

## World's largest provider fair

It is being called the 'World's Largest Provider Fair' to be held on Wednesday, November 19th from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Rhodes Center on the Ohio State Fairgrounds.

Providers of Home and Community Based services for the Individual options (IO), SELF, TDD and Level 1 Waivers will be present to talk to individuals, family members or others who are interested in learning more about Providers in Franklin County.

Providers of supported living, supported employment, transportation, respite, adaptive equipment, home modifications, remote monitoring, shared living, habilitation services, integrated employment and more will be available. Providers will bring handouts.

Free parking, on-site cafeteria, and continuous entertainment are also planned. The Rhodes Center will also allow for space for individuals to have more private interviews/ conversations with Providers as they determine who can best meet their needs.

Over 1000 participants and family members are expected to attend the event. The Rhodes Center is located at 17th Avenue and Interstate 71 on the Ohio State Fairgrounds. For details, contact Joni Sparks at 342-5964.



## Ohio Sibling Conference to be held November 7-8

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio Adult Sibling Conference will be held on November 7-8 at the Columbus Airport Marriott Hotel at 1375 N. Cassady Avenue.

Featured speakers include Andre McQuaide, an adult sibling who works for the State of Rhode Island Department of Developmental Disabilities and is responsible for implementing their Employment First Policy.

Meghan Burke, oldest of five siblings and sister of brother, Ryan, who has Down Syndrome will offer perspectives. She is a Special Education Professor at the University of Illinois.

Kim Linkinhoker, Associate Director of the Ohio Association of County Boards will provide insights on the County Board perspectives.

This annual event now serves as a model for the rest of the country.

Dr. Tom Fish, Nisonger Center, established Ohio SIBS and continues to coordinate the conference.

Dean Fadel, former President of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Ohio Association of County Boards speaks frequently on the topic of sibling involvement with his brother, Jeff. Dean states "This conference

is terrific. Not only do you recognize how important your role is as a sibling, you also make wonderful connections. It is like a college class for a sibling."

With improved medical technology, more and more individuals who have developmental disabilities are living longer and are able to benefit from services longer. This also means that more and more are outliving their parents or their parents' ability to care for them, meaning the support of a sibling is even more important.

For details or to register for the conference, go to [www.ohioSIBS.com](http://www.ohioSIBS.com) or call 614-685-8723. Some scholarships are available by contacting Dr. Fish.



Dean and Jeff Fadel

## John Fleming retires

John Fleming, Assistant Director of Human Resources, will retire effective November 30th after 17 years of service with the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

According to Superintendent Morison, "John has provided exceptional service in a number of areas. He began as a Sales Representative where he beefed up sales for the workshops and helped to rebrand ARC Industries with a new logo and the 'ARC Building' concept."

"As Assistant Director for Human Resources, he has provided strong leadership with agency safety programs, training for new staff, discipline, transitional work programs and much more. His writings, practical advice to individual staff and his sense of humor are some of the qualities that will be missed most."

About his work with FCBDD, John stated that in his years of management and legal experience in private practice, corporate, government and military work, the

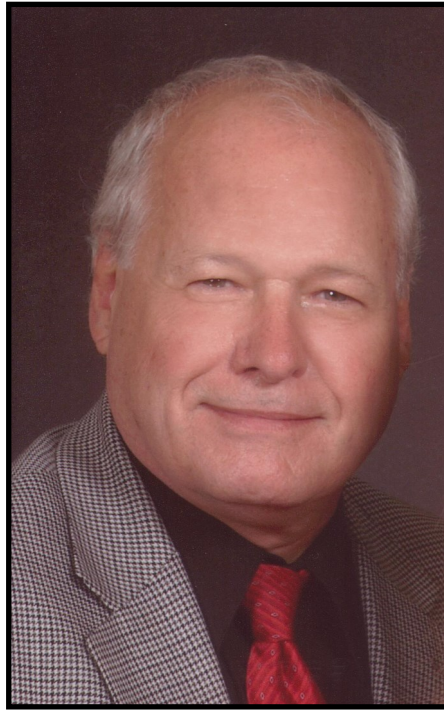
FCBDD management staff is the best he has ever had the pleasure with whom to work. "FCBDD staff is set apart from all others by the deep compassion and dedication to the

work of caring for those folks in our community with developmental disabilities."

