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The Murray Ridge Courier

July 2015

MRC Attends 46th Annual Special Olympics Games!

This June, Murray Ridge Center (MRC) sent 48 athletes to the 2015 Special Olympics 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 26-28 at The Ohio State University in Columbus, featured more than 2,600 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 26, 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 2016 the Murray Ridge Center Special Olympics Program will be better than ever!



Participants in the Summer Games get ready to head to Columbus on June 26.

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.

See the next page for full results from the Games.



The Murray Ridge Center Special Olympics coaches get ready for the weekend!

Murray Ridge Special Olympics State Summer Games Results

Soccer: the team won two games to become the State Champions again. They outscored their opponents by a score of 18-2.

Bocce: 2 Bronze medals, 2 fourth place

Tennis: Mike Urban - Gold, Andrew Prihoda-Silver, Sarah Ward - Bronze, David Zsgray - Silver

Modified Volleyball: Bronze medal

Traditional Volleyball: Bronze Medal

Track:

Diana Clement - Silver in 100m dash, Gold in Softball throw

Tim Dammeyer - Gold in Mini Javelin throw

Tom Dammeyer - Silver in 1500m run, Bronze in Mini Javelin throw

Jacob Danchuk - Gold in 400m run, Silver in long jump

Leif Hammonds - Silver in 1500m run, Silver in Mini Javelin throw

Carl Jeans - Gold in Long Jump, Silver in 1500m run

Alicia Lawrence - Silver in long jump, silver in 100m dash

Bill Lacko - Gold in the Shot Put, Silver in 400m run

Mark Lacko - Silver in softball throw

Elena Reinhold - Gold in 100m dash, gold in Softball throw

Wendy Smitkowski - Silver in 100 m walk, Gold in Softball Throw

Women 4x100 Silver medal (Alicia, April, Elena, Diana)

Men 4x400 Silver medal (Tom Leif, Tim Carl)

TOTAL: Gold-8, Silver-11, Bronze-3




Above: State Champions! The Murray Ridge Soccer team! Middle, right: Eliana Reinhold gets first place in the 100 m dash! Below: Mike Urban displaying his Gold medal in Tennis! Bottom, right: Modified Volleyball Team 2 wins Silver!





2015-2016 Murray Ridge Center Calendars


Adult Services Early Intervention Residential


2015


 July 3 – Independence Day (July 4 Residential)


 September 7 – Labor Day

 October 9 – Agency Inservice


 October 12 – Columbus Day


 November 11 – Veterans Day

 November 26 – Thanksgiving Day


 November 27 – Day after Thanksgiving

 December 24 - Program Closing Day


 December 25 – Christmas Day


 December 28, 29, 30, and 31 – Program Closing Days


2016

 January 1 – New Year's Day

 January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

 February 15 – Presidents Day

 March 25 – Good Friday


 May 30 – Memorial Day


School Preschool

2015


 August 26 – First Day for Murray Ridge School Staff


 August 26 – Open House (evening)

 August 27 – First Day for Students (school-age)


 September 7 – Labor Day

 September 8 – First Day of Preschool Classes


 October 9 – Agency Inservice

 October 12 – Columbus Day


 November 10 – Parent/Teacher Conferences


 November 11 – Veterans Day

 November 25 – Day before Thanksgiving


 November 26 – Thanksgiving Day

 November 27 – Day after Thanksgiving

 December 21 – Winter Break Begins


 December 25 – Christmas Day

2016

 January 1 – New Year's Day


 January 4 – Winter Break Ends/Classes Resume


 January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

 February 15 – Presidents Day

 March 25 – Spring Break Begins

 April 4 – Classes Resume

 May 30 – Memorial Day


 June 8 – Last Day of Classes for Students


 June 9 – Records Day – Last Day for Staff

Key

 Holidays


 Program Closing Day

 Agency Inservice


 First Day for School Staff


 Open House

 First Day for Students/Classes Resume

 First Day for Preschool

 Parent/Teacher Conference

 Last Day for Students

 Last Day for School Staff

MRC Early Intervention Specialist Receives P.L.A.Y. Certification

Please join Murray Ridge Center in congratulating Angie Rogozinski on receiving her certification as a P.L.A.Y. (Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters) Project consultant!

Angie was awarded her certification at the PLAY Project Advanced Training on June 16 by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) Director, John Martin, who was a speaker at the training event.

P.L.A.Y. certification requires a rigorous training process. Murray Ridge Center is proud that MRC staff have dedicated themselves to this process, which has proven to be highly beneficial to children on the autism spectrum. Congratulations, Angie!

