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The Murray Ridge Courier

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MRC Attends 45th Annual Special Olympics Games!

This June, Murray Ridge Center (MRC) sent 48 athletes to the 2014 Special Olympics 45th Annual Ohio State Summer Games. The Murray Ridge athletes competed in a variety of sporting events, including bocce, volleyball, tennis, track, and soccer.

The Ohio State Summer Games is a year-round training and competition program for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

The Games, which were held June 27-29 at The Ohio State University in Columbus, featured more than 2,700 competitors in eleven sports, and included movies and recreational clinics. Athletes and chaperones were housed in the Ohio State University dormitories and were provided six meals through the University's Student Union Services.

The weekend was kicked off with opening ceremonies on Friday evening, June 27, at Jesse

Owens Track and Field Stadium. The symbolic lighting of the Olympic Flame of Hope officially opened the Games, and was followed by a dance and fair provided by hundreds of volunteers.

Murray Ridge proudly supports the Special Olympics throughout the year. Additional volunteers are needed to continue to strengthen the MRC Program, and it is hoped that in 2015 the Murray Ridge Center Special Olympics Program will be better than ever!

Congratulations to the athletes who represented Lorain County at this year's Ohio State Summer Games.

For more information on Special Olympics, contact John Syrowski at 284-2720, or visit the Murray Ridge Center Facebook page.



The 48 Murray Ridge Special Olympics athletes give one final cheer before boarding the bus and heading to Columbus on June 27.

Lorain Murray Ridge Special Olympics State Summer Games Results

Forty eight (48) athletes won honors in their various events. Winners from Murray Ridge include:

5 A-Side Soccer Team won its flight. In the semi-finals, the Raiders defeated the Hamilton County Strikers 7-1. Then in the finals, the Raiders defeated Greene County 6-1. The Raiders finished their season (7-1). Team members: Ray Behner, Ryan Eliason, Jeremy Foster, DJ Overall, Carl Jeans, Kris Sommer, Maria Pincura and Angel Rivera. Coaches: BJ Winkelman and Michelle Miller.

Traditional Volleyball Team finished 3rd in the White Division. In the semi-final match, it lost to Medina County DD in a very close set, 2 games to 1. In the consolation bracket they defeated Franklin Columbus Comets, 2-1. Team members: Ryan Busher, Kurt Caris, Leroy Davis, Andrew Donald, Mike Kovacic, Victor Elder, James Peters and Shari Reitenbach. Coaches: Stacy Rosecrans and Russ Moyer.

Modified Volleyball Team finished 3rd in the Navy Division. In the semi-final match, it lost to Mahoning County DD, 2-0. In the consolation match, it defeated Wyandot County 2-1. Team members: Kasia Broz, Tony Harris Jr., Krystle Keener, Sandy Keener, Michele Lott, Doug McCartney, Kevin Plata and Richard Urban. Coaches: Caitlyn Keil and Rita Elsea.

Tennis Singles: Sarah Ward took 3rd in Division 2; Michael Urban finished 2nd in Division 8; Andrew Prihoda finished 4th in Division 8; David Zsigray finished 3rd in Division 11.

Tennis Doubles: The team of Sarah Ward and David Zsigray earned 4th and the team of Michael Urban and Andrew Prihoda took 5th. Coach: Starr Price.

Bocce Team earned one 1st, one 3rd, and two 4th place finishes in doubles: Division 10 1st place finishers were Tim Farkas and Ben Lewis; Division 8 3rd place finishers were Brian Austin and Jason Rulong; Division 3 4th place finishers were Kimberly Herman and Donna Wolfe; and the Division 19 4th place finishers were Doreen Alaksa and Lori Norton. Coaches: Noreen Romano, Amber Ward, and Jim Ward.

Track Team

4x100 Meter Women's Relay: **Gold** – Diana Clement, Jenna Jones, Ahsley Spradling, April Pizzoferrato

4x400 Meter Relay: **Gold** – Alicia Lawrence, Tim Dammeyer, Jacob Danchuk, Leif Hammonds

Standing Long Jump: **Gold** – Alicia Lawrence, Leif Hammonds; **Silver** – Ashley Spradling; **Bronze** – Jacob Danchuk, Robert Baker; **Fourth** – April Pizzoferrato, Jenna Jones

400 Meter Run: **Gold** – Alicia Lawrence, Robert Baker; **Fourth** – April Pizzoferrato; **Fifth** – Jacob Danchuk

1500 Meter Run: **Silver** – Leif Hammond; **Bronze** – Tim Dammeyer

Shot Put: **Silver** – Mark Lacko; **Bronze** – Bill Lacko; **Fourth** – Todd Buchanan

100 Meter Dash: **Gold** – Bill Lacko; **Silver** – Mark Lacko; **4th** – Diana Clement, Todd Buchanan, Jenna Jones; **5th** – Ashley Spradling

Softball Throw: **Gold** – Tim Dammeyer; **Silver** – Diana Clement

4x100 meter relay: **4th** – Bill Lacko, Mark Lacko, Todd Buchanan, Robert Baker




Bocce Team: (back row) Tim Farkas, Donna Wolfe, Doreen Alaksa, Benji Lewis, Jason Rulong, (front row) Lori Norton, Brian Austin, Kim Herman.


