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Drivers compete in ROAD-E-O!

"There's a New Sheriff in Town" was the theme for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Transportation Department's recent participation in the Ohio School Bus Driver Safety ROAD-E-O!

Over 25 drivers and other retired staff supporters and family attended the all-day event on Saturday, April 23rd. Dionne Cox, Carolyn Jones, Dawn Parrish, Valerie Pitts, Marie Salvatore, and Nancy Stewart participated in the regional competition, while others attended to cheer them on and support the event.

Joyce Barrowman, Transportation Director for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities encouraged participation beginning last year when three drivers participated. Joyce stated that the 'New Sheriff in Town' theme signified that the FCBDD Drivers wanted to make their presence felt in the competition. For their enthusiasm, the FCBDD team won the 'Spirit' award for the day.

Superintendent Morison stated that he "was so impressed with the entire event, from the competition to the food and the comradery. It is so great that our drivers took the big step to enter the competition and that so many others attended to support them."

Congratulations to Dionne, Carolyn, Dawn, Valerie, Marie and Nancy and thanks for representing FCBDD so well!



Left to right - back row: Dionne Cox, George Cox, Valerie Pitts , Annette Griffin, Dawn Parish, and Carolyn Jones. Front row - Cathy Nicely, Charity Buckley, Nancy Stewart, Marie Salvatore, and Yolanda Harriston.

Medicaid/ Adult Services/ Transportation plans continue

Plans are continuing for the adult services and transportation privatization required by Medicaid rules of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

A 'Request for Proposals' (RFP) will be advertised for a transportation provider. Proposals are expected to be returned this summer. One of the considerations will be whether the entire Transportation Department will be privatized or just Adult Transportation.

Plans are also continuing regarding Adult Services to move the entire Adult/ ARC Industries operation to ARC Industries. This means that all staff would eventually become staff of ARC Industries rather than staff of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD).

The following proposal will be considered by the ARC Industries and FCBDD Boards:

- ◆ Current individuals served by the FCBDD Adult Services Departments will continue to be able to receive services from ARC Industries.
- ◆ All FCBDD Adult Services staff will become ARC Industries' employees in the first pay period of January, 2019.
- ◆ As required by law, FCBDD employees moving to the ARC Industries payroll would have the option to maintain participation in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). Employees will also have the option to opt out of OPERS.
- ◆ The Medicaid billing for Adult Services is proposed to transfer from FCBDD to ARC Industries, effective in January, 2017.

If approved by both Boards, this plan is intended to maintain stability in services and staffing. Individuals will continue to receive similar services with familiar staff. Staff will be able to maintain similar jobs with the same retirement system (OPERS) and Social Security.

Comments regarding this proposal should be sent to Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO at jed.morison@fcbdd.org or Bob Gaston, ARC Industries CEO at bob.gaston@fcbdd.org by June 30th. The Boards are expected to consider approval of this proposal or revisions in their July meetings.

Summer Programs ready for 2016

Editor's Note: The following article was written by Jack Brownley, Director of Schools and Special Programs to explain all the summer options that are being offered to school-age students. For questions, contact Jack at jack.brownley@fcbdd.org or call (614) 342-5960.

Summer Center in the School-age Program has provided important continuation of learning experiences for students in the FCBDD School-age Program for more than 20 years. Recent national and state trends affecting educational programs has led to the adaptation of *Summer Center* and other summer programs to match the kinds of programs offered during the school year, and to support exploration and experience in community settings for all students.

There are three summer programs offered:

Summer Center at YMCA – formerly Summer Center at West Central School. In 2016, through a partnership with YMCA of Central Ohio, the *Summer Center* program will be located at four different branches of YMCA. Students will participate in activities offered at those branches as part of their Summer Youth Camp program. FCBDD staff will be available at each branch to provide support as needed so that every child can participate in camp activities along with other students from the community. This program is designed as a recreation option for youth ages 6-18;

Transition to Work Summer Program – through a collaborative contract with SPARK, Inc. (a private provider of Supported Employment – Community services), students will participate in community-based experiences designed to introduce concepts of employment and integration into community services. Students will explore potential work environments in a variety of settings, assessing interests and skills that may lead to future employment choices. Classroom training will address skills of independent living, planning for transition to adult services, and preparation for social skills and self-determination skills that will be important in life after school. This program is designed for students approaching graduation within 2 – 3 years;

Career Camp – This program is operated through Columbus City Schools. It offers classroom training in skills needed for independent living, and provides youth with paid summer employment experiences in community jobs. This program is designed for students ready to graduate from school who are motivated to pursue competitive employment in the community.

