

March 2018



Scioto County Developmental Disabilities

Serving People for a Lifetime.



Photos from the Rivals Game

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Time for Some Hoops!

10th Annual Hardwood Heroes Celebrity Basketball Game is April 7

The 2018 Celebrity Team

- **Mike Bell**, Autism Project of Southern Ohio
- **Kristen Bradshaw**, Portsmouth High School teacher/softball coach
- **Tyler Clifford**, Bailiff in Scioto County Domestic Relations Court
- **Hope Comer**, Publisher of the Portsmouth Daily Times/Community Common
- **Dirk Cunningham**, RCW Entertainment
- **Erin Daniels**, record-smashing Minford High School basketball player
- **Bryan Davis**, Scioto County Commissioner
- **Noah Fannin**, Portsmouth High School teacher/soccer coach
- **Sean King**, 98.3 WPAY Country Superstars radio personality
- **Jeff Kleha**, Attorney and SCDD board member
- **Matt Purcell**, Superintendent of SCDD
- **Mark Richards**, Portsmouth Daily Times
- **Bill Runyon**, RCW Entertainment
- **Ryan Salmons**, State Farm Insurance
- **Captain Dan Simco**, captain of Portsmouth Salvation Army

The 10th Annual Hardwood Heroes Celebrity Basketball Game on Saturday, April 7, will bring local notables from all walks of life to the Shawnee State University Rhodes Athletic Center to raise money for Scioto County Special Olympics.

The event is one of the two annual fundraisers for Scioto County Special Olympics, and all funds support local athletes in fulfilling their goals in athletic competition and physical fitness. The other fundraiser is the Walk-A-Thon, which occurs every September in Tracy Park and serves as a kickoff to the Scioto County Special Olympics



**Special Olympics
Scioto County, Ohio**

athletic season. The athletic year includes the sports of basketball, bowling, golf, track and field, and volleyball.

“Special Olympics is one of the most visible and recognizable non-profits out there and we are happy to be a

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Commissioners Declare March DD Awareness Month in County

Under the bright lights of the Scioto County Courthouse rotunda, the IMPACT team listened as Scioto County Commissioner Mike Crabtree read a proclamation declaring the month Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

“We urge all citizens to take time to get to know someone with a disability and ask: ‘What’s your story?’ Every person’s story holds a promise to educate and inspire others,” reads the proclamation. The commissioners voted Thursday on the resolution making March DD Awareness Month in Scioto County. Approval was unanimous.

The month is aimed at raising public understanding of developmental disabilities while also recognizing the contributions of people with developmental disabilities in our community. The IMPACT team certainly has contributed, clocking more than 20,000 hours as of December on volunteer projects countywide. After Tuesday’s meeting with the commissioners, the



Members of the IMPACT team from STAR, Inc., and Scioto County Commissioner Bryan Davis listen as Commissioner Mike Crabtree reads a proclamation declaring the month of March Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Scioto County. National DD Awareness Month aims to raise public understanding and recognition of the contributions of people with developmental disabilities in our community. The IMPACT team volunteers throughout Scioto County and in December passed 20,000 volunteer hours.

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Birthdays

April 1

Sandy Brisker

April 8

Cassie Clark

April 12

Hannah Howard

April 13

Tammy Guthrie

April 14

Andrea McClellan

April 26

Sharon Malone

Work Anniversaries

April 1

Missy Cassidy
Joy Copen

April 2

Kelly Hunter

April 7

Christy Rolfe

April 11

Lana Hill

April 24

Michelle Wampler

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part of that," said SCDD Superintendent Matt Purcell, who is playing on the celebrity team this year. "Our local Special Olympics program has had positive effects not only on the athletes but on the community at large."

At the core of the event are the Olympians. They include members of both the Vern Riffe School Cardinals and the Shooting Stars basketball teams, who will combine under Coach Rita Arthur to play against the celebrity team. The Cardinals are school-age athletes, while the Shooting Stars are adults. Both teams play

competitive basketball throughout southern Ohio.

