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Murray Ridge works with more than 2,000 Lorain County residents. We provide Early Intervention, Murray Ridge School, Service and Support Administration, Adult Opportunity/Vocational Centers, Supported Employment, Special Olympics, Residential Services, and Family Support. For more information or to schedule a tour of our facilities, contact us at: 440.329.3734 or www.murrayridgecenter.org

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Results from the Special Olympics North Section Basketball Tournament

The Special Olympics North Section Basketball Tournament was held March 2-5 at Lorain County Community College. The tournament was a single elimination tournament. Great job to all our Raiders teams!



LADY RAIDERS:

Game 1: Lost vs. Wood County 40-10. Game played on 3/4/17.

(Finished as the Runner up in the West Section Women's Division 2)

TEAM 1:

Game 1: Won vs. Stark County, 55-59. Game played on 3/4/17.

Game 2: Lost vs. Summit County Red, 49-53. Game played on 3/5/17.

(Finished as the runner up in the North Section Division 2)

TEAM 2:

Game 1: Lost vs. Summit County Blue, 38-30. Game played 3/4/17.

(Did not place in the tournament)

Team 3:

Game 1: Won vs. Portage County 33-26.

Game 2: Lost vs. Stark County 61-28. Game played on 3/4/17.

(Finished 3rd in the North Section Division 4)

Basketball Skills Team:

Competition held @ Elyria High School on 3/4/17. The athletes participate in passing, dribbling, and shooting competitions against other athletes in their divisions.

Gold medals: Alex Avertt, Tom Djordjevic, Patrick Curry, Kim Herman, Grant Holbrook, Jessica Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Chad Kothe, Mark Vanek

Silver medals: Jackie Allen, Linda Brewer, Kelly Fath, Lutz Fazekas, Isaiah Johnson, Jessie Kimbro, Kathy King, Ryan McCoy, Mark Oliveras, Casey West

Bronze medals: Troy Eppley, Tracy Horn, Chelsie Jenkins, Jenna Jones, Kenny Martin, Sean McCaffrey, Lori Norton, Andrew Prihoda,

4th Place: Dustin Mitchell, Tim Stewart

LCBDD Welcomes New Member

The Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities welcomed a new Board Member in January.



Beverly Gedid, devoted supporter of Murray Ridge Center and spouse to longtime employee and much missed

friend George Gedid, was appointed to the Board by the Lorain County Commissioners when Henry Patterson completed 12 years as a member at the beginning of 2017.

"This appointment will continue my husband's legacy and dedication to serving the consumers and their families," Beverly said.

Beverly's experience in healthcare and her history with the Board will be an asset to this appointment. She has volunteered extensively with the Murray Ridge Support Group (of which she and George were active members) by chaperoning dances and working the annual spaghetti dinner.

Beverly is excited to see what the next four years of her term brings, and looks forward to helping with the many challenges that Murray Ridge Center will face in the coming years.

"The future of the Agency is paramount," she said. "To be able to support it in achieving all of its goals to help provide the best, quality services to the consumers and their families is a privilege. I hope to be the best possible advocate for the Agency, and to help it uphold its mission statement of helping people for a lifetime."

Exceptional Service at Murray Ridge

Jerri Evans (right, pictured with Superintendent Amber Fisher), LPN at the Lorain Opportunity/Vocational Center, was presented with the Exceptional Service Award at an LOVC staff meeting on February 14th. Jerri's nominator, Robin Malin LPN, Health Care Service Supervisor for Echoing Lake Group/Waiver Home, said in the nomination letter, "I want to take the time to recognize Jerri Evans for making an easy transition to the individuals & Echoing Lake Nursing Department. On March 25, 2016, Echoing Lake became the provider for 4 individuals from Murray Ridge Waiver Home. Jerri went above and beyond to support the individuals to make an easy transition by ensuring that all medical supports were in place. Jerri supplied excellent paperwork from a complete MAR/TAR with diagnosis, Physician Orders, Medical History, Future Appointments, and a list of all Physicians that are current in the individual's life. Jerri made it extremely easy for me to continue the continuity of care for each individual. It was a pleasure to work with Jerri on this transition. Jerri went above and beyond to make the individuals' lives more fulfilled and improved the world around them."



Congratulations, Jerri, on receiving this award! Murray Ridge Center thanks you for your exceptional service and dedication to those we serve!

Teeth Cleaning Time at the LOVC

Adult program participants at the Lorain Opportunity/Vocational Center received a dental education on February 2nd when Dental Hygienist students from Lorain County Community College visited and provided the adults with instruction on proper tooth care.



Kathy King (above) and Bridget O'Keefe (right) show off their healthy, clean smiles.



Top: Darren Pelton, Brione Monk, and Jesse Kimbro talk with LCCC dental hygienist students. Middle: Julie Alessandro receives instruction on proper brushing.

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.

2017 Spring Course Series

Evening Sessions:

April 25, 2017: Section 1, 6-9 p.m.

April 27, 2017: Section 2, 6-9 p.m.

May 02, 2017: Section 3, 6-9 p.m.

May 04, 2017: 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)



Murray Ridge School Celebrates 100 days

Murray Ridge School celebrated its 100th day for the 2016-2017 school year on February 10th. Cheryl Swierz's Classroom Aide, Deanna Bennett, made each student in the class a 100th day of school t-shirt that said, "Eye Survived 100 Days of School," complete with 100 eyes on each shirt. Other classrooms held parties and festivities to mark the occasion!