2014-2015 Murray Ridge Center Calendars


Adult Services Early Intervention Residential


2014


 July 4 – Independence Day


 September 1 – Labor Day


 October 13 – Columbus Day


 October 17 – Agency Inservice

 November 11 – Veterans Day

 November 27 – Thanksgiving Day


 November 28 – Day after Thanksgiving

 December 24 - Program Closing Day


 December 25 – Christmas Day


 December 26, 29, 30, and 31 – Program Closing Days


2015

 January 1 – New Year's Day

 January 19 – Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

 February 16 – Presidents Day

 April 3 – Good Friday


 May 25 – Memorial Day


School Preschool

2014


 August 22 – First Day for Murray Ridge School Staff


 August 25 – Open House (evening)

 August 25 – First Day for Students (school-age)


 September 1 – Labor Day

 September 2 – First Day of Preschool Classes


 October 13 – Columbus Day

 October 17 – Agency Inservice


 November 4 – Parent/Teacher Conferences


 November 11 – Veterans Day

 November 26 – Day before Thanksgiving


 November 27 – Thanksgiving Day

 November 28 – Day after Thanksgiving

 December 22 – Winter Break Begins


 December 25 – Christmas Day


2015

 January 1 – New Year's Day

 January 5 – Winter Break Ends/Classes Resume


 January 19 – Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday


 February 16 – Presidents Day

 April 3 – Good Friday

 April 6 – Spring Break Begins











 April 13 – Classes Resume

 May 25 – Memorial Day

 June 5 – Last Day of Classes for Students

 June 8 – Records Day – Last Day for Staff

Key

 Holidays	 First Day for Preschool
 Program Closing Day	 Parent/Teacher Conference
 Agency Inservice	 Last Day for Students
 First Day for School Staff	
 Open House	 Last Day for School Staff
 First Day for Students/Classes Resume	



Easter Seals Northern Ohio administers this fund of the Elyria Rotary Club

FUND FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

"To provide assistance to children with disabilities for equipment, supplies, services or treatment which would help them to live with equality, dignity and independence."



Eligibility requirements for applicants include:

- Age : newborn through age 17
- Residency in Lorain County
- Referral by a healthcare or social service professional
- Requests for assistance are those that would not be fully payable by any third party payer including but not limited to private payers, government payers, or other agencies that typically provide support to children with disabilities. Assistance may include full payment, co-pays, co-insurance, deductibles, or payment balances after insurance reimbursement or other form of payment has been received
- Demonstrates need for financial assistance
- Requests for assistance would help the child to live with equality, dignity, and independence

Items that have been funded include recreational equipment, assistance with therapy bills, and communication devices.

Items not eligible for funding consideration are:

- Transportation
- Medication
- Registrations, tuition assistance, and/or training

For an application, please contact Murray Ridge Center:

- Valerie Deptula, Early Intervention (EI) Supervisor at (440) 284-3655
- Diane Smith, Family Support Coordinator at (440) 329-3734
- Service & Support Administration at (440) 324-2366 or (440) 233-4600

Murray Ridge School Summer Camp 2014!

Summer camps offer campers a place to learn and play, and parents the opportunity to keep their kids active - in both body and mind - after the school year has ended.

For the 26th year in a row, Murray Ridge School students were invited to participate in the Murray Ridge Summer Camp, a four-week long day camp where attendees had the opportunity to engage in many enjoyable activities and field trips, and to try their hands at a variety of crafts, recreational programs, and baking classes. This year, 52 students had the opportunity to attend MRS Summer Camp.

This summer's weekly themes were Asia, Europe, North America, and Australia. Finding inspirations from these continents, staff created crafts, snacks, and other projects to engage the campers, providing a fun camp experience in a relaxed setting, and an opportunity for participants to stay connected to their peers and learn from the dedicated staff of Murray Ridge School camp counselors.

Thank you to all who helped make the 2014 Murray Ridge Summer Camp a huge success!



