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Murray Ridge Celebrates 50 Years with 50 Acts of Giving Back

Happy 50th Birthday, Murray Ridge!

2017 marks the 50th anniversary of Murray Ridge Center, as county boards of developmental disabilities were created by the Ohio Legislature in 1967 with the passage of Senate Bill 169.

To celebrate its birthday, Murray Ridge will engage in a year long initiative called '50 Acts of Giving Back.' Members of the Murray Ridge family, including adults at our Opportunity/Vocational Centers and students from Murray Ridge School, will 'give back' through at least fifty acts of helping to meet needs in Lorain County.

These acts are a 'thank you' to the community that has generously supported the Agency in

providing lifelong services for thousands of Lorain County residents with developmental disabilities. Already this year, 33 Murray Ridge Adult Program participants have completed 10 acts through volunteer work at places such as the Friendship Animal Protective League and the St. Mary's Food Pantry!

Murray Ridge looks forward to meeting local needs through 50 Acts of Giving Back, while supporting those we serve to play valued roles within their community!

See below for some acts already completed in January!



The Elyria Opportunity/Vocational Center organized a food drive for the Second Harvest Food Bank that ran throughout the month of January. Together, consumers and staff contributed 92 pounds of food (roughly 80 meals). Consumers (l-r) Torie Ambers, Alyssa DeAngelis, Jesse Frisch, and Jaclyn Guerrieri delivered the donations on behalf of Murray Ridge Center on January 27. Jesse also made a personal monetary donation while at the food bank and was very helpful in promoting the drive through weekly announcements. During delivery, the group received a tour of the facility and learned about how the food bank sorts and distributes to people/organizations in need.

Lorain Opportunity/Vocational Center Adult Program Participants Chelsie Jenkins, John Armstrong, and Mark Wright volunteered at the St. Mary's Church Hall Food Pantry in Lorain on January 23. The St. Mary's Choice Food Pantry is a non-profit food pantry that, in connection with Faith Feeders Hot Meal Program, provides a hot meal and a monthly allowance of groceries and toiletries to those in need, and formula and diapers to low income mothers when the resources are available. The Food Pantry currently offers assistance to more than 1,000 individuals monthly.



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



Team 1

Back Row (left to right): Coach Tyler Robinson, Demetrius Overall, Logan Yatson, Steve Locurto, Ryan Eliason, Coach Russ Moye

Front Row (left to right): Ray Behner, Leif Hammond, Jeff Torres
Missing: Jon Torres

Team 2

Back Row (left to right): Coach Wes Partin, Charles Johnson, Daniel Montgomery, Coach Russ Moye

Front Row (left to right): Jason St. Marie, Mike Cooper, Jeremy Foster,
Missing: Tim Dammeyer, General Hodge



Team 3

Back Row (left to right): Tom Dammeyer, Victor Elder, Eric Bryner, James Peters, Kevin Long, Bill Lacko
Front Row (left to right): Coach Rick Rovere, David Zsigray, Marko Govich, Angel Rivera, Matt Anthony, Coach Brian Chutes

Missing: Robert Assanakis, Noah Griffith



Lady Raiders

Back Row (left to right): Coach Noreen Romano, Jennifer Moccabee, Alicia Lawrence, Britiny Botson, Stacy Smith, Maria Pincura, Megan Craig (#1), Steph Budweg (#23), Coach Jim Ward (#45), D'Ronda Fleming

Front Row (left to right): Elena Reinhold, Sarah Ward
Missing: Maria Poling, Diana Clement, Katie Mihalek, Jennifer Hunsucker



