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Scioto County Developmental Disabilities

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Info Sessions on Waiver Waiting List Changes Set for May

WHAT

Fix the List info sessions

WHY

Ask your questions about coming changes to waiver process

WHEN

There will be two sessions for the convenience of stakeholders:

- 12:30 p.m., Monday, May 14
- 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 15

WHERE

Vern Riffe School, 2619 Gallia St.

Scioto County Developmental Disabilities will host a pair of meetings to address any local concerns about proposed changes to the state's Medicaid waiver waiting list.

The sessions will be at 12:30 p.m., Monday, May 14, and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, at the Vern Riffe School building at 2619 Gallia St., Portsmouth. The SCDD's Service & Support Administration department will be hosting the events for those who would like to attend in person. Of course, stakeholders may also call their Service & Support Administrator for information about the waiver waiting list changes that may affect them.

In addition to the informational sessions offered by SCDD, resources are available online at FixTheList.info.



Fix The List is an effort of a coalition of organizations such as local boards of developmental disabilities, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, People First of Ohio, the Ohio Self Determination Association, and the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council, which are advocating for the standardization, simplification, and transparency of what is currently a complex and often confusing waiting list system.

May 5 Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's to Raise Funds for PTO

Tickets are on sale now for a fundraising pancake breakfast to benefit the Vern Riffe School PTO.

The event will be from 8 to 10 a.m., Saturday, May 5, at Applebee's in Portsmouth. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased by contacting PTO President Kim Miller. The office number is (740) 353-1876.

The PTO at VRS uses fundraisers and donations throughout the year to provide additional supports that directly benefit students.

"We like to make a difference and do great things," Miller said.

In the past, the PTO has purchased canopies for track and field days, an xBox for PE classes, a washer and dryer for students' laundry, and picnic tables for the playground. Every year, the PTO buys Christmas gifts for students and contributes to prom and graduation and has made donations when students have experienced personal tragedies.

"Sometimes sad events come about; a house fire for a couple of our student happened a few years ago, so we gave a donation for them," Miller said.

Tickets for the VRS PTO pancake breakfast at Applebee's are \$5
For more info, call the school office at (740) 353-1876



Legislative Corner

Bills Introduced on PERS Issue Affecting 9- and 10-Month Board Employees

By **ERICH BITTNER**

Ohio Association of County Boards

Bills have been introduced to align the PERS credit accrual rate for 9- and 10-month employees with other state retirement systems. HB 547 (introduced by Rep. Jay Edwards, R-Athens County) and HB 572 (introduced by Reps. Gary Scherer, R-Pickaway County, and Stephanie Howse, D-Cuyahoga County) would both allow non-teaching 9- and 10-month employees whose pay is spread over

For More Info

Check the status of any piece of state legislation at <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov>

12 months to accrue a full year of retirement service credit for each calendar year (as is currently allowed in SERS and STRS).

HB 413 (introduced by Rep. Scherer in November) also includes this OACB

language. However, the bill remains pending the House Aging and Long Term Care Committee as members continue to review controversial language unrelated to OACB's provision.

OACB will continue to work with legislative leadership to advance this issue in the House. The association will update members in future versions of the *PolicyBrief* and *OACB Bill Tracker* as opportunities arise to participate in the advocacy process.

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Birthdays

May 15

Whitney Horsley

May 18

Tanya Benbow

May 19

Margaret Compton

May 20

Michelle Wampler

May 29

Beth Arthurs

May 30

James Davis

Work Anniversaries

May 1

Brittany Mitchell

Calendar

TUESDAY, May 1

■ STAR: SSU exercise 12:45-2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, May 2

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

THURSDAY, May 3

■ STAR: SSU exercise 12:45-2 p.m.

FRIDAY, May 4

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

SATURDAY, May 5

■ PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Vern Riffe School PTO fundraiser from 8-10 a.m. at Applebee's, 4610 Gallia St., \$5 per person. Tickets are limited. Purchase tickets in advance in VRS Room 107 or call (740) 353-1876 for more info.

TUESDAY, May 8

■ STAR: SSU exercise 12:45-2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, May 9

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

THURSDAY, May 10

■ STAR: SSU exercise 12:45-2 p.m.

FRIDAY, May 11

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

■ VRS: Prom at the Friends Community Center.

TUESDAY, May 15

■ STAR: SSU exercise 12:45-2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, May 16

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

THURSDAY, May 17

■ STAR: SSU exercise 12:45-2 p.m.

FRIDAY, May 18

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

MONDAY, May 21

■ SPECIAL OLYMPICS BANQUET: Invitations will be sent to athletes.

TUESDAY, May 22

■ STAR: SSU exercise 12:45-2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, May 23

■ STAR: Bowling 3-4 p.m., \$1.75 per game.
■ VRS: Students' last day of school and the end of the fourth grading period.

THURSDAY, May 24

■ STAR: SSU exercise 12:45-2 p.m.

■ VRS: Teachers' last day of school.

FRIDAY, May 25

■ STAR: Birthdays of the Month party
■ STAR: Bowling 12:30-2 p.m., \$1.75 per game.

MONDAY, May 28

■ MEMORIAL DAY: All SCDD programs closed in observance of the holiday.

TUESDAY, May 29

■ STAR: SSU exercise 12:45-2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, May 30

■ PROJECT STIR: Bake sale at STAR, Inc.
■ PEOPLE FIRST: Meeting, 1 p.m., at STAR, Inc.
■ STAR: Bowling 3-4 p.m., \$1.75 per game.

