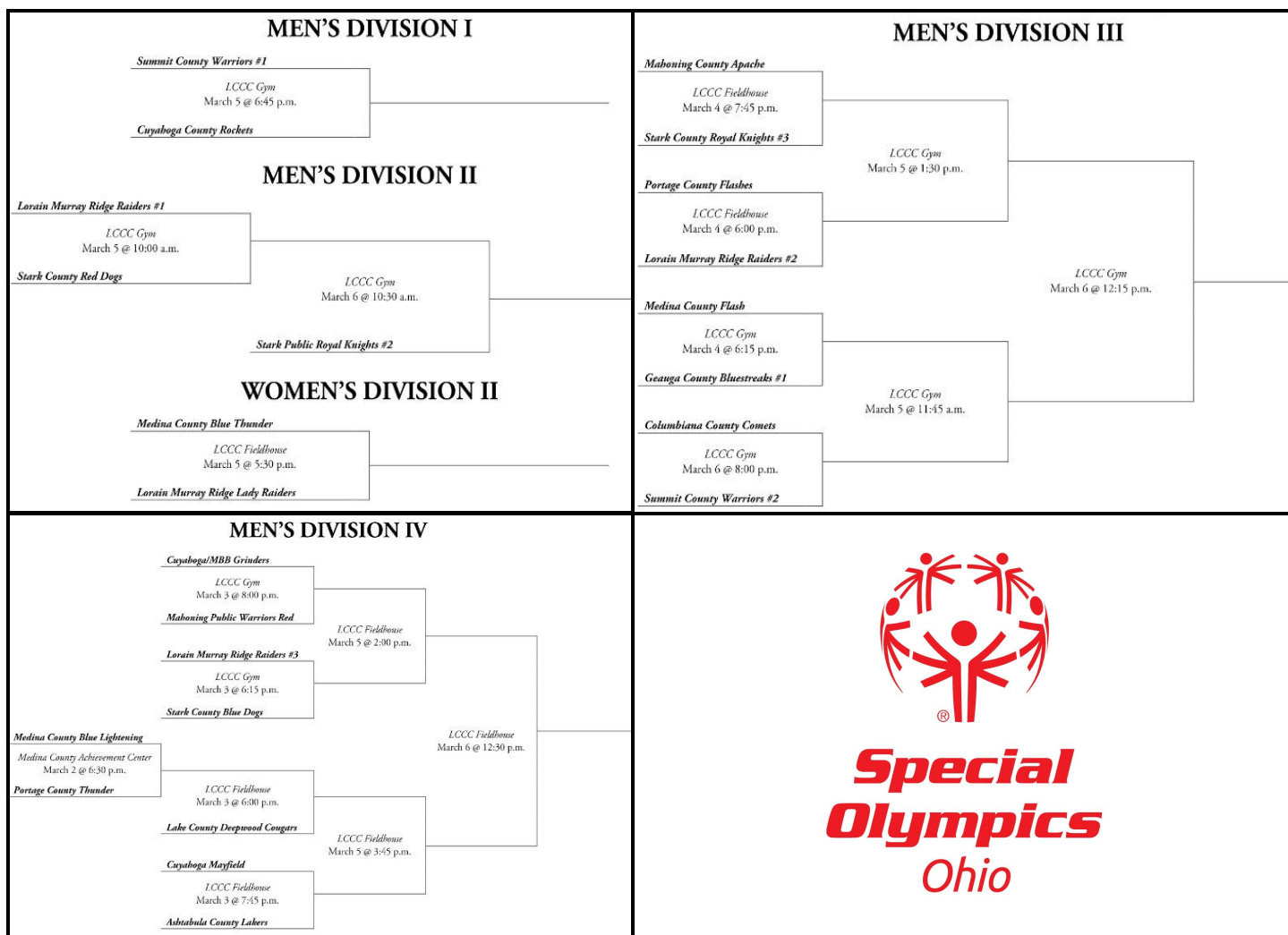


Catch your favorite team at one of the remaining season games...