Bob Rickard retires

Bob Rickard, Director of Special Olympics Ohio for the past thirty-seven years, will retire on June 3rd.

Bob's tenure with Special Olympics Ohio began as a volunteer in the mid 1970's when he was employed as a teacher for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities. When Bob began, Special Olympics Ohio was still an office in the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. Bob privatized the non-profit organization and moved it to offices on Winchester Pike in Columbus.

Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities and former Director of Special Olympics Ohio stated that "Bob has done excellent work for all these years, maintaining stability and growing the Special Olympics program while positively impacting the lives of thousands of children and adults who have participated."

Special Olympics is a worldwide sports and recreational program for children and adults who have intellectual disabilities.

Kraig Makohus has been hired as the new Director of Special Olympics Ohio. He brings experience from Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania to his new position.

Congratulations to Bob Rickard!



Bob Rickard, Director of Special Olympics Ohio retires.

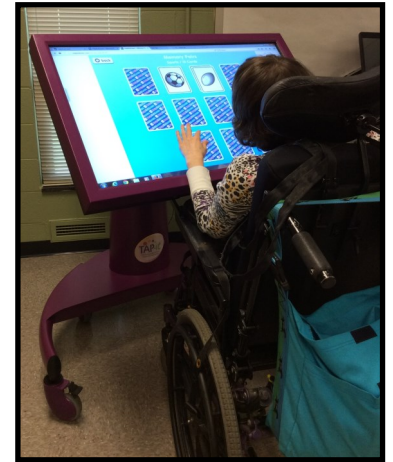
Technology advances with Tap-It

As technology continues to advance, people served by the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities continue to benefit.

Individuals at Northeast Center now have access to a new touch screen monitor that can be connected to a computer and positioned to accommodate people in wheelchairs. The monitor is called Tap-It, which comes in a height and tilt adjustable stand.

Any programs or activities that run on a computer are accessible through the Tap-It's touchscreen. Tap-It has been a huge success for those with mobility, vision and hearing challenges.

According to Kathryn Jacoby Szabo, Speech-Language Pathologist at Northeast Center in Gahanna, "Tap-It's adaptable work station has been invaluable, enabling access to technology and increased independence for many."



Northeast Center enjoys Tap-It

Disability Determination/ Spend Down to Change New Terms: '1634'; '209(b); Miller Trusts; QIT

Have you heard of Section '1634' or '209(b)' or the terms 'Spend Down', 'Miller Trusts', or 'Qualified Income Trusts' (QIT)?

While unfamiliar to most of us, these are important terms that relate to changes that are expected later this year.

The Ohio Budget, enacted in 2015, will allow Ohio Medicaid to become a '1634' state, rather than a '209(b)' state. Section 1634 of the Social Security Act allows states to automatically enroll individuals with Medicaid if they are also approved for SSI (Supplemental Security Income) based on their disability.

When states choose to be a '1634' state, then they are not required to provide for 'spend down'. Current law allows individuals to "spend down" a portion of their income to qualify for Medicaid.

As a '1634' state, Medicaid eligible individuals with monthly income in excess of \$2199 will be required to have a 'Qualified Income Trust' (QIT), also known as a Miller Trust. Funds in excess of \$2199 in the Miller Trust will be able to be used for medical expenses.

According to the Governor's Office of Health Transformation, "on a monthly basis, Miller Trust funds pay for the cost of care and Medicaid pays for the care not funded by the trust." At the person's death, any funds remaining in the Miller Trust will be paid back to the state for previous Medicaid expenses.

Sound confusing? Yes, it is a bit confusing, but when final rules are adopted and implemented, it is expected to be much easier to understand. We just wanted our 'Dateline' readers to begin to learn about these unfamiliar terms, as they represent important changes for some in the future.

