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Scioto County Developmental Disabilities

Serving People for a Lifetime.



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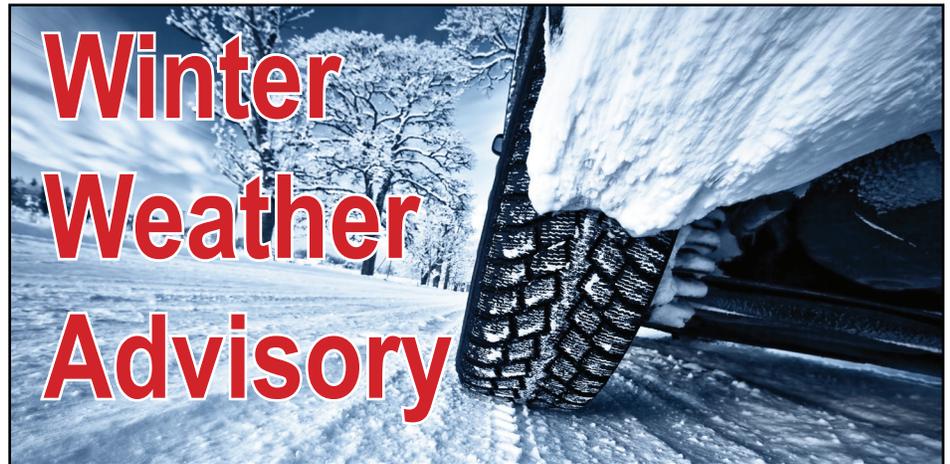
Opening the Door to the Good Life

Good Life trainings have been completed and doors decorated for the Good Life contest, the judging of which will come in December.

The contest is meant to promote Good Life ideals in the workplace, but Behavior Specialist Jessica Hoffer has been doing a series of trainings for the Service & Support Administration staff at both Scioto County and Lawrence County, as well as in SCDD's New Employee Orientation sessions. These trainings allowed two counties' SSA staffs to gain continuing education credits while saving the boards travel costs associated with out-of-town sessions in order to get CEU's.

The SSA Good Life is part of an initiative of the Ohio Association of County Boards, of which SCDD is a member. It is designed to take steps toward equipping SSA staff in positive culture support and additional tools for their everyday jobs.

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When winter weather arrives, there will be circumstances when transportation will have to be delayed or cancelled or Vern Riffe School is closed.

■ On days when VRS is closed, Administration and Service & Support Administration (SSA) offices will typically remain open, so individuals can provide their own transportation to continue to conduct SCDD business.

■ Bus drivers are supported in using their own discretion when it comes to winter driving. This may include bus drivers making the choice to avoid certain roads known to be hazardous during inclement weather.

■ Scioto County Developmental Disabilities offers a taxpayer-funded service that is a healthy and safe learning environment. It is an option to attend; individuals may choose not to attend, that is their right.

■ Scioto County Developmental

Please report when you do not receive the one-call notifications so we can improve our system. Contact LeAnn Shultz at ext. 34100.

Disabilities never requires people to board a bus if they feel conditions are unsafe. Individuals, family members, and providers are also reminded they can always decide not to send a student to school, even if transportation is on regular schedule. Conditions may vary countywide, and circumstances and health considerations may require individuals stay home.

■ In addition to the one-call system, notifications of scheduling changes and closures are made on SCDD's official Facebook page. Local media outlets are also notified, including radio and TV stations. Staff should consider monitoring multiple avenues of information.

Team SCDD

Andrea Dryden

is a new hire in the Service & Support Administration department, where she is an SSA.

"I have always wanted to work in this field since I was little. It was just something I had to do!" she said.

Andrea lives on a farm in Waverly, so she has a lot of pets. Her favorites are her two dogs and her horses. Andrea loves being outside and tries to spend her weekends working on the farm. She also works as a first responder for Pike County EMS in her free time.

Andrea comes from a small, close-knit family. Her parents both grew up in Scioto County.

Welcome, Andrea!



Andrea Dryden
SSA

Jacob Book is a new SSA in the Service & Support Administration Department. He is from Minford but now lives in Portsmouth.

In his spare time, he enjoys playing guitar with his band and staying involved with his church and ministry.

Why did Jacob chose the DD field?
"We all have struggles and barriers," he said. "It's nice to let people know they're not alone."

Welcome, Jacob!