Pictured are Jaquan Warren, Kyre Beathea, Jansen Plumb, and Kendric Warner, showing off their new t-shirts!

We wish Murray Ridge School the best of luck as it winds down the remaining days of the school year!



Fan Appreciation Night with Murray Ridge Special Olympics



Murray Ridge basketball Special Olympics athletes all gathered at Murray Ridge School on February 27 for an evening of giving back to fans for their support of the teams this season. Participating consumers handed out thank you balloons and interacted with fans, while prizes were given away throughout the evening. Athletes played in two exhibition games (Lady Raiders vs. Team 3 and Team 1/2 vs. Staff/Coaches) to entertain those in attendance and build excitement for the Special Olympics North Section Basketball Tournament coming up that weekend at Lorain County Community College.

Special Valentine's Day Delivery From the Elyria Opportunity/Vocational Center

Adult program participants from the EOVC had a special delivery for residents of Life Care Nursing Home this Valentine's Day. Under the direction of Activities Aide Penni Shuster, EOVC attendees created homemade Valentines cards for the home and hand delivered them on February 10. The group received a tour of Life Care and was then able to visit with a small group of residents. The residents really loved the Valentines but the best result was the interaction between the residents and consumers!



EOVC attendee Joe Bellotie visits with a resident from Life Care.

Friendly Bowling Tournament

The Lorain Opportunity/Vocational Center held a Wii Bowling Tournament on February 3! Winners were Kenny Martin 1st, Stephanie Bastock 2nd, Jasmine Zan 3rd, and Larry Diaz 4th! Great job to our bowlers!



Murray Ridge Center Going Strong With 50 Years of Giving Back Initiative

Murray Ridge Center has been busy celebrating its 50 year anniversary with the 50 Acts of Giving Back initiative. Throughout the year, members of the Murray Ridge family will 'give back' through at least fifty acts of helping to meet needs in Lorain County.

Already this year, the Agency has had 67 different volunteers complete 33 acts of giving back! And it's only March!! Here is the complete listing of those places we have volunteered, some with multiple volunteer visits:

- Friendship Animal Protective League
- Habitat for Humanity ReStore
- United Methodist Church Food/Diaper Pantry
- Oberlin Community Services Center
- Autumn Aegis Nursing Home
- Oberlin Senior Center
- Lorain Saint Mary Church's Food Pantry
- Second Harvest Food Bank
- Life Care Skilled Nursing Home
- United Methodist Lighthouse Church's Thrift Shop
- Neighborhood Alliance Lorain

As anticipated, Murray Ridge is on track to complete these acts well before December 2017, but we plan on continuing the volunteer work throughout the entire year! Stay tuned for additional updates on the many wonderful things our program participants have and will accomplish as part of this year's 50 Acts of Giving Back!



Debra Ehlert and Tony Daniels (above) from the Oberlin Opportunity/Vocational Center, clean donated items at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore. Left, Doreen Alaksa from the Oberlin Opportunity/Vocational Center is busy stocking shelves at the Oberlin Community Care Center. Below, Donna Baker, and Joyce Cox from the Elyria Opportunity/Vocational Center make cat treats to be donated to the APL. Bottom left, Special Olympics athletes Tiffany Harris, Tim Dammeyer, Diana Clement, and Steve Locurto delivered blankets to the Neighborhood Alliance of Lorain!





March 2017

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Activities & Events

- 3/2 - 3/5 - Special Olympic Ohio North Section Basketball Tournament, Lorain County Community College
- 3/8 - Murray Ridge Support Group meeting, 4:15 p.m., Elyria Opportunity/Vocational Center, 1095 Infirmary Road in Elyria
- 3/15 - LCBDD Finance Committee meeting, 12:00 p.m., Administration Bldg., 1091 Infirmary Road, Elyria
- 3/24 - Murray Ridge Support Group Dance, 7:00 p.m., Murray Ridge School, 9750 Murray Ridge Road in Elyria
- 3/27 - Regular Meeting of the Board and Ethics Council, 6:30 p.m., Administration Bldg., 1091 Infirmary Road, Elyria
- 3/29 - Family Support Parent Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m., Administration Bldg., 1091 Infirmary Road in Elyria



BOARD ROOM BRIEFING

The Lorain County Board of DD convened at 6:30 p.m. on February 27, 2017:

Superintendent Fisher provided a recap of 2016 expenditures, and a year-to-year comparison of budgeted and actual expenditures in key categories. The Board approved an allocation for the Family Support Parent Committee to authorize families to use in the second quarter of 2017. Board member training requirements for 2017 were presented; the possibility of including a Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) webinar on the Future of Adult Day Services as a required training component was discussed. Annual benchmarks addressing provider recruitment and direct service to Medicaid waiver recipients were considered; submission by each county board to DODD of annual benchmarks relevant to these topics is a requirement of the Free Choice of Provider Rule (OAC 5123:2-9-11).

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Travelling Art Show Moves to Avon Library

Check out the Travelling Art Show in March! Consumer artwork is on exhibit at the Avon Branch of the Lorain County Public Libraries. In April, the exhibit will move to Domonkas Public Library in Sheffield Lake.

Please stop by and see the amazing works of art created by consumers from our Adult Services Program and students from Murray Ridge School.

If you are interested in submitting art work for future displays, please contact Jenn Judkins at 329-3734 or jjudkins@murrayridgecenter.org.