2/8/16	Team 1	Away	Erie County	7:30 pm
2/8/16	Team 3	Away	Erie County	6:00 pm
2/10/15	Team 3	Home	Geauga County	5:30 pm
2/14/15	Ladies	Home	Medina County	5:30 pm
2/11/15	Ladies	Away	Sandusky County	5:30 pm
2/16/15	Team 2	Away	Sandusky County	7:00 pm
2/16/15	Team 3	Away	Sandusky County	5:30 pm
2/17/15	Team 3	Home	Summit County	5:30 pm
2/18/15	Team 1	Away	Elyria Vipers	7:30 pm
2/18/15	Team 3	Away	Elyria Vipers	6:00 pm

or March 3-6 at the Ohio Special Olympics North Section Basketball Tournament at Lorain County Community College

Catch all of our Raiders Teams at the 21st annual Ohio Special Olympics North Section Basketball Tournament set to be played on March 3rd-6th, 2016, at the campus of Lorain County Community College in Elyria, Ohio. This annual event will bring more than 600 athletes with developmental disabilities and/or delays together for a weekend of competition and camaraderie. See below for the schedule of games.



Exceptional Service at Murray Ridge Center



Congratulations to Lori Jameyson, the Murray Ridge Center Exceptional Service Award recipient for the 4th quarter of 2015!

Lori (pictured with Oberlin OVC Director Rich Hasse) was nominated by Jennifer Jones, an adult who attends our day program. In Jennifer's nomination letter, she details Lori's commitment to those we serve and how she goes above and beyond, and states that "I wanted to find a way to say 'thank you' and show her how much she is appreciated." Great work, Lori! Congratulations on your exceptional service!

If 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 Jennifer Judkins, Public Relations/Volunteer Director. 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 at regular scheduled meetings, usually held on the last Friday of each month at 12:30 p.m. in the Board Room. If you have any questions, contact Jenn Judkins at 440-329-3734 or jjudkins@murrayridgecenter.org.

Important Weather-Related Announcements

Murray Ridge program closing information will be available on TV station Fox 8, on the Fox 8 website fox8.com, and on radio stations WEOL 930 AM and WOBL 1320 AM, as it has in the past. **There will be two separate listings for Murray Ridge Center:**

- **Murray Ridge—Adult Activities Centers**
- **Murray Ridge School**

Parents and caregivers of school students should disregard the "Murray Ridge—Adult Activities Centers" listing, and follow only the listing for "Murray Ridge School." Conversely, adult consumers who attend our Opportunity/Vocational Centers and their parents/caregivers should disregard the "Murray Ridge School" listing, and follow only the listing for "Murray Ridge—Adult Activities Centers."

If "Open—No Transportation" follows the announcement for "Murray Ridge—Adult Activities Centers," parents/caregivers are welcome to transport adult consumers to their day service sites. Regular programming will be provided. Consumers should be dropped off no earlier than 8:30 a.m. and must be picked up by 3:45 p.m.

In the event of bad weather, the decision to transport individuals to Murray Ridge Center will be based on the ability of our buses to travel safely on city and county roads. Regardless of whether or not transportation is available through Murray Ridge Center, if our Opportunity/Vocational Centers are open, but there is an individual concern about the weather, adult consumers should feel free to stay home. Likewise, parents/caregivers of Murray Ridge School students who have individual concerns regarding the weather should feel free to keep their child at home, even if school is in session.

Please be aware that transportation to enclave sites is generally available even if transportation to the Opportunity/Vocational Centers is cancelled. Murray Ridge Center does not broadcast the status of enclave transportation on the television or radio. Consumers should assume that enclave transportation will be available unless they receive a phone call from a member of our Supported Employment Department.

First Student bus company can be reached at 288-2222

THE MURRAY RIDGE SUPPORT GROUP IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS!



The Murray Ridge Support Group, a not for profit organization that exists to support the mission of Murray Ridge Center and local residents with developmental disabilities and their families, is seeking new members!

