

MONTHLY



MURRAY RIDGE COURIER

AUG 2024



Joshua Haught, Jessica Mager, Annie Cirilo, Amanda Spreng, Juliaunna Mason, Dylan Stearns, Judy Tesar, and Jessica Massey outside of the Valley of the Eagles in Elyria, where they had lunch with the Mayor of North Ridgeville

Lunch with The Mayor

Recently, our Service & Support Administration Department coordinated a self-advocacy luncheon with **Kevin Corcoran**, the Mayor of North Ridgeville, and more than 60 adults eligible for services from the Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The luncheon provided an opportunity for an open-ended conversation, and attendees were able to ask about topics that are important to them. At the gathering,

the mayor explained his role in the city and how he likes to work closely with the residents of North Ridgeville. The event, which was paid for through the Myrtle Endowment Fund of the Community Foundation of Lorain County, was a great way for those we serve to practice self-advocacy. Thank you to Mayor Corcoran and everyone involved for working to make this luncheon possible!



Dylan Stearns with North Ridgeville's Mayor, Kevin Corcoran

Early Intervention Picnic

This past July, families and staff in our Early Intervention Program came together for a picnic where they enjoyed a variety of crafts, water play, chalk, temporary tattoos and bubble blowing. Special thanks to **Glenn Mittler** and to **Addie and Isa Vodraska**, who volunteered their time and talents!



Wyatt Tucker making some giant bubbles



Poppy Thacker working on some arts and crafts



EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED



Dawn Hennigan, Job Coach Bernadette Seitz, Gavin Hennigan, and Holly Kessler.

The most recent recipient of our Exceptional Service Award was **Bernadette Seitz**, a Job Coach in our Supported Employment Program. Her nominators, **Holly Kessler** and her daughter **Dawn Hennigan**, wrote about the wonderful support that Bernadette has given to Holly's son Gavin in regards to his job. "Her dedication and caring are beyond outstanding," wrote Holly, "She is always available whenever there are questions or concerns." Thank you, Bernadette, for your dedication to those you serve!

Do you know a Murray Ridge staff member who has gone "above and beyond"? If so, please submit your nomination to Kevin Naughton, Director of Communications, at (440) 329-3734 or at kevin@murrayridgecenter.org.

WE'RE OUT...

...& ABOUT!



Earnest Harrell with some furry friends at Outlaw Farm Alpacas

Lorain County and the surrounding regions have so many wonderful small businesses, local restaurants, and other fun places to offer their residents. Enjoy these photos of our Murray Ridge Center community out on the town!



Sara Lempeck enjoying a hot beverage at Monkey Island Coffee in Lorain



Murray Ridge at Sheetz Grand Opening in Avon

Last month was the grand opening of a new Sheetz location on Nagel Road in Avon. Sheetz is a regular sponsor of and donor to Special Olympics Ohio. Several of our Special Olympics athletes and coaches attended to represent Murray Ridge. Special Olympics Coordinator **Shawn Hatcher** said a few words about the program, and athlete **Ryan Brown** also spoke briefly about what Special Olympics has done for and means to him.

Pictured, left to right: **Ryan Brown**, Special Olympics volunteer **Robert McFadden**, **Bobby McFadden**, and Special Olympics Coordinator **Shawn Hatcher** flanked by employees of the new Sheetz location

HELPING AT SAFE HARBOR

In July, Adult Program participants at our Oberlin Opportunity & Vocational Center volunteered at Safe Harbor. Participants weeded the front flower beds and then helped to paint some rocks for Safe Harbor's rock garden. Great job, everyone!



Pictured above and right: Cathy Pence and Kyle Porter



OVC Adult Program Instructor Mo Silvis assisting Tom Smith

Cooking Classes at LCCC

This summer, adults eligible for our services had the opportunity to participate in eight cooking classes held at Lorain County Community College's Culinary Arts Institute. During each session, the instructor taught basic cooking skills, leading the class through an entire meal's preparation. Afterwards, the participants were able to enjoy the fruits of their labor and share them with their friends, family, and caregivers in attendance. Such activities help those we serve to grow, express themselves, build self-sufficiency, and learn how to become the best versions of themselves. This opportunity was organized by the Murray Ridge Service and Support Administration Department, and paid for through the Myrtle Endowment Fund of the Community Foundation of Lorain County.