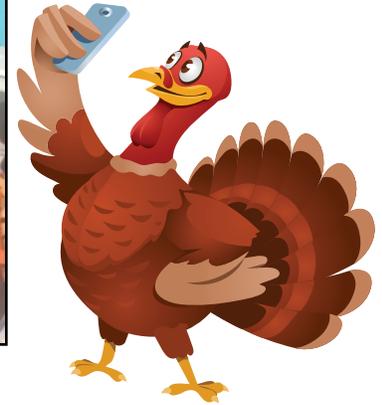
Jacob Book
SSA

Submissions are being accepted for the next issue!



Thanks, PMC!

Portsmouth Motorcycle Club donated a full Thanksgiving dinner to the family of a Vern Riffe School student to be determined by the school. Helping carry the ingredients into the school office is student Colby Adkins.



GOOD LIFE



A few of the doors decorated for the Good Life contest. The door at left is Room 210 at Vern Riffe School, and the top photo is of the door to the Business Office. Check out these and the others decorated with a Good Life theme on the second floor of Vern Riffe School!

Board Notes

The Scioto County Board of Developmental Disabilities met at 4:45 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 18. In addition to routine business, the Board took the following actions:

- Received an update on the DoDD Accreditation evaluation
- Approved one Direct Service Contract
- Reviewed health insurance information and agreed to resume discussion at November's Board meeting
- Authorized the Superintendent to move forward with renewing United Health Care as SCDD insurance carrier

Calendar

DECEMBER

- 18: VRS holiday program
- 20: SCDD Board meeting
- 21-Jan. 2: VRS holiday break
- 25: Christmas/SCDD Closed

JANUARY

- 1: New Year's Day/
SCDD Closed
- 3: VRS Classes resume
- 17: SCDD Board meeting
- 21: MLK Jr. Day holiday/
SCDD Closed

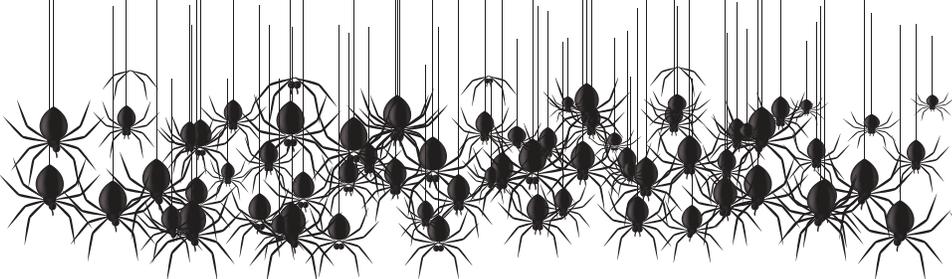
FEBRUARY

- 18: Presidents Day holiday/SCDD
Closed
- 21: SCDD Board meeting
- 28: Rare Disease Awareness Day

MARCH

(DD Awareness Month)

- 19: RIVALS GAME
(VRS vs. Open Door 10:30 a.m. at
Ironton High School)
- 21: World Down Syndrome Day,
SCDD Board meeting
- 25, 27: VRS Parent/Teacher
conferences



FALL-O-WEEN



Hundreds of guests came through the doors of Vern Riffe School on Thursday, Oct. 25, to have fun at SCDD's annual Fall-O-Ween carnival. The carnival featured classroom games, a costume contest, split-the-pot, and gym-based activities such as mask decorating and fingerprinting. All proceeds were donated to the Vern Riffe School PTO. The PTO purchases every student Christmas gifts at the holidays and has also funded such things as a washer and dryer for student use. For more information about the PTO, contact the school office at (740) 353-1876 or contact Kim Miller in Room 107.

giving

Thanks

At SCDD, we're about serving people. On the first day of Thanksgiving break at Vern Riffe School, Service & Support Administrators Tim Hunt, Amy Collins-Dixon, and Andrea Dryden made Thanksgiving dinner for a family we serve, setting up their workstations in the transition kitchen while they cooked. Some items were donated by members of the community.



2018 VERN RIFFE SCHOOL



BASKET RAFFLE

1 FOR \$1 OR 6 FOR \$5

On back of ticket please include:

- **Name**
- **Basket #**
- **Phone #**

A sample of the back of a raffle ticket. The word "Back" is written in a stylized font at the top. Below it, there are three fields: "Name" with the handwritten name "John Doe", "Address" with the handwritten number "#3", and "Phone No." with the handwritten number "123-456-7890". At the bottom, it says "PRINTED IN U.S.A." and there is a small cartoon character logo.

DRAWING DEC. 14TH @ 1:00PM

**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT VERN RIFFE SCHOOL PTO
TO PURCHASE CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR OUR STUDENTS.**

IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE FUNDS RAISED BENEFIT OUR STUDENTS IN THE
GREATEST WAY POSSIBLE, WE ASK THAT ALL BASKETS BE PICKED UP AT:

VERN RIFFE SCHOOL
2619 GALLIA ST
PORTSMOUTH, OH 45662

VERN RIFFE SCHOOL IS NOT ABLE TO SHIP BASKETS.