Some activities of the Murray Ridge Support Group include:

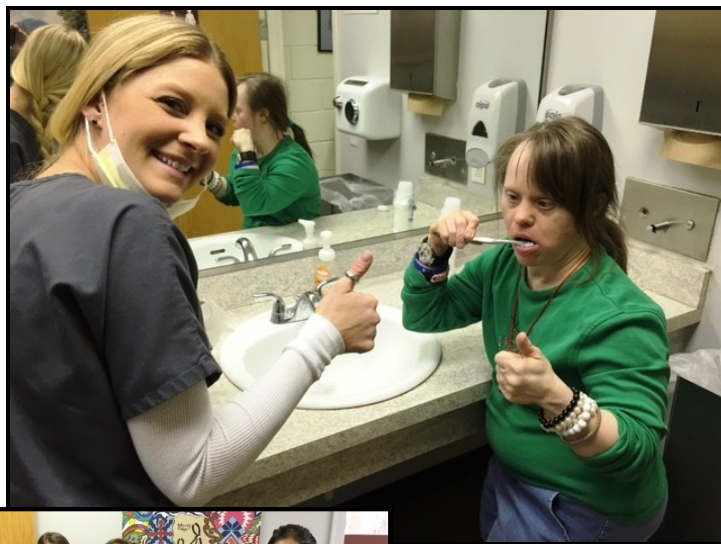
- * Provide education and advocacy for people with developmental disabilities and their families
- * Conduct fundraisers
- * Address special financial needs of consumers
- * Sponsor social activities for the benefit of individuals with developmental disabilities and their caregivers

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For more information on how you can join the Murray Ridge Support Group, please contact Joaquín Page at 440.453.2576.

Teeth Time at the OVCs!

On January 28, all three Murray Ridge Opportunity/Vocational Centers welcomed the LCCC Community Dental Hygiene Lab! Students from LCCC provided dental hygiene instruction to consumers. Below are photos from the Oberlin OVC!



Above: Vicky Ryan gets a teeth brushing lesson from one of the LCCC students. Left: John Hall practices brushing teeth! Center: Ed Senart shows a smile to the LCCC Community Dental Hygiene Lab students!

Making Music at Murray Ridge School

The Avon Lake High School Drum Line visited Murray Ridge School on January 27 to perform for the students! After a fun - and loud! - performance, students were able to interact with the high schoolers and try out their favorite instruments! Right, Diane Davis and Tyler Rudolchick bang on the bongos. Below, center, members of the Avon Lake Drum Line show off their impressive talents. Left, Landon Pasenow and Marra Board take turns on another set of bongos. Thank you to all the young musicians who came out and provided a wonderful experience for our students!



New Rules for Ohio Guardians

The Ohio Supreme Court issued extensive new rules affecting all guardians in Ohio, effective June 1, 2015. Court-appointed guardianship is established by a judge; the court grants the guardian authority and responsibility to act on behalf of another person. Lorain County Probate Court will be hosting trainings for all Lorain County guardians throughout 2016. Guardians will receive an invitation to attend training from the Lorain County Probate Court; the trainings will be held at the Lorain County Probate Court on February 18, March 11, May 19, and June 7. The trainings will address the specific expectations of the Lorain County Probate Court and will provide all necessary forms guardians will need to utilize per the new rules. The first guardians to receive an invitation to attend a training session will be those newly appointed since June 1st 2015. After training of these guardians is completed, then all other guardians will receive an invitation to attend training on one of the dates listed above.

It is the recommendation of the Lorain County Probate Court that Lorain County guardians take the training through the Lorain County Probate Court, so that they are aware of how the Lorain County Probate Court, specifically, will be handling and addressing the new rules. Lorain County Probate Court welcomes any questions at 440-329-5157.

Triumph through the Challenges Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

Who should attend?

This course series is for nurses, social workers, counselors, physicians, educators, parents, and caregivers who work with individuals that may have had prenatal exposure to alcohol/drugs.

2016 Spring Course Series

Evening Sessions:

April 12, 2016: Section 1, 6-9 p.m.

April 14, 2016: Section 2, 6-9 p.m.

April 19, 2016: Section 3, 6-9 p.m.

April 21, 2016: Section 4, 6-9 p.m.

Location:

Murray Ridge Center LCBDD
Lorain County Board of Developmental
Disabilities Service & Support Administration Bldg.
9740 Murray Ridge Road, Elyria, 44035
Building at the rear of Murray Ridge School
*Evening parking available at Murray Ridge SSA
lot. Please enter in back door.

Register

Contact : Kathy Bevaque, M.Ed., D.S. w/LCBDD
(440) 284-3655
e-mail: kbevaque@murrayridgecenter.org

No fee to attend. Space is limited.

Bring your own personal refreshments and food.