Skills Team

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

Team 1	2/1/17	Away	Stark County	6:30
Team 2	2/2/17	Home	Stark County	6:30
Team 3	2/8/17	Home	Medina County	5:00
Team 2	2/8/17	Home	Medina County	6:30
Ladies	2/9/17	Away	Sandusky County	6:00
Team 3	2/9/17	Away	Sandusky County	7:30
Team 1	2/11/17	Away	Cuyahoga County	10:00 am
Team 3	2/13/17	Home	Elyria Vipers	5:00
Team 1	2/13/17	Home	Elyria Vipers	6:30
Team 2	2/16/17	Home	Betterway	6:30
Team 1	2/16/17	Home	Betterway	7:30
Team 2	2/22/17	Home	Geauga County	6:00

or March 2-5 at the Ohio Special Olympics North Section Basketball Tournament at Lorain County Community College

Catch all of our Raiders Teams at the 22nd annual Ohio Special Olympics North Section Basketball Tournament set to be played on March 2nd-5th at the campus of Lorain County Community College in Elyria, Ohio. This annual event will bring more than 1,100 athletes with developmental disabilities together for a weekend of competition and camaraderie. Details on game times will be available on our Murray Ridge Facebook page.



MRC Says Goodbye to Longtime Board Member Henry Patterson



Longtime Murray Ridge Center Board member Henry Patterson said goodbye at the monthly Board meeting on January 30. Patterson, who's been a member for 12 years, said of his time with Murray Ridge,

"I've really grown as a person over the last 12 years! We are about people...about serving the consumers and taxpayers." You will be missed, Henry! The Board thanks you for your many years of service.

Murray Ridge Cheerleaders Join Columbia High School

The Murray Ridge Cheerleaders joined forces with the varsity cheerleading squad from Columbia High School on January 24. The MRC cheerleaders, I-r, Elizabeth Lloyd, Britiny Bennett, Alyssa DeAngelis, Casey West, Shari Reitenbauch, Daris, Alicia Lawrence, Torie Ambers, and Elmira helped with pregame activities and performed at half time!



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.

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Activities & Events

- 2/8 - Murray Ridge Support Group Meeting, 4:15 p.m., EOVC, 1095 Infirmary Road, Elyria
- 2/10 - Murray Ridge Support Group Dance, 7-9 pm, Murray Ridge School, 9750 Murray Ridge Road, Elyria
- 2/15- LCBDD Finance Committee meeting , 12:00 p.m., Administration Bldg., 1091 Infirmary Road, Elyria
- 2/20 - **Agency closed for President's Day holiday**
- 2/22 - Family Support Parent Committee meeting , 6:00 p.m., Administration Bldg., 1091 Infirmary Road, Elyria
- 2/27 - Regular Meeting of the Board and Ethics Council, 6:30 p.m., Administration Bldg., 1091 Infirmary Road, Elyria

Happy Valentines Day

BOARD ROOM BRIEFING

The Lorain County Board of DD convened at 6:30 p.m. on January 30:

At the annual Organizational Meeting, held immediately prior to the regular meeting of the Board and Ethics Council, Board President Michelle Hunt welcomed new Board member Bev Gedid, and gave notification that Ms. Gedid, as well as reappointed Board members Vassie Scott and Keith Boey had taken the Oath of Office in January, 2017. The Board elected to maintain in 2017 the current slate of officers: Michelle Hunt, President, Kurt Koepf, Vice-President, and Bob Gajdos, Secretary; President Hunt then made Board committee appointments for the year. The regular Board meeting began with a special recognition of out-going Board member Henry Patterson, who served three consecutive terms from 2005-2017. The Board unanimously passed a resolution to provide educational services to children ages 6-21 in the 2017/2018 school year, and discussed the Murray Ridge School summer camp program for 2017. The Board then approved revisions to the policy on *Prevention of Communicable and Infectious Disease*. Director of Human Resources, Tom Forhan, reported on accomplishments related to the Agency's 2016 Risk Management Plan, and discussed the goals that have been established by the Risk Management Committee for 2017. Superintendent Fisher reported on Governor Kasich's 2018/2019 biennium budget proposal, which was released earlier in the day, as it related Developmental Disabilities System interests. The 2017 Board calendar was established.

Lorain County Board of
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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 29 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.