Sunapple art featured

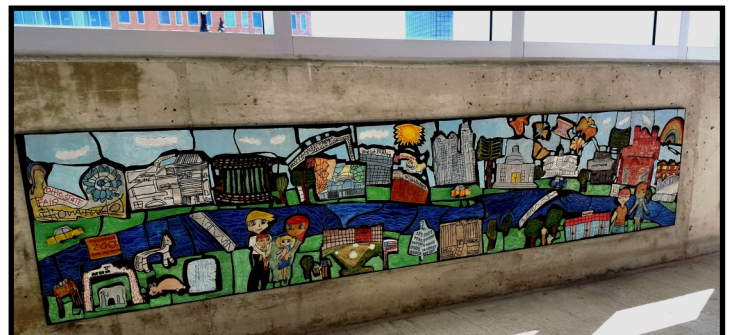
Sunapple Studios artists will again be featured in a public display for all the community to see.

Thanks to the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority, Sunapple Studios was commissioned to sketch and mold into clay their interpretation of several landmark Columbus buildings.

The work is now permanently on display at the Vine Street garage, where students and emerging artists will be featured.

Margo Crabtree, from ARC West, gives credit to Sally Bloomfield, Barbara Nicholson and Rhett Ricart for spearheading this initiative.

Sunapple Studios (www.sunappleco.com) was recently featured at the Columbus Cultural Arts Center with an impressive art installation titled "A Hero Within."



Sunapple artists' interpretation of landmark buildings in Columbus.

Terry Bruffy ~ an honest guy

Terry Bruffy, Janitorial Associate with ARC Industries is one of the most honest individuals you will ever meet.

On May 3rd, while doing his janitorial duties at the FCBDD Administration Building, Terry found a \$50 dollar bill that was dropped in the hallway. He reported it immediately to the Superintendent and together they were able to find the person who lost it.

Quentin Wilson, Systems Administrator for the FCBDD Information Technology Department was happy to learn his money was found. As he shook Terry's hand, Quentin thanked him for his honesty.

Terry responded "I had good teachers. They taught me details."

Special thanks and congratulations to Terry Bruffy.



Terry Bruffy (right) returns \$50 bill to Quentin Wilson (left), Systems Administrator.

Spring formal

The Franklin County Recreation Spring Formal, held recently at Capital University, was a huge success!

Over 120 recreation members, students and their guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, unlimited photos and two hours of dancing to their favorite music.

Since January, students enrolled in event planning at Capital University worked with Franklin County Recreation to host the annual spring formal. Students were divided into four teams – facility coordination, decorations, formal wear, and community engagement – to create a memorable night for everyone who attended.



Hollywood was the Spring Formal theme.



Capital University Event Planning Students

The event was held at the Cap Center located on the campus of the university. Students in the facility coordination group contacted local businesses to provide hors d'oeuvres and entertainment for the guests.

Hollywood was the theme the decorations committee chose after talking to some of the members of Franklin County Recreation while volunteering at events. The group was responsible for bringing a little bit of Hollywood into the gym. Guests walked up the red carpet to check into the event.

Guests who wanted to dress up were able to pick up a clean outfit a few weeks before the event from the students who collected formal wear. Many who picked out a new dress or suit were very excited with the new addition to their wardrobe.

Members of the community engagement committee drummed up excitement for the event. These students designed the advertisement in the recreation activity catalog, posted flyers around Capital University inviting students to attend, and communicated with the campus newspaper to spotlight the event.

Students enrolled in the course were very pleased with the outcome of the event. "When I first heard we were planning a real event I was nervous about the whole experience, but it has taught me a lot," said Amber Thomas. She went on to say that Franklin County Recreation members "really know how to party" as well.

Chelsea Kempton identified how she embraced the event. "I learned the importance of detail in event planning and the impact I can make upon other people."

A special thanks goes to Joe Eberts for providing the music for the evening, the Columbus Photo Booth Company, Capital University, Dr. Lois Foreman-Wernet, and all the students of the event planning class.

To learn more about Franklin County Recreation, please visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/franklincountyrecreation.



Tierra Whittey, one of the student organizers of the event, poses for a picture with Jane Taylor in the photo booth.