In addition to the game itself, there are T-shirt sales, split-the-pot, concessions, a half-time foul shot contest for kids, raffles, and a short halftime performance by local band Social InTents. A provider fair on the mezzanine level will showcase area agencies that offer services to people with disabilities and more information about SCDD.

Tickets are \$2 each at the door, and the fun starts at noon. The event is sponsored by Scioto County Developmental Disabilities.

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team was headed to the Portsmouth Salvation Army to serve lunch, which is something they do every week.

"DD Awareness Month is a great opportunity to discover, understand, and appreciate the contributions individuals with disabilities have made

in making our community a better place to live, work, and grow," said Scioto County Developmental Disabilities Superintendent Matt Purcell. "Scioto County DD appreciates the commissioners' contributions to making DD awareness a priority in our county and region."

Calendar

TUESDAY, April 3

■ STAR: SSU exercise 12:45-2 p.m.

■ VRS: Return to class after Spring Break.

WEDNESDAY, April 4

■ STAR: Bowling 3-4 p.m., \$1.75 per game.

■ PROJECT STIR: Graduation ceremony at Gatti's at 11 a.m. Graduates are Chris Bear and Jacob Nele.

THURSDAY, April 5

■ STAR: SSU exercise 12:45-2 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 6

■ STAR: Bowling 12:30-2 p.m., \$1.75 per game.

SATURDAY, April 7

■ HARDWOOD HEROES CELEBRITY BASKETBALL GAME: \$2 admission, starts at noon at SSU's Rhodes Athletic Center. Floor entry available near the Alumni Green.

TUESDAY, April 10

■ STAR: SSU exercise 12:45-2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, April 11

■ STAR: Bowling 3-4 p.m., \$1.75 per game.

THURSDAY, April 12

■ STAR: SSU exercise 12:45-2 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 13

■ STAR: Bowling 12:30-2 p.m., \$1.75 per game.

TUESDAY, April 17

■ STAR: SSU exercise 12:45-2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, April 18

■ STAR: Bowling 3-4 p.m., \$1.75 per game.

THURSDAY, April 19

■ STAR: SSU exercise 12:45-2 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 20

■ STAR: Bowling 12:30-2 p.m., \$1.75 per game.

TUESDAY, April 24

■ STAR: SSU exercise 12:45-2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, April 25

■ STAR: Bowling 3-4 p.m., \$1.75 per game.

■ PROJECT STIR: Bake sale at STAR, Inc.

THURSDAY, April 26

■ STAR: SSU exercise 12:45-2 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 27

■ STAR: Birthdays of the Month party

■ STAR: Bowling 12:30-2 p.m., \$1.75 per game.

If you have a birth, marriage, or other major life announcement you would like to share, please email information and photos to lmcnelly@sciotodd.org

Board Notes

The Scioto County Board of Developmental Disabilities met at 4:45 p.m. on March 15. In addition to routine business, the Board took the following actions:

- Received an update on Board in-service training for May
- Welcomed Karin Campbell, who is returning to her former position as General Transportation Manager for Petermann/National Express
- Approved an additional school bus route for the rest of

the school year

- Approved six revised policies
- Tabled taking action on parking lot project bid

The next regular Board meeting will be at 4:45 p.m., Thursday, April 19, at STAR, Inc. There will be an Ethics Committee meeting at 4:30 p.m. at the same place if there is a need. Meetings are open to the public with the exception of executive session.


'Real Appeal' Online Program Offered by United Healthcare

United Healthcare is offering a free online weight loss program as part of the benefit plan offered to Scioto County Developmental Disabilities employees. The program includes:

- A personal transformation coach with step-by-step guidance and customization for your needs
- Support and motivation for a full year to help participants lose weight or maintain weight loss results
- A personalized dashboard to keep track of calories, fitness and goals
- An online group class designed to create camaraderie and accountability
- Food, activity, weight, and goal trackers

Visit RealAppeal.com for more information.

Call ext. 34300 by 10 a.m. to get your lunch order in!