VICTORIA'S
SECRET

BASKET # 1

Bath
& Body
Works

“SCENT OF THE SEASONS” OVER \$400.00 VALUE

\$50- VS PINK Gift Card
\$50- VS PINK Gift Card
\$25- VS PINK Gift Card
\$25- Bath & Body Works Gift Card
\$25- Bath & Body Works Gift Card
VS PINK Tote

Autumn Collection:

VS Sweet Cinnamon & Pumpkin Body Cream
VS Sweet Cinnamon & Pumpkin Hand Cream
VS Sweet Cinnamon & Pumpkin Fragrance Mist
VS Sweet Cinnamon & Pumpkin Shower Gel
VS Sweet Cinnamon & Pumpkin Hand Soap

Winter Collection:

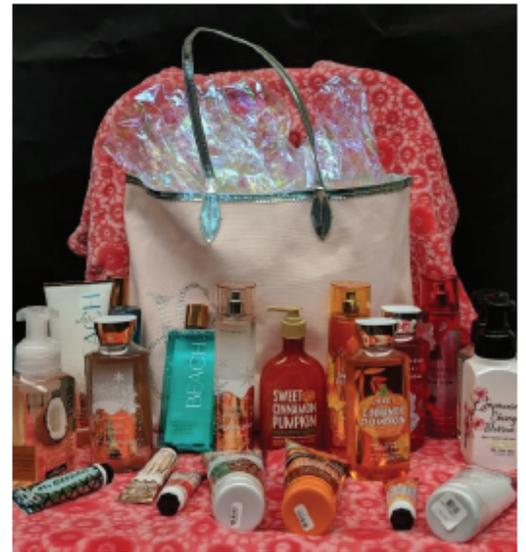
Snowflakes & Cashmere Body Cream
Snowflakes & Cashmere Hand Cream
Snowflakes & Cashmere Fragrance Mist
Snowflakes & Cashmere Shower Gel
Snowflakes & Cashmere Hand Soap
Toasted Vanilla Hand Soap

Spring Collection:

Japanese Cherry Body Cream
Japanese Cherry Hand Cream
Japanese Cherry Fragrance Mist
Japanese Cherry Shower Gel
Japanese Cherry Hand Soap

Summer Collection:

At The Beach Body Cream
At The Beach Hand Cream
At The Beach Fragrance Mist
At The Beach Shower Gel
At The Beach Hand Soap



MADE BY: ROOM 1

BASKET #2

THE MISER BROTHERS' GIFT BASKET



Hand-Painted Metal Summer Wagon
Giant Tic-Tac-Toe
2- Pack Sidewalk Paint
2- Beach Towels
Stepping Stone Kit
Inflatable Bowling Kit
Lawn Darts
Inflatable Swimming Pool
Ping Pong Paddles
Sidewalk Chalk
Drink Pitcher & Cups
Kabob Skewers
2- Popsicle Makers
Hand-Painted Metal Winter Wagon
2- Winter Sleds
Star Wars Puzzle
Wolf Puzzle
3D Puzzles
Wooden Airplane Kit
Wooden Car Kit
Indoor Snowball Fight
Bigfoot Trackers
Fleece Blanket
S'mores Sticks
Small Fall Puzzle
Inflatable Reindeer Antler Toss
Glow Snowman Paint
Snowman Kit
A Year Without Santa Claus DVD
Miser Brothers Christmas & Other Movies DVD



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BASKET #3

“Dinner in an Instant”

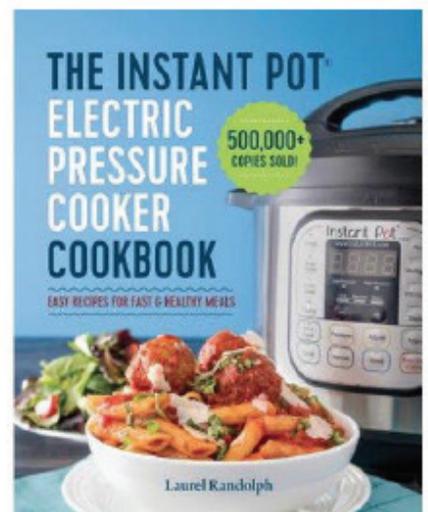
6 QUART INSTANT POT - 6-IN-1 PROGRAMMABLE POT