John's career has spanned over 50 years, many of which were as Associate General Counsel for Prudential Insurance, where he handled employee/ labor relations and other insurance and litigation matters. He recalls being interviewed and featured in *Business Week* magazine for one case and he had different occasions to work with two of the U.S. Attorney Generals in Washington D.C.

About his retirement, he looks forward to enjoying the outdoors, hunting, fishing and kayaking. He is especially looking forward to more time with family, including his wife Linda and their many children and grandchildren.

Special thanks to John Fleming and best wishes on a well-deserved retirement!



**John Fleming**

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## Carol Rantala retiring

Carol Rantala, Principal at Northeast School has announced that she will retire at the end of December.

Carol has been at Northeast School for 13 years and her career in special education has extended over 35 years. According to Superintendent Jed Morison, "Carol has done great work in many areas and been instrumental in navigating services through some challenging times. The impact she has had on so many students, families and staff has been significant. She will be missed."

About her service at Northeast, Carol expressed appreciation to all those whose paths she has crossed and stated "it has been a privilege and honor to work on behalf of so many families and children. I will take many fond memories to cherish."

About her retirement, Carol plans to initially take some time to assess her options to consider "what's next." Travel and visits to family are also on her agenda.

Bonnie Ford, Assistant Principal has been appointed Principal to replace Carol.



**Carol Rantala**

# Students using touch screens

by Patti Sanieł-Banrey and Eileen Steele

This year, all classrooms at West Central and Northeast Schools received new computers with extendable mounts and touch screen capability.

These adaptations enable all students greater capability to access programs on the computer and higher attention toward visual stimuli. With the extendable mounts and touch screen monitors the teachers are able to give the students more opportunities for learning with computers.

Assistant Principal, Michael Ross is the lead representative on the schools technology committee. He's very excited about the opportunities for all of the school-age students at both schools.



***Kylie is an intermediate level student at West Central School. She is activating a push panel switch to run an adapted program. Since staff are able to bring the monitor to her, she is better able to "see" the activity and interact with the program. She is motivated to hold her head up and play the game.***



***Sierra is using a cause and effect program while in the stander. The program is keeping her attention focused on the activity while she is in the upright position. She is able to work on her standing goal, working on reaching and giving attention to activity. Three goals in one fun activity!***

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## Provider compliance reviews posted

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) has announced that it will now post provider compliance reviews on their website at <http://dodd.ohio.gov>.

Compliance reviews are required to ensure that providers comply with all federal and state regulations, including Medicaid requirements. Reviews may be completed on a one, two or three year cycle.

Individuals, family members or others are encouraged to check the reviews when selecting their provider. The reports are posted in the Provider Search feature of the DODD website.

Reports for 2013 and 2014 are online and new reports will be posted as they are completed. Earlier reports are available by request.



# 2014 Community Star Awards

Over 500 were in attendance at the 2014 Community Star Awards to recognize fourteen individuals and organizations for their extraordinary accomplishments in support of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Marcus Thorpe of WCMH-TV4 served as Master of Ceremonies following his introduction by Bill Wilkins. Singer Dwight Lenox and the Erik Augis Trio provided entertainment as the crowd celebrated the winners at Villa Milano.

Superintendent Jed Morison provided special recognition to Don L. Brown, retiring County Administrator from the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners. The Superintendent stated that Don Brown's "understanding of the complexities of our field and operations made him the go to person for advice and direction as we navigate the changes."

It was a special evening thanks to Linda Fleming and her team who did an outstanding job of coordinating the many details.

Special thanks also to Kim Rudisill, Service Coordinator, who willingly took an "other related duties" by serving as an excellent photographer for the evening.