Good for you

Notable achievements in the FCBDD community

Transportation staff were well represented at a Regional School Bus ROAD-E-O to participate in a safety competition. Congratulations for winning the 'Spirit' award.

Thanks to all the artists and visitors for the wonderful 'Evening with the Arts' celebration at the Early Childhood Learning Community (ECLC).

Special thanks to all the blood donors for the 'Roger May' blood drive held on May 19th.



American Red Cross

On May 6th, Columbus State Community College held a graduation ceremony for 16 graduates of the Habilitation Certification program. The graduates are individuals who have disabilities and who will now pursue jobs in the human services field helping others. Congratulations!



Congratulations to West Central students and staff on a wonderful Prom and Graduation, and for such a successful school year.



Congratulations to Mackenzie Johnson's class at Central Crossing High School, on completing a group project to establish a soup and salad bar with Taco Soup. Students planned, budgeted, shopped, advertised, cooked, tasted and served the meal.

Career Milestones

30 years
Steven Bassett
Andrea Stonebraker

25 years
Amy Magginis

20 years
Joseph Ash
Kimberly Whiteous
Jodi Zill

15 years
Renee Auckerman

10 years
Doris Adair
Amanda Adams
Virgie King

5 years
Ivan Harrington



Celebrate ~ Flag Day
June 14th

Charlie Potts to retire

Charlie Potts, teacher for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, has announced his retirement after 33 years of service.

Charlie has served as a teacher of classes located at Reynoldsburg High School for the past 17 years. The prior 16 years, Charlie taught and assisted at Northeast School.

According to Jack Brownley, Director of Schools and Special Programs, "Charlie has done great work, with strong focus on preparing students for employment following graduation."

For most of these years, Charlie has also been a steady volunteer for Special Olympics. He plans to continue his involvement with FCBDD Special Olympics as time permits and he looks forward to more travel.

About his service, Charlie stated "I've really enjoyed knowing and working with all the co-workers/ staff I've come in contact with through my career. I've also been fortunate enough to work with some great parents and families of former and current students. I'm amazed at how quickly 33 years have gone by."



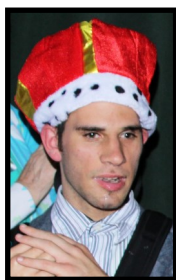
Charlie Potts

Charlie will retire effective June 3rd. Best wishes and thanks to Charlie Potts!

West Central Prom

The Enchanted Forest was the theme for the West Central School Prom held on May 6th.

Thanks to Holly Wiseman, Language Development Specialist at West Central and her Prom Team, the turnout of students, family members and staff was the best ever. Great decorations, food, dancing and pictures made for a wonderful event.



Harley Wheeler, Prom King 2016.



Kayla Bower, Prom Queen 2016.

Harley Wheeler and Kayla Bower were voted Prom King and Queen for 2016. According to Principal Michael Ross, "Harley and Kayla are great representatives of our school and most deserving of the honor."

The next issue of Dateline will be the July/ August issue printed in late July.

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Calendar

June, 2016

- 2 ECE/ West Central School last day of classes
- 3 ECE/ West Central School Parent/ Teacher Day
- 9 FCBDD Self-Advocate Advisory Council, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10 a.m.
- 13 School-age Summer Center programs begin.
- 14 ECE Summer Center begins, 2879 Johnstown Rd.
- 15 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10:00 a.m. Meeting is open to all family members.
- 20 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Kemba Financial in Gahanna, 11:30 a.m.
- 23 FCBDD Finance and Human Resources Committees meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 23 FCBDD Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 24-26 Ohio Special Olympics, the Ohio State University. Please call Andrea Stonebraker at 342-5989 for details.
- 27 Transition to Work Program begins.

July, 2016

- 4 Independence Day Celebrated - all county facilities closed.
- 14 ECE Summer Center programs end.
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- 29 Transition to Work Program ends.

August, 2016

- 12 Staff Development Day for Adult Services and Transportation staff. All adult facilities closed.
- 15 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Kemba Financial in Gahanna, 11:30 a.m.
- 22-23 ECE and School staff returns - Staff Preparation/ Development Day.
- 24 First day of classes at West Central School.
- 29 First day of classes, ECE - please consult program schedule.