Facilitator:

Kathleen Bevaque, M.Ed., D.S. w/LCBDD

Learn about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and how to best work with those affected in order to reach his/her fullest potential.

Gather useful tips and local resources!

Discover ways to succeed!

Series Details

- **Section 1:** FASD Basic Facts; Characteristics; Chronological vs. Developmental Age
- **Section 2:** Neurological Issues & Behaviors of FASD: Coping Skills
- **Section 3:** Developing Effective Strategies for FASD: Advocacy & Finding Resources
- **Section 4:** Advocacy in Schools; Discipline; Daily Living & Future Planning for Individuals with FASD

Contact Hours Available

- Social workers, counselors, and chemical dependency RCH: provided by the ADAS Board of Lorain County
- Developmental Disability hours provided by Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Certificate of Attendance for contact hours
- Ohio Approved Specialized Training for Early Childhood SUTQ, ODE, ODH (pending)



February 2016

Activities & Events

- 2/9 - Murray Ridge Support Group Meeting, 4:15 p.m., EOVC, 1095 Infirmary Road, Elyria
- 2/12 - Murray Ridge Support Group Dance, 7-9 pm, Murray Ridge School, 9750 Murray Ridge Road, Elyria
- 2/15 - **Agency closed for President's Day holiday**
- 2/17 - Family Support Parent Committee meeting , 6:00 p.m., Administration Bldg., 1091 Infirmary Road, Elyria
- 2/17 - LCBDD Finance Committee meeting , 12:00 p.m., Administration Bldg., 1091 Infirmary Road, Elyria
- 2/26 - Regular Meeting of the Board and Ethics Council, 12:30 p.m., Administration Bldg., 1091 Infirmary Road, Elyria

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	1/29	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 	10	11	12 	13
14 	15 	16	17  	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 	27

Happy Valentines Day

BOARD ROOM BRIEFING

The Lorain County Board of DD convened at 12:30 p.m. on January 29:

At the **Organizational Meeting**, the Board re-elected Michelle L. Hunt, President, Kurt Koepf, Vice President, and Bob Gajdos, Secretary. President Hunt then made all Board-committee appointments.

At the **Regular Meeting**, the Exceptional Service Award was presented to Lori Jameyson, an Intermittent Adult Program Aide at the Oberlin Opportunity/Vocational Center. The Board approved a resolution to provide educational services to children ages 6 through 21 at Murray Ridge School for the 2016/2017 school year. Director of Education Dann Swift updated the Board on options for the Murray Ridge School summer camp 2016; formal requests for funds will be submitted to the Board in February. Superintendent Fisher discussed the 2016 DODD Board Member In-Service Training requirements. Director of Human Resources Tom Forhan shared the Agency's Risk Management Plan and progress report. In other news, Superintendent Fisher introduced three new policies for Murray Ridge Adult Services: *Evening/Weekend Recreation Program Eligibility*, *Therapy*, and *Eligibility of Individuals Who Receive Adult Day Array Services From Another Provider*, each was approved. The 2016 Board Calendar was also approved. The Murray Ridge Support Group announced that the MRSG Spaghetti Dinner would be on April 9, and that any and all volunteers are welcome, and needed.

Lorain County Board of
Developmental Disabilities

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Inclusive Playground FREE Admission!

Visit the Lorain County Metro Parks Inclusive Playground! Free at this time, the unique playground incorporates water play (shut down for season), structured play, and natural play environments. People of all ages and abilities will be able to use the area and enjoy the play features. Stop in and visit today!



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Work at the Ridge!

Check out our website
www.murrayridgecenter.org to see
our open positions!

Murray Ridge Support Group Annual Spaghetti Dinner

- Saturday, April 9 from 3:00-6:00 p.m.
- AmVets Post 55, 530 Abbe Road in Sheffield Lake
- Sponsored by the Murray Ridge Support Group

This Italian feast, which includes spaghetti with meatballs, fresh bread, salad, desserts, and beverages, is being generously donated by the AmVets Post 55. Take-outs are available! Activities will include a gift basket auction and a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds will go toward programs and services for Lorain County citizens impacted by developmental disabilities.



Tickets are \$8 for persons 6 years of age and up, and free for kids 5 and under. Sponsorships are available. For more information, please contact Joaquin Page at 440-453-2576.