Pictured l-r: DODD Director John Martin; EI Specialists Heather Knoble, Angie Rogozinski, and Jen Doseck; and PLAY Project founder Dr. Richard Solomon



Murray Ridge Center Representing at Lorain County Parades



Pictured l-r: Tracy Horn, Tony Harris, Alexshawn Averett, Mike Kopis, Andrew Prihoda, Tashia Freeman, staff member Larry Schuman, Kenny Martin, and the Duck Tape mascot, Ducky!

Murray Ridge Center is once again participating in many parades throughout Lorain County this summer.

Please contact Jennifer Judkins, Public Relations/Volunteer Director at 440-329-3734 or jjudkins@murrayridgecenter.org if you are interested in joining us for a remaining event!

Thursday, July 9 @ 7:00
Sheffield Lake Community Days Parade

Sunday, August 9 @ 1:30
North Ridgeville Corn Festival Parade

Sunday, October 4 @ 1:30
Vermilion Woolly Bear Parade

Murray Ridge School Summer Camp 2015!

For the 27th 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 special classes. This year, 43 students had the opportunity to attend MRS Summer Camp.

This summer's weekly topics were movie-themed and included Sci-Fi, Action/Adventure, Mystery, and Fantasy. Staff created crafts, snacks, and other projects to engage the campers, providing a fun summer experience in a relaxed setting, and an opportunity for participants to stay connected to their peers and learn from the dedicated team of Murray Ridge School camp counselors.

Thank you to all who helped make the 2015 Murray Ridge Summer Camp a huge success!



Above: Tiffany Demyan navigates the tires with the help of staff person Kara Coleman. Middle: Tiffany Demyan shows off a camp favorite: tie dying shirts! Below: Sierra Long works on arts and crafts.



Above, right: Christian Martin and Steven Fosdick enjoy a swim in the pool. Below, right: Zachary Mutnansky, Jason Yee, staff member Megan Brown, Christian Martin, and Cameron Conn (in the wagon) take a break in the nice weather!



Naturalistic Interventions

For parents and caregivers of children and adults on the autism spectrum or with another developmental disability coupled with behavioral issues.

When: Tuesday, July 21st
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Where: Murray Ridge Service & Support
Administrative Offices
9740 Murray Ridge Road
Elyria, Ohio

Why: This session will work with caregivers and providers to develop their understanding of the natural environment as it relates to individuals with disabilities, and develop an understanding of how to effectively implement strategies within the individuals home, community, and work settings. Specifically participants will be able to develop a basic overview of naturalistic intervention, including how to arrange the environment, how to engage the learner in an interaction, and how to use behavioral strategies to bring out or reduce a target behavior.

Who: Sherry Lacko
SSA/Behavior Analyst
Theresa Wolf
SSA/Assistant Behavior Analyst

RSVP: Sherry Lacko
slacko@murrayridgecenter.org
440-324-2366



*Please note: this session is for adults only,
no child care will be available.

Save the Date! Look for more information regarding these upcoming sessions:

September 8th - Visual Supports

November 3rd - Time Delay



July 2015

Activities & Events

- 6/10 - 7/2 - Murray Ridge School Day Camp (no camp July 3)
- 7/3 - Independence Day observed, Agency closed
- 7/9 - Sheffield Lake Community Days Parade, 7:00 p.m.
- 7/29 - Family Support Parent Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m., Administration Bldg., 1091 Infirmity Road in Elyria

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 School Day Camp	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	28	29 	30	31	

Royalty at the OVCs!



The Lorain International Princesses made the rounds on June 11 and June 12 when they visited the Elyria and Lorain Opportunity/Vocational Centers.

This annual event is a favorite among consumers and staff alike. The princesses received a tour of both buildings, and had the opportunity to engage with attendees at a dance! Thank you for the visit!

BOARD ROOM BRIEFING

The Lorain County Board of DD convened at 12:30 p.m. on June 26, 2015:

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 2015. A policy revision to *Management/Confidential: Bonus Time and Sick Leave Conversion Option* was unanimously approved. Superintendent Amber Fisher spoke on the Agency's recent Accreditation review. Superintendent Fisher also provided updates on the State of Ohio Biennium budget and the "Conflict-Free Case Management issue." The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has advised the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities that, until 2024, Medicaid waiver funding will not be withdrawn for adult services provided to individuals who are already, or are currently scheduled to participate, in county board-operated adult services programs. Additional information on this topic will be provided, as it becomes available. In other business, it was reported that the Murray Ridge Support Group (MRSG) will not meet again until September 8th, and September 18th will be the date of the next dance. There will be no Board meeting in July.

Lorain County Board of
Developmental Disabilities

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Inclusive Playground FREE Admission!

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47160 Hollstein Drive
Amherst, Ohio
(440) 984-3470



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.