Chefs in training! Left to right: Esther Schnable, Tyler Watkins, Sandra Kilgore, Taylor Tanner, Joyce Cox, Kyle Porter, Cathy Pence, Jacob Pantalone, Rozalynne Everett, Tom Smith and Matthew Caldwell

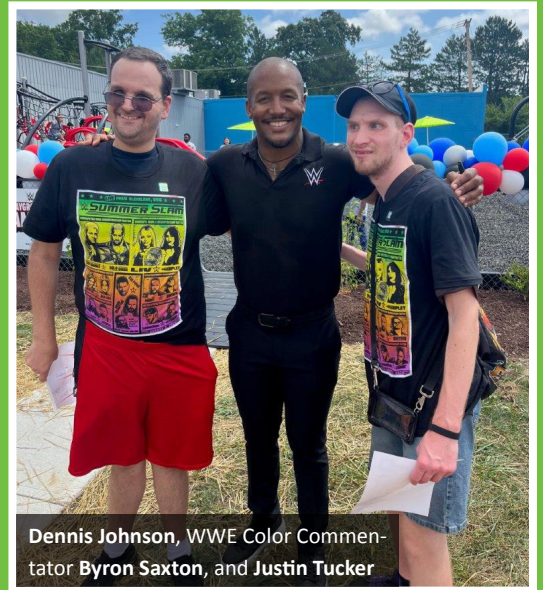
MURRAY RIDGE IN THE COMMUNITY

MURRAY RIDGE MEETS SOME WWE SUPERSTARS!

Friday, August 2nd, saw an exciting meet and greet from some WWE Superstars! Murray Ridge Adult Program participants stopped by for the ribbon-cutting event at the new playground at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio's Desich Family Campus.



Justin Tucker, Dennis Johnson, Robert Serrano, Amy Trigilio, WWE Superstar Alba Fyre, Robert McFadden and Annie Cirilio



Dennis Johnson, WWE Color Commentator Byron Saxton, and Justin Tucker

PARADE SEASON IS UPON US!

Murray Ridge Center has been busy making appearances at parades throughout Lorain County! On July 18th, Murray Ridge Center staff and individuals with developmental disabilities proudly represented Murray Ridge Center in Sheffield Lake's annual Community Days Parade. Participants coordinated and wore red and the announcer even called out Adult Program participant **Charles Johnson** by name! Then, on Sunday, August 14th, was the annual North Ridgeville Corn Festival's Parade! For this parade, participants wore tie dye and took on the long parade route as a team. Great job, everyone!



Tim Quisenberry and Kim Herman at the North Ridgeville Corn Festival Parade



Saundra Kilgore, Charles Johnson, and Alicia Lawrence at the Sheffield Community Days Parade

Parades and other public events like these are great opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to be represented in our communities, and to further our agency's goal of promoting community inclusion and acceptance.

Dental Hygiene Clinic



*Lorain County
Community College*

FREE SPECIAL EVENT
For Murray Ridge
Clients

SERVICES TO INCLUDE:

- Cleaning, X-rays, and Dentist Exam
- Oral Health Instructions

All Services Provided by LCCC
Dental Hygiene Students
under faculty instruction

Saturday
11/2/24 @
9am

LIMITED APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE
CALL TO SCHEDULE

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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 Kevin Naughton, Director of Communications. 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. If you have any questions, contact Kevin at (440) 329-3734 or kevin@murrayridgecenter.org

Now Hiring!

FEATURED positions



Direct Support Professional (Home Setting)

We have openings available for full-time, part-time, and PRN (as-needed) positions to care for residents of our Meister Road Home. Hours vary based on position and/or assignment.

Licensed Practical Nurse

We have openings for part-time, full-time, and PRN Licensed Practical Nurses.

Service & Support Administrator

This is a full time position in our Service and Support Administration Department.

Intervention Specialist

We have openings for full-time and PRN (as-needed) teachers at Murray Ridge School.

Adult Program Instructor

This is a full time position in our Adult Services Department, likely assigned to Supported Employment.

School Aide

We have openings for PRN (as-needed) and Full-time (9-month) School Aides at Murray Ridge School.

We provide the training. You provide the ♥

To see our current openings and to apply, go to the Murray Ridge website and click "Join Our Team"

All candidates:

- Must have valid Ohio drivers license, good driving record, and High School Diploma/GED.
- Must pass background check, drug test, and physical.

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Photo of the Month: Diana Clement and John
Armstrong celebrated "National I Love Horses Day"
at our Lorain Opportunity & Vocational Center with a
miniature horse named **Flight**

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