Menu subject to change		The Lunch Box April, 2018				 Every Day at Break Time ICE CREAM • Small 50¢ • Medium 75¢ • Large \$1.00
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
2 Pork BBQ Sandwich \$ Cole Slaw 2.00 Macaroni Salad 1.00	3 Meatballs (8) w/Biscuit \$ 2.50 Mashed Potatoes 1.50 w/Gravy .50 Mini Corn-on-the cob .50 Extra Biscuit	4 Bacon Cheeseburger \$ Tater-Tot 3.50 Casserole w/ Roll Broccoli & Cheese 1.50 Extra Roll .50	5 Taco Chili w/Tortilla \$ 2.50 Chips 1.00 Peanut Butter Sandwich 1.50 Nachos & Cheese	6 Pizza – slice \$ 1.25 1 slice Pizza & Drink 1.75 2 slices Pizza & Drink 3.00 Sub Sandwich 2.50		
9 Pizza Hot Pocket \$ Mac & Cheese 2.00 Cooked Carrots 1.00	10 Chicken, Bacon, Ranch \$ 2.50 Bagel 1.50 Baby Carrot & Celery .50 w/Ranch Fruit Cup	11 Vegetable Soup \$ w/Crackers 2.00 Cheese Sandwich 1.00 Jello Cup .50	12 Ham & Cheese on Bun \$ 1.50 Potato Salad 1.00 Baked Beans 1.00	13 Pizza – slice \$ 1.25 1 slice Pizza & Drink 1.75 2 slices Pizza & Drink 3.00 Sub Sandwich 2.50		
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AVAILABLE DAILY

- Sub Sandwich \$2.50
- Chips 75 cents
- Snack Cakes 75 cents
- Soda/Water 75 cents
- Tea 50 cents

SALADS

(Ranch, Red French, Honey Mustard, Italian dressings)

- Small Garden Salad \$2.00
- Small Chef Salad \$3.00
- Large Garden Salad \$4.00
- Large Chef Salad \$5.00

FRIDAY PIZZA SPECIAL



- 1 Slice & Drink \$1.75
- 2 Slices & Drink \$3.00

THE RIVALS GAME

The Vern Riffe School Cardinals played a steady game and kept a lead against the Open Door School Jets that, at times, got a little too close for comfort.

With a slew of buckets by Cardinals including Johnny Royalty, James Charles, and Dakota White, the team was supported by both their loyal fans who made the trek from VRS to Ironton High School for the March 21 event, and by half the Fighting Tigers' student body who were decked out in Cardinals red.

The Cardinals boarded their buses with another W in the record books, though, with a final score of 47-46. Way to go, Cardinals! And a great big Cardinals THANK YOU to the Jets and Fighting Tigers!



Webb Named SCDD's Fiscal/Human Resources Director

Lynne Webb has been appointed to the position of Director of Fiscal/Human Resources for Scioto County Developmental Disabilities.

She has been performing the duties on an interim basis since former Director of Fiscal/Human Resources Matt Purcell was named superintendent in January. Webb, who has worked for SCDD for 13 years, has a bachelor's in business administration from Ohio University and an associate's degree in management. She worked in the private sector as an accountant for multiple businesses for more than 20 years before being hired at SCDD.

"It is a privilege to serve the individuals, the Board, and the taxpayers both in my previous position and now as Director of Fiscal/Human Resources," Webb said. "I appreciate the confidence



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Matt Purcell
Superintendent

the superintendent and the Board have placed in me."

Webb oversees all financial matters for SCDD, including payroll, revenues, and expenditures.

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to serve in the taxpayers' best interests, as she has done for many years."

Webb can still be reached at extension 34106.

OPINION

Technology Crucial to Daily Life for Many with Disabilities

Living with a disability you see a lot of things, some highs and most certainly some lows, but I'm the type of a person who always want to focus on the impressive things individuals are capable of doing. One of the universal things I am aware of is the cost for everything for medical supplies for the individuals or families who have loved ones with some form of a disability.

You, the reader of this article may not be aware of this, but I am typing this on an \$8,500 communication device. Prices for any type of equipment to aid people who have disabilities are outrageous. It's not only medical equipment, it's also therapy families require. I'm definitely not an expert when it comes of knowing of what different things cost, but the cost for therapy to aid a family's autistic child is out of pocket and is not covered by their insurance. Thus, it costs them thousands of dollars throughout their loved one's life.