Board Notes

The Scioto County Board of Developmental Disabilities met at 4:45 p.m., Thursday, April 19. In addition to routine business, the Board:



- Approved the CARF HUB Agreement between STAR and SCDD regarding employment-related services through Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities
- Approved the master contract between STAR and SCDD regarding privatization of STAR effective July 1
- Approved contracting with STAR in hiring a part-time maintenance person on a time limited, as-needed basis

- Received updates on Vern Riffe School signage project
 - Approved moving forward with STAR restroom renovation plans
 - Approved assisting STAR with a one-time cost in replacing IT infrastructure
 - Approved 2018-2019 Vern Riffe School calendar
- The next regular Board meeting will be at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, May 17, at STAR, Inc., 2625 Gallia St., Portsmouth. An Ethics Committee meeting will be conducted at 4:15 p.m. if there needed. Meetings are open to the public with the exception of executive session.



Bryce Jacobs has started working as an aide at Family Child Care and Developmental Center. Bryce reads to the children and helps clean the toys and organize them at the end of the day. Bryce worked with staff at The Vocation Station to determine his interests and skills and was matched with Family Child Care and Developmental Center. Congrats on the new job, Bryce!

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

Menu subject to change		<i>The Lunch Box</i> May, 2018				 Every Day at Break Time ICE CREAM • Small 50¢ • Medium 75¢ • Large \$1.00
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
	1 Chicken Salad Sub \$ 3.00 Potato Salad 1.00 Baked Beans 1.00 Chocolate Pie 1.50	2 Cheesy Bacon Potato Soup \$ 3.50 with Cheese Sandwich 1.00 Extra Cheese Sandwich 1.00	3 Pancakes w/Sausage \$ 3.00 Patty 1.00 Hashbrowns 1.00 Apple Sauce 1.00 Extra Sausage Patty	4 Pizza – slice \$ 1.25 1 slice Pizza & Drink 1.75 2 slices Pizza & Drink 3.00 Sub Sandwich 2.50		
7 Pepperoni & Cheese Pizza \$ Sub 2.50 Nachos & Cheese 1.50 Jello Cup .50	8 Spaghetti & Meatballs \$ with Garlic Bread 4.00 Cherry Cheesecake 1.50	9 Broccoli & Cheese Soup \$ w/Ham & Cheese 3.50 Sandwich Extra Ham & Cheese 1.50 Sandwich	10 Sausage, Egg & Cheese on \$ 2.50 Bun 1.50 Cheesy Potato Casserole .50 Fruit Cup	11 Pizza – slice \$ 1.25 1 slice Pizza & Drink 1.75 2 slices Pizza & Drink 3.00 Sub Sandwich 2.50		
14 Salisbury Steak (2) w/Roll \$ Mashed Potatoes & Gravy 2.50 Green Beans 1.50 Extra Roll 1.00 .50	15 Chicken Salad Sub \$ 3.00 Potato Salad 1.00 Baked Beans 1.00 Chocolate Pie 1.50	16 Cheesy Bacon Potato Soup \$ with 3.50 Cheese Sandwich Extra Cheese Sandwich 1.00	17 Pancakes w/Sausage \$ 3.00 Patty 1.00 Hashbrowns 1.00 Apple Sauce 1.00 Extra Sausage Patty	18 Pizza – slice \$ 1.25 1 slice Pizza & Drink 1.75 2 slices Pizza & Drink 3.00 Sub Sandwich 2.50		
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28  Workshop Closed	29 Chicken Salad Sub \$ 3.00 Potato Salad 1.00 Baked Beans 1.00 Chocolate Pie 1.50	30 Cheesy Bacon Potato Soup \$ with 3.50 Cheese Sandwich Extra Cheese Sandwich 1.00	31 Pancakes w/Sausage \$ 3.00 Patty 1.00 Hashbrowns 1.00 Apple Sauce 1.00 Extra Sausage Patty			

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**

Hardwood Heroes

The Hardwood Heroes Celebrity Basketball Game on April 7 ended in heartache for the celebrity team, which lost in a skunker of a game with an end score of 104-19. This year's celebrity team may well have set the record for the least scoring in the event's history.

All funds raised will be used to support local adult and youth Olympians in reaching their goals in physical fitness and competitive sports such as basketball, bowling, golf, track and field, and volleyball. Scioto County Special Olympics teams travel throughout the year to compete with other Special Olympics teams throughout southern Ohio.



LET ME WIN

BUT IF I CANNOT WIN

LET ME BE
BRAVE *IN THE*
ATTEMPT

Bear, Nele Graduate from Project STIR

On April 4, the local Project STIR course at STAR, Inc., saw two new graduates become trained self advocates. The Spring 2018 graduates are Chris Bear and Jacob Nele.

A program of the Ohio Self Determination Association, Project STIR, or Steps Toward Independence and Responsibility, is a training course that provides individuals with the tools to advocate for themselves, start advocacy groups, and gain leadership experience.

The program covers such topics as:

- Knowing yourself
- Communicating assertively
- Problem solving and negotiation
- Rights and responsibilities
- Self advocacy and self determination
- Being part of the community
- Starting a self-advocacy group

Bear and Nele were honored at a luncheon at Gatti's in Portsmouth. They also received certificates of completion and Project STIR T-shirts.

Congratulations, Chris and Jacob!



ABOVE: Jacob Nele receives his certificate of completion of the Project STIR course from Project STIR Coordinator Sherri Daniel. **LEFT:** Chris Bear shakes hands with STAR, Inc., Self Advocacy Specialist Bill Adams as he receives his certificate. **RIGHT:** A Project STIR certificate.



Congratulations!



**Join Vern Riffe School's PTO and
Applebee's of Portsmouth for a
Pancake Breakfast**

Saturday, May 5, 2018

8AM to 10AM

at Applebee's of Portsmouth

4610 Gallia Street

Only \$5 person

Tickets are limited!

All proceeds benefit VRS PTO

Tickets must be purchased in advance from Room 107.

For more information call: 740-353-1876 or email:

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