**Superintendent Jed Morison presents Don L. Brown with special Star Award.**



**Amber Jones accepts award for Mrs. Goodman's Baking Company, Employer recipient.**



**Eric Palmer, shows off his Star Award, as the recipient for the Youth Participant category.**



**Jim and Annette Brochowski, recognized for their generosity through the MJB Foundation in memory of Meghan Joy Brochowski, former early childhood participant.**



**Lindsay Holt, Service Coordination recipient, enjoys a moment with her daughter.**



**Bill Wilkins, center, with Superintendent Morison and Bill's Aunt Susan Williams. Bill introduced Marcus Thorpe, Master of Ceremonies.**



**Ethan Grant from West Central School, congratulated by Superintendent Jed Morison.**



**Sarah Gillilan, Early Childhood staff award winner.**



**Former Superintendent Steve Pleasnick joined the festivities.**



**Jan Montgomery, Director of ARC West, receives award from Linda Craig, Board Vice-President, Reneé Stein, Board President and Superintendent Jed Morison.**



**Marcus Thorpe, WCMH-TV4, served as Master of Ceremonies**



**Singer Dwight Lenox entertained the crowd.**



**Richard McGee was a winner for his outstanding security work.**



**Sandy Giusti, Family Member Award Recipient, for her outstanding service with the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association.**



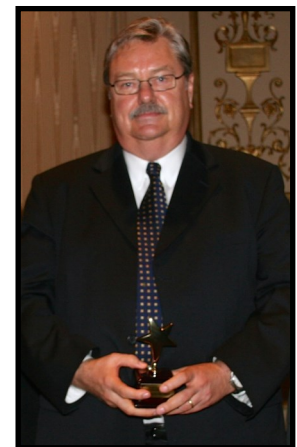
**Brian Parks, Transportation recipient is congratulated by Superintendent Jed Morison.**



**Kurt Smith, Cyniqua Matthews join Marci Straughter, right, winner of the Adult Participant Award.**



**Shirley Jordan, Adult Staff Recipient, accepts award from Linda Craig, Board Vice President, Reneé Stein Board President and Superintendent Morison.**



**Ed Harper, Executive Director of Franklin County Residential Services, has provided leadership for FCRS over 30 years.**



**Lenore Schneiderman, left, celebrates with Jackie Teny-Miller, for establishing the Habilitation Certificate Program at Columbus State Community College.**



**Linda Fleming, Coordinator of so many details for the event, takes a break before the crowd begins to assemble at Villa Milano for the 2014 Community Star Awards.**

## 5K a success

The first 5K Run/ Walk for FCBDD Special Olympics was a success and is expected to be repeated.

Over 200 were in attendance for the event on a beautiful Sunday morning in September. The FCBDD Wellness Team coordinated the event that allowed participants to run or walk through a section of the Arena District in downtown Columbus.

Funds raised at the event will help to sponsor Special Olympics athletes from Franklin County.



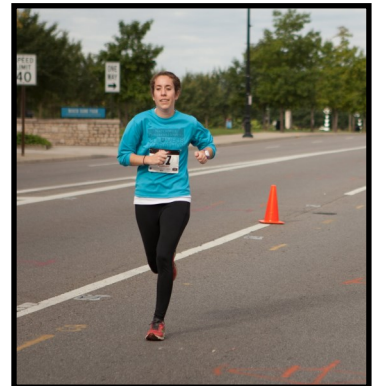
**5K Event participants take off!**



**Top Male Finisher Keith Gengras**



**5K walkers**



**Top Female Finisher Susan Coffey**

**Photographs of the 5K Run/Walk for FCBDD Special Olympics provided by: Tasha Braniff Photography**

## Ryan Phillips recognized

Ryan Phillips, Special Olympics and County Recreation Coordinator for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities has been selected the Ohio Special Olympics Coach of the Year.

Ryan was recognized at a luncheon on September 26 for his outstanding leadership in Franklin County and as a coach for the National Special Olympics games that were held in June. Superintendent Jed Morison attended the awards ceremony and stated "Ryan has been exceptional and he is most deserving of this award. He is a great representative for our Board."

Robert Ricard, Director of the Ohio Special Olympics presented the award. Fellow staff, volunteers and family were present for the recognition.



