



Together, We Build Meaningful Lives

Scioto County Board of DD

Guthrie now Director of School Programs

Tammy Guthrie has been named Director of School Programs at Scioto County Board of Developmental Disabilities. This position is equivalent to principal and directly supervises staff and operations at Vern Riffe School.

She has been Interim Director of School Programs since Mark Cornwell's retirement earlier this year.

"It is an honor to work in this capacity with our students, families, and staff," Guthrie said. "I taught several of our high school-aged students in elementary school and remained close with their families over the years. I



Tammy Guthrie

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was happy that the students remembered me after all these years. I take pride in the opportunity provided to me and look forward to going to work every day."

Guthrie is a native of West Portsmouth and a graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a bachelor's degree

in Elementary Education. She earned her master's degree in Intervention from University of Rio Grande and is completing a Ph.D. in Special Education Administration at Capella University. Prior to being hired in 2015 as Early Education Supervisor at SCBDD, Guthrie worked as a teacher in the Portsmouth City Schools.

"Since taking the helm in January, Tammy has proven herself to be an excellent leader who is highly qualified in the arena of education and intervention services," said Superintendent Julie Monroe. "She's an asset to our organization, and the Board and I are very pleased to have her in the position."

Recent Job Placements Through Vocation Station

- **Amanda Perrine** is working at Casa Grande Restaurant
- **Neil Herles** is working at Scioto County Probate Court
- **Charles Lansing** is working at Adkins Brant Funeral Home
- **Charles Fletcher** is working at JAX
- **Christine Brown** is working at Sandy Sinclair Real Estate
- **Tony Scott** is working at River Town Antiques
- **Paris Chapman** is working at American Family Insurance Co.
- **Zack Dillow** is working at Little Caesar's
- **Ivy Crabtree** is working at Burger King
- **Tony Mills** is working at Mustain's
- **Joey Sutherland** is working at Sidelines Pizza

Dalton profiled in Employment First Update

Brandi Dalton is a job developer for The Vocation Station, the community employment program through the Scioto County Board of Developmental Disabilities. In the last 14 months, she has had 29 placements.

Brandi has established partnerships with 25 new employers in the same period. She has made contact with more than 250 businesses in the area, many of which are receptive to future collaboration in hiring individuals with disabilities.

Brandi has helped individuals achieve their dreams in ways many

have thought impossible. One success story involves an individual served by the board for many years who had a

lifelong dream of working at Shawnee State University. He is now working as an assistant to the SSU men's basketball team.

Brandi works hard to learn about individuals and find strong job matches that utilize their strengths and interests. She understands good matches are key for individuals to have successful employment experiences.



Brandi Dalton

-Reprinted from Employment First

Calendar

May 19

■ Last day for students at Carousel Preschool

May 20

■ VRS graduation, VRS gym, 1 p.m.

May 23

■ Track and Field Day at Portsmouth High School Coliseum

May 24

■ Last day for students at VRS

■ VRS Room 111 has reserved the playground grill

May 25

■ Teacher training/record keeping at VRS

■ First day of VRS students' summer break

May 26

■ Last day for teachers at Carousel Preschool.

May 31

■ Memorial Day (CLOSED)

From the Directors

Car show helps !IMPACT Team continue to make a difference

In early 2011, the !IMPACT Team was founded for the purpose of giving our adults the chance to give back to their community through volunteerism.

Since its inception, the team has put in more than 12,000 hours of service to their community! Last year alone, more than 100 individuals participated in at least one project.

The !IMPACT Team works closely with the Salvation Army, serving free community lunches and ringing bells for their annual Red Kettle Campaign. They also visit 16 area nursing facilities and day-habs, playing music and entertaining the residents. They are regular visitors to the Boy Scouts' Camp Oyo and help the ranger maintain the camp. They participate in Portsmouth's adopt-a-park program and

pick up trash at three city parks. This summer, the team will again be assisting the staff of the Minford Local Schools in handing out food.



Kelly Hunter

STAR, Adult Day Services

As you can see, they stay quite busy! Many of the most active members of the group now also have jobs in the community and continue to volunteer in their free time.

The fifth annual STAR, Inc., Charity Car Show will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, July 16, at Vocation Station. Money raised from this event is being donated by STAR to the team

to help cover expenses and safety equipment. Everyone is invited to come out and have fun!

Event sponsorships are being sold to businesses and individuals. If you're interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact KC Chatfield, ext. 34340.