- Works as a pressure cooker, slow cooker, rice cooker, steamer, saute/browning and warmer
- Micro-processor controls 10 programs
- 3-ply bottom 18/8 food-grade 304 stainless steel inner pot

\$25 KROGERS GIFT CARD

COOKBOOK

2 - OVEN MITTS



MADE BY: ROOM 3

BASKET #4



DISC GOLF GAME



PADDLE ZLAM GAME



CORNHOLE SET



HILLBILLY GOLF SET



MADE BY: ROOM 103



BASKET #5

SANTA'S HELPER

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KEEP CHRISTMAS "UNDER WRAPS"

Set of 2 Oversized Gift Bags

Set of 6 Holiday Treat Bags

Set of 4 Holiday/ Gift Wrap Scissors

Seasonal Gift Wrap Organizer

Set of 5 Rolls of Holiday Gift Wrap

Boxed Holiday Gift Tags (1,000 tags)

Set of 6 Tin Holiday Gift Card Holders

Set of 10 Multiple-sized Gift Boxes

Assorted Ribbon and Bows

Multiple Rolls of Tape

Multifunctional Reindeer Tote



MADE BY: ROOM 105

BASKET #6

Baby It's COLD Outside

32" Fire Pit

Cast Iron Pie Iron

2- Camp Chairs

2- Telescoping Roasting Forks



MADE BY: ROOM 110

BASKET #7



“This Basket Is On FIRE” Over \$725 Value

- 32” Roku Smart TV
- Kindle Fire 7 w/Alexa 8G Tablet
- 2 - Amazon Echo Dots
- Kid’s Amazon Fire 16G Tablet
- Kid’s Amazon Echo Dot
- 2 - Amazon Fire TV Sticks
- 2 - Amazon Fire TV Gaming Controllers
- \$50 Amazon Gift Card
- 2 - \$25 Amazon Gift Cards



MADE BY: ROOM 107



BASKET #8

OVER \$220.00 VALUE



Ohio State Cornhole Boards

Ohio State Plush Throw

Ohio State Body Pillow

Ohio State Oversized Plush Throw Pillow

Ohio State Football

2- Ohio State Plastic Cups

Football Chips & Dip Serving Tray

2019 Ohio State Calendar

Ohio State Robot Action Figure Key Chain

Ohio State Notebook



MADE BY: ROOM 102





BASKET #9



Christmas Goodies

\$20 STARBUCKS GIFT CARD

MUGS & FLAVORED COFFEE

TIS THE SEASON TOWER BOXES

- PEANUT CRUNCH
- CARAMEL SQUARES
- SEA SALT CARAMEL
- CARAMEL POPCORN

BURLAP BAG OF GOODIES

- CREAM BRULEE POPCORN
- ICED LEMON SHORTBREAD COOKIES
- BROWNIE CRISPS W/ PECANS

HARRY & DAVID GIFTBOX

- FUDGE MINT COOKIES

UTZ GIFTBOX

- MILK CHOCOLATE COVERED PRETZELS
- WHITE CHOCOLATE COVERED PRETZELS

HARRY & DAVID TIN

- COOKIE BUTTER BARK

HOLIDAY CHEER GIFT BOX

- FUDGE GRAHAMS
- CARAMEL DRIZZLE COOKIES



MADE BY: ROOM 109



BASKET # 10

2 - Beautifully Illuminated Lanterns

- Each measures 24 Inches Tall x 7 Inches Wide
- One Traditional theme
- One Winter Wonderland Theme



2 - Beautifully Decorated Wreaths

- Each measures 24 Inches in Diameter
- One Traditional theme
- One Winter Wonderland Theme



1 - Resin White Stag

Both are sure to add sparkle to any home or office!

MADE BY: ROOM 111

still shopping for the holidays?

Please consider donating to **Friends of Scioto DD** as part of your holiday giving. It's easy.

Choose Friends of Scioto DD as your Kroger Community Rewards and Amazon Smile organization, and folks served by SCDD will benefit. These programs will donate a percentage of each purchase to a charitable organization of your choice. We ask that you choose Friends of Scioto DD.

So far, we have:

- Provided for vehicle modifications
- Funded repair of mobility devices
- Helped with utility bills
- And more ...



KrogerCommunityRewards.com



smile.amazon.com

Life HAPPENS

Everyone needs an assist at some point. The goal of Friends of Scioto DD is to provide that help for people who are eligible for services at Scioto County Developmental Disabilities.

As a 501(c)3, donations to Friends of Scioto DD are tax deductible. They are used in situations when existing routes are too slow or don't apply.



www.FriendsofSciotoDD.com