When I was asked by Scioto County Devel-

opmental Disabilities to write for the Times periodically, I was asked to write about my thoughts and feelings about different things happening within the disabled community. I'm not here crying "Why me?" – that is not what I am about – but I do question things that don't make any sense. Communication devices, laptops, tablets and most certainly cell phones are widespread throughout of this world and one may pay a couple hundred dollars for one. I do have a problem with this scenario. Why do people with disabilities have to pay outrageous prices for things they need, not for things that they want – things that they need?



Bill Adams
Self Advocacy
Specialist

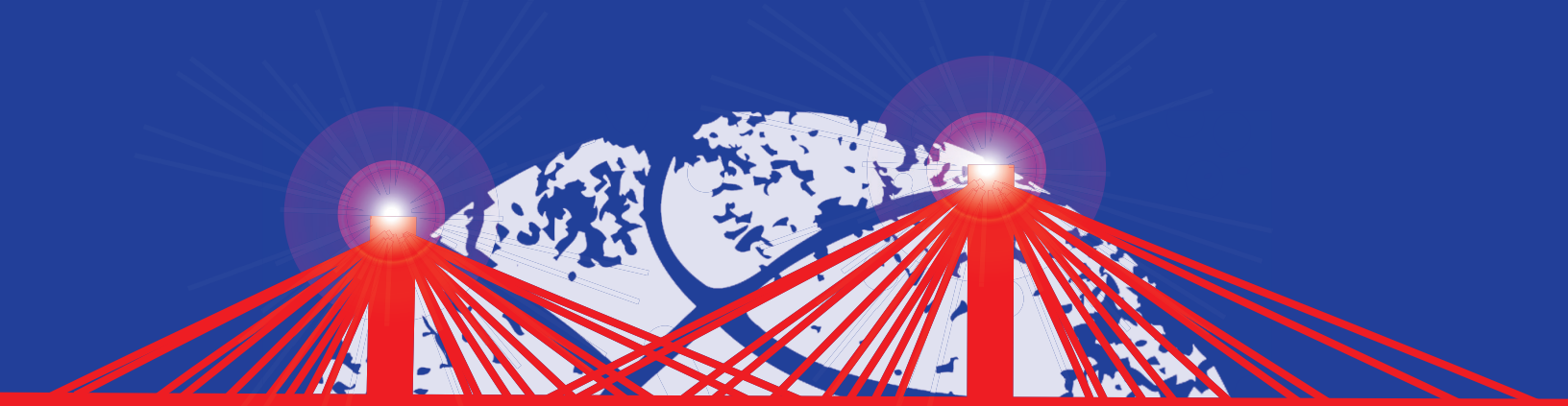
Medicaid is out there and I totally appreciate them for assisting me with acquiring my communication devices and power wheelchairs, for without Medicaid or Medicare many families would be stuck without any assistive technologies. But we have to use common sense at times, how do laptops and smart phones cost \$500 and some communication devices cost \$8500 or more?

The only logical conclusion I can come up with is supply and demand, which shouldn't be the case. For me, the use of a communication device is the difference between day and night. After I received my first computer my life dramatically changed for the better. I went off to college, became an advocate for the disabled community, I'm writing articles for the paper about my thoughts and feelings. All of these things would not happen if I didn't have a way of communicating.

People are in need of certain items in their lives, they shouldn't be penalized with how much equipment costs.

I know I probably won't change a thing with this article; however, sometimes I don't think our voices are heard at times. That is why I'm here, hopefully to shed some light on things. Whoever is in charge of making different items for the disabled community should be aware of their consumers and not to jack prices up, especially when they require it to function throughout life.

(Adams is a self-advocacy specialist at STAR, Inc., and a former president of People First of Ohio. Reach him at badams@sciotostar.org.)



HARDWOOD HEROES CELEBRITY BASKETBALL GAME

\$2 Admission • Raffle • Kids Foul Shot Contest

Noon Saturday, April 7
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