Pictured: (upper left) Zach Mutnansky practices his basketball skills in the Murray Ridge School gym. (upper right) Kyle Orozco, Gus McKee, Julie Peterson, Charles Jackson, Julie's daughter, Mark Axford, and Debbie Thompson show off their tie-dye t-shirts, a favorite activity each year at camp! (Lower right) Brynne Diedrick and Brandon Rivera proudly display the duct tape t-shirt designs representing the United States (Brynne) and camp themes (Brandon). (Lower left) Diane Davis takes a break from the activities to swing!



**Strides
for**



Struggles

5k Walk/Run

**to benefit children and adults
with developmental disabilities**

August 16, 2014

11:00am - 2:00pm

Day's Dam Metro Park
E. 31st & E. River Rd. Lorain, OH 44055

\$20 per runner/walker

(includes t-shirt)

All proceeds to benefit the



visit www.stridesforstruggles.com

email stridesforstruggles@yahoo.com

call (440)670-2003

Registration Form

Make checks payable to:

Strides for Struggles, 2427 East 31st St. Lorain, OH 44055

Name _____ **Female** _____ **Male** _____ **Age** _____

Address _____ **City** _____ **State** _____

Zip _____ **Phone** _____ **Email** _____

T-Shirt Size - S M L XL XXL

WAIVER: In consideration of your accepting this entry, I, the below signed, intending to be legally bound, for myself, my heirs, my executors and administrators, waive and release and any all rights and claims for damages I may have against the race, and sponsors and their representatives, successors and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by me in said event. I attest that I will participate in this event as a footrace, that I am physically fit and sufficiently trained for the completion of this event. Furthermore, I hereby grant full permission to use my name and likeness, as well as any photographs and any record of this event in which I may appear for any legitimate purpose, including advertising and promotion.

Signature _____ Date _____

(Parent's signature required if participant is under 18)



July 2014

Activities & Events

6/16 - 7/11 - Murray Ridge School Day Camp (no camp July 4)

7/4 - Independence Day, Agency closed

7/10 - Sheffield Lake Community Days Parade, 7:00 p.m.

7/30 - Family Support Parent Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m., Administration Bldg., 1091 Infirmary Road in Elyria

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 	5
	School Day Camp - No Camp Fri.					
6	7	8	9	10 	11	12
	School Day Camp - No Camp					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 	31		

Socialization Opportunities for Murray Ridge School Students

Murray Ridge School is offering socialization opportunities for MRS students and their families. Transportation and supervision are not provided; a parent or caregiver must be present the entire time.

- July 16th, 12:00 - 2:00, Mercy Health and Recreation Center - introduction to health and fitness. RSVP by July 10.
- July 23rd, 12:00 - 1:00, Murray Ridge School pavilion. Glenn Mittler, The Bubble Guy, will be there with his bubbles and an art project. RSVP by July 17.
- July 30th, to be determined
- August 6th, 12:00 - 1:00, Murray Ridge School pavilion, concert with Mr. E. RSVP by July 31st.
- August 13th, 12:00 - 2:00, Mercy Health and Recreation, water play and a picnic. RSVP by August 7th.

To reserve your spot please call or email Nancy Simko at 440.329.3734 ext. 7745 or nsimko@murrayridgecenter.org.

BOARD ROOM BRIEFING

The Lorain County Board of DD convened at 12:30 p.m. on June 27, 2014:

The second quarter Exceptional Service Award will be presented at the August Board Meeting. The Board unanimously established the dollar amount that the Family Support Parent Committee is authorized to approve in the third quarter of 2014. Director of Education Dann Swift discussed the Socialization Initiative for Murray Ridge School students; opportunities will take place on 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, and 8/13. Dr. Fisher discussed the implications of potential changes to the Transitions Developmental Disabilities Waiver, and an updated financial forecast was presented. A new Board policy, *Wellness*, was unanimously approved. In other business, it was reported that the Murray Ridge Support Group (MRSRG) will not meet again until September 11th, and September 19th will be the date of the next dance. There will be no Board meeting in July; the August Board meeting will take place at Murray Ridge School.

Lorain County Board of
Developmental Disabilities

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Further News You Might Use...

We are often in receipt of information from external sources on offerings designed for people with DD. Some examples include summer camps and special interest classes. Many such offerings have an associated cost to the participant. Although we are not in a position to "vouch for" or promote such offerings, we recognize that these opportunities may be of interest to our consumers, their families and/or guardians. If you are interested in learning more about such consumer-oriented events and opportunities, please contact Jeff Neal, Director of Service & Support Administration at 440-324-2366.

Exceptional Service Award

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 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.