**Ryan Phillips and his family (right) are joined by (from left to right) Mike Butchko, Marcy Samuel, Jack Brownley, Andrea Stonebreaker, and Jed Morison.**

# Good for you

*Notable achievements in the FCBDD community*

Congratulations to **Art Newton (right)** and **Keith Gatwood (left)**, FCBDD Mechanics, who came to the rescue of a woman who was choking as they were returning from a breakdown. Art and Keith called the squad. Squad members said it is not every day that someone would stop to save a life.



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Congratulations to **Kurt Smith, ARC South participants and staff** on the smooth transition for ARC South. Also, special thanks to the other Workshops and Living Skills Centers for welcoming new individuals.

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Congratulations to **West Central School** for being recognized by the **Columbus International Program (CIP)** as the site that hosts more individuals from other countries than any other Columbus site. Recently, **Natty Lopes**, a social worker and **Anjanaa Chattopachyay**, a Volunteer Counselor from India visited the school with **Sonya Afanolyeva**, Communications Coordinator at CIP. They are pictured with **Barb Michael-Jones**, Principal at West Central.



*Pictured above left-right are Sonya Afanolyeva, Natty Lopes, Anjanaa Chattopachyay, and Barbara Michael-Jones*

**Dave O'Neil**, Service Coordinator Supervisor coordinated another excellent Staff Development Day for the Service Coordination Department.

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Congratulations to **Pat Tietz**, Physical Therapist, **Sandy Tillett-Ferguson**, Speech Therapist and others who assisted with the *Go Baby Go Workshop* on Power Mobility.

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Thanks to **Dan Darling**, HR Director and Combined Charities Coordinators for the excellent job of coordinating the Combined Charitable Campaign.

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A big thanks to Directors **Nan Burns** and **Jan Montgomery** for coordinating another successful Self -Advocate Conference on October 29th.

# Career Milestones

**35 years**

Cheryl Ziverts

**30 years**

Donald O'Brien

**25 years**

William McKind  
Jennifer Schneid  
Belinda Shope

**20 years**

Albert Bain  
Gertrude Cunningham  
David Ellis  
Dana Harding  
Carol Huntzinger  
Vicki Steffan

**15 years**

Lisa Taylor

**10 years**

**Kenneth Brown\***

(\*Sorry we missed you in October)

Kevin Jones  
Cynta Williams

**5 years**

Wendy Kornell  
Elizabeth Mulei



# “Quotable quote”

“Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.”

—William Arthur Ward

# Annual Action Plan and 3 year plan

It is that time of year to begin the process of updating the Board's Annual Action Plan and 3 Year Plan.

These plans are required by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and generally are approved by the Board in January of the year. A public hearing on the plan is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 8th at 2879 Johnstown Road. The current plans can be reviewed on the FCBDD web site in the publication section ([www.fcbdd.org](http://www.fcbdd.org)).

Suggestions for the Annual Action Plan or the 3 Year Plan should be sent to Superintendent Jed Morison, 2879 Johnstown Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219 or to [fcbddwebsite@fcbdd.org](mailto:fcbddwebsite@fcbdd.org).

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## Calendar

### November, 2014

- 4 Election Day
- 11 Veterans Day - all county facilities closed.
- 18 Franklin County Residential Services Board of Trustees meeting, 1021 Checkrein Ave., 11 a.m.
- 19 'The World's Largest Provider Fair', Rhodes Center at the Ohio State Fairgrounds, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- 19 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m.
- 20 FCBDD Finance and Human Resources Committees meeting at ARC Industries West, 250 West Dodridge St., noon.
- 20 FCBDD Board meeting, at ARC Industries West, 250 West Dodridge St., 1 p.m.
- 24 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Kemba Financial in Gahanna, 11:30 a.m.
- 27 Thanksgiving Day - all county facilities closed.
- 28 Thanksgiving Recess - Early Childhood, schools and adult facilities closed.
- 29 OSU Buckeyes v. Michigan football game, Ohio Stadium. Go Bucks!

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