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The Murray Ridge School Class of 2025!

The Murray Ridge School Class of 2025 (top, l-r): Jansen Plumb, Evey Rodgers, Patrick Boey, (bottom, l-r): Ja'Laysia Brown, Tiffany Demyan, and Jenny Sislowski.

Congratulations to the senior class from Murray Ridge School (MRS)! Six graduates took the stage on May 28 to bid farewell to MRS and hello to bright new futures.

Graduation is a special day at MRS; we get to celebrate how far each student has come—with hard work, support, and growth along the way. While each student's journey is unique, this day shines a light on all the amazing progress they have made and the bright futures ahead!

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Thank you to all the families, teachers, staff, and other friends who supported these incredible students along their journeys. We can't wait to see what amazing things you will accomplish!

See more pictures and videos on Facebook at facebook.com/MurrayRidgeSchool!



Pictured (l-r): Jansen Plumb and his parents; Ja'Laysia Brown, Stacie Starr (Classroom Supervisor), Jenny Sislowksi; Stacie Starr (Classroom Supervisor), Evey Rodgers, Patrick Boey; Kristin Dickerhoff (teacher), Tiffany Demyan; and Patrick Boey and his parents.



Our Littlest Graduates! The Murray Ridge Preschool Class of 2025

Congratulations to our MRS Preschool class! On May 29, our youngest students took the stage to celebrate graduation with family, friends, and MRS teachers and staff. We can't wait to see what amazing things these graduates do next!



Pictured above, (l-r): Luciano DiFranco (teacher), Roberta Wilson (aide), Railynn Reis, Lucas Quillen, Madilynn Connell, Rosalie Thomas, Kammy Jones (aide), Elliott Board, Cheryl Stuart, Brooke Dales (aide), and Alice Webber. Pictured right (l-r): Lucas Quillen and Luciano DiFranco (teacher).





A Great Day for a Parade!



Adult Program participants proudly took part in Elyria's annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade on Monday, May 26th, marching in remembrance of those who gave their lives while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Their presence added a vibrant and meaningful element to the community tradition, reflecting both patriotism and civic engagement.

Participation in events like these offers MRC Adult Program participants an opportunity to connect with the broader community while honoring a significant national holiday. Their involvement was met with enthusiasm and support, and their contribution was a highlight of this year's parade!

The Elyria Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade on Monday, May 26th continues to serve as a powerful reminder of the values of service, sacrifice, and solidarity—and year after year, Murray Ridge Center helped make it even more special!

Pictured (l-r): Missi Obeshaw (staff), Alayna (Missi's daughter), Joseph Linden, Michelle Woodham (staff), Kim Phillips (staff), Charles Johnson Jr, Alec Jones, and Jeremy Foster.



Into the Mystic (Belle)

On June 6, a group of Adult Program participants from the Lorain Opportunity & Vocational Center (LOVC) enjoyed a relaxing paddle-wheel tour aboard the Mystic Belle, cruising along the historic and scenic Vermilion River! Boaters were treated to a one-hour narrated cruise, where they learned about the history of Vermilion's maritime industry. They also had a chance to view the natural wildlife that call the beautiful shores home—seagulls, ducks, herons, and even turtles!



Pictured (left): Michael Telloni, Joseph Linden, Eric Riser; (right): Alicia Lawrence, Judy Armstrong, and Judy Hersha.



The Great Outdoors!

The Murray Ridge School Boy Scouts Troop 112 took to the wilderness and spent a few days roughing it at their annual camp outing the last weekend in May!

Troop 112 had many adventures as they teamed up with another troop and spent two full days enjoying the great outdoors at Camp Avery Hand at the Firelands Scout Reservation. From fishing and boating to team-building activities and learning new skills, it was an unforgettable weekend filled with fun, friendship, and fresh air!



Pictured (l-r, top): Wyatt Bathurst and his aide Laura Manning, Reed DeLange (wheelchair); (l-r, bottom): Tyrese Whitfield, and Kyle Offenberg.



Nominations Sought for Exceptional Service Awards



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 awards@murrayridgecenter.org or call Jen Ryan at 440-329-3734. Please 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.



A Good Day at Goodwill

Elise Moore spent time digging through treasures when she stopped to shop on a cold June day at Goodwill.



Puppy Love

Sara Lempeck from the Meister ICF/IID Home visited the APL to hold and play with puppies.



Pause for Paws

Matt Rederick (top) and Justin Burks (bottom) spent some time giving back by volunteering at the Friendship Animal Protective League (APL) in Elyria.



Boardroom Briefing

The Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities convened at 6:30 p.m. on May 27, 2025.

Board President Bev Gedid introduced and welcomed new Board member Ashtan Ayala, and appointed Ms. Ayala to various committees. The Board approved, for recommendation to the Lorain County Board of Commissioners, collective bargaining agreements with OAPSE Local 771 and OAPSE Local 625. The Board passed a resolution authorizing for public release a draft of its 2024 Strategic Plan Progress Report, and gave notice of a public forum on this document to be held on June 25, 2025, at 1:45 p.m. at the Board's Administration Building, 1091 Infirmary Rd., Elyria, Ohio; a copy of the Draft 2024 Strategic Plan Progress Report can be accessed at www.murrayridgecenter.org or by calling (440)329-3734.

All in a Day's Work

Adult Program participants from the Lorain Opportunity & Vocational Center perform the Assemble Float job, delivering precision assembly services for custom float components as specified by NexJen Technologies.

NexJen Technologies expressed strong appreciation for the continued partnership, emphasizing how much they rely on the Murray Ridge Production Center for consistent, high-quality work.



Pictured (l-r): D'Ronda Fleming, Robert McFadden, Chelsie Jenkins, Richard Jandrew, Rick Rovere (MRC staff), Jessica Mager, Heather Davis (MRC staff), Larry Schuman (MRC staff), David Helton (seated in blue shirt), and Michael Kimbrough (working in the back).



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- MICROSOFT OFFICE, OUTLOOK, WORD, AND EXCEL SKILLS
- ORGANIZATION, PRIORITIZATION, AND CLERICAL SKILLS
- ABILITY TO SPELL, USE GRAMMAR CORRECTLY, ENTER DATA ACCURATELY, AND PERFORM BASIC MATH FUNCTIONS ACCURATELY



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MUST HAVE:

- STATE OF OHIO LICENSE FOR REGISTERED NURSE
- MINIMUM OF 3 YEARS OF NURSING EXPERIENCE
- KNOWLEDGE OF NURSING OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
- STRONG NURSING AND ASSESSMENT SKILLS



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