Birthdays and Workiversaries

BIRTHDAYS

MAY

3

Sharon Gerkin

8

Tina Throckmorton

15

Whitney Horsley

19

Margaret Compton

20

Michelle Wampler

29

Beth Arthurs
Nancy Partlow

JUNE

1

Savannah Whitt

2

Jamie Farris

3

Shawn Blower

4

Debra Pace

5

Tiffany Semento

6

Shelley Clifford

7

Karen Carver
Keiliana Wright

8

Karen Cox

13

Lana Hill

14

Lori McNelly

18

Kelly Hunter
Paige Donini
Rodney Cummings

19

Renee Etterling

22

Teresa Risner

28

Melissa Oiler

29

Nakia Peters

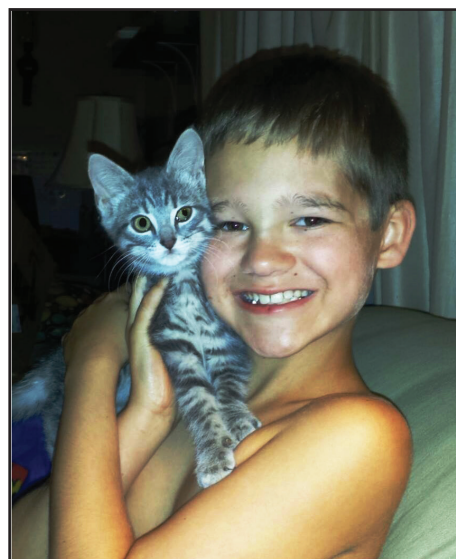
WORKIVERSARIES

MAY

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Ali Keaton

Pet Corner



Sean Morton, son of Vern Riffe School One-on-One Lori Morton, loves hanging out with his pal Sydney. Sydney loves to be read to, and Sean reads all his AR books for school with his best feline friend.

For those with special needs, jobs picture stable

By **SHAUN HEASLEY**

Disability Scoop

The employment situation for Americans with disabilities is steady even as overall hiring across the nation has slowed, according to new data from the U.S. Department of Labor.

The unemployment rate for those with disabilities dipped just slightly to 10.7 percent last month, the agency said Friday in its monthly employment

report. That's down from 10.8 percent the month prior.

Figures show that more people with disabilities are on the job and the participation rate for this population is up by more than 1 percent over the same time last year.

At the same time, the economy as a whole added just 160,000 jobs in April and the unemployment rate for the general population remained

unchanged at 5 percent, the Labor Department said.

Federal officials began tracking employment among people with disabilities in October 2008. There is not enough data compiled to establish seasonal trends among this population, so statistics are not seasonally adjusted.

Data on people with disabilities covers those older than 16 who do not live in institutions.

Board Notes

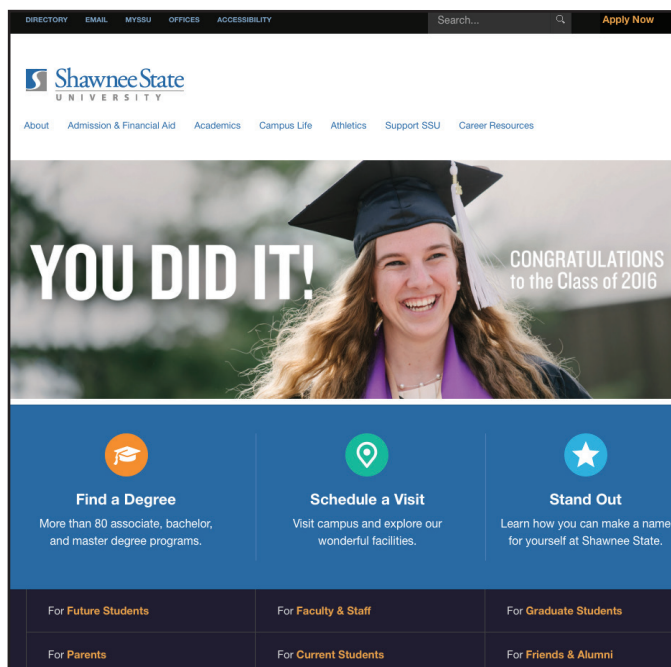
The Scioto County Board of Developmental Disabilities met in regular session on April 21 at STAR, Inc.

In addition to routine business, the board:

- Approved a time and date for board member training in June
- Received an update from the superintendent on the Capital Improvement Plan
- Approved revised/updated Policies 3.01 and 3.02 – Personnel Introduction and Employment Practices
- Approved match obligation for Bridges program
- Received presentation from Kenneth Reed, director of Choice Housing, on the program's progress
- Approved renewal of Choice Housing contract for another year
- Accepted recommendation from TSHD Architects to award Carousel Center roof replacement project to Par Roofing, Inc.
- Postponed approval of 2016-2017 calendars until the May board meeting

The next meeting is set for 6 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at STAR, Inc. An Ethics Committee meeting will be held the same day and in the same building at 5:45 p.m. if there is a need.

Meetings of the Board and its sub-committees are open to the public with the exception of executive session.



Congrats, Mollie!

SSA Assistant Mollie King graduated from Shawnee State University earlier this month, and her photo was featured on the SSU website! Way to go, Mollie!

STAR yard sale set for June 4

Clean out those closets because STAR, Inc., is hosting a yard sale on June 4! The sale originally was scheduled for April, but the date was changed due to weather. The event will be 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Staff and community members are invited to set up in the parking lot of Vern Riffe School. Cost for a 15x20 spot is \$10, which

will be donated to the Impact team. STAR will provide two tables to each vendor, but also encourages those selling to bring additional tables.

Sale donations are also being accepted and can be dropped off at STAR.

For more information or to rent a vending space, call (740) 354-1517.

For Sale

- **2002 FWD Ford Ranger.** Salvage Title. Almost 104,000 miles. New Transmission in 2014. Comes with a toolbox in the bed. \$3,500. Contact Liz Stevens at ext. 34325.

SAVE THE DATE!

The annual
Special Olympics Banquet
will be 5-7 p.m.
Monday, June 6
at the Friends Center



track & FIELD

On April 27, local Special Olympians represented SCBDD at games held at University of Rio Grande.



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