



Together, We Build Meaningful Lives

Scioto County Board of DD

Openings remain on this year's fair schedule

The Scioto County Fair is almost upon us, and many slots for staffing the SCBDD fair booth are taken. Big thanks to staff for volunteering their time and energy to this tremendous annual outreach effort!

The booth and the VRS display will both be set up on Friday, Aug. 5. Giveaways – pens, keyring pouches, and candy – will be available for each shift to give to fairgoers.

Haven't signed up? Check the Fair Schedule 2016 file on pubshare, or contact Community Relations Coordinator Lori McNelly at ext. 34107 or lmcnelly@scdd.k12.oh.us.

Positively STAR



Sean Boldman, host of Positively Portsmouth, interviewed STAR/Adult Services Director Kelly Hunter and Team Leader Liz Stevens last week to showcase the opportunities at STAR, Inc. Positively Portsmouth airs at 6 p.m. Saturdays on The Zone, which can be found on Time Warner Cable Channel 24; Minford TV 23, 153, 154; and OTA on 50.1, 50.3, and 50.4. Episodes are also posted online at WatchTheZone.com.

October named Disability History and Awareness Month in Ohio

On the same day he signed into law the striking of the R word from the Ohio Revised Code, Gov. John Kasich also signed another bill that made October Disability History and Awareness Month in Ohio.

Senate Bill 30 was introduced in the Ohio Senate March 16, 2015. It had 30 co-sponsors on both sides of the aisle, including State Sen. Joe Uecker, who represents Scioto County.

According to *trackbill.com*: "This bill designates October as 'Disability History and Awareness Month' and encourages schools to provide instruction and events during that month that are focused on disability history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement."

Governor's Council on People with Disabilities seeks award nominations

The Governor's Council on People with Disabilities annually recognizes businesses, groups and individuals who have significantly contributed to employment opportunities and community involvement for people with disabilities. Their example will inspire others in the public and private sectors to realize ability rather than disability as the most important factor in employment and community inclusion.

Please take a moment to review the awards on the agency's website and

The Governor's Council on People with Disabilities
gcpd.ohio.gov/Awards

nominate a community leader, organization or business for the appropriate recognition. The awards will be presented in October at the Statehouse.

Deadline for applications to be received is Aug. 5.

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GCPD Annual AWARDS

- Advocacy Award
- Best Practices Award
- Ohio Employer of the Year Award
- Maureen Fitzgerald Leadership Award
- Karla M Lortz Scholarship
- Accessible Parking Enforcement Award
- Accessible Medical Services



From the Superintendent

Feedback valuable in developing future strategies for SCBDD programs

We appreciate your feedback! I would like to thank everyone that took the time to complete the Annual Survey and Needs Assessment. This information is extremely valuable as we look ahead to developing a new strategic plan that will be kicked off in January 2017.



Julie Monroe

Superintendent

The feedback also provides valuable insight into the areas where we are doing well and where we can improve. Our priority is to provide person-driven services to individuals served and excellent customer service to all of our stakeholders.

Our next step in the process is holding focus groups to gather more detailed information and ideas about where we need to go in the next few years. The OSU Extension Office has agreed to facilitate these sessions for us, and we will be announcing more information in the coming months.

(Julie Monroe is the Superintendent of the Scioto County Board of Developmental Disabilities.)



Pizza Pub
June 16 at 7:08pm · 🌐

This is Billy. We love him. He is always in the background but is loud and proud! He was so excited for me to take this pic. Billy works and gets paid like any other employee. Billy came to us from the Scioto County DD program. He makes us all laugh and smile. Just wanted to give a shout out to Billy and The Scioto County DD program in Portsmouth, Ohio.



Way to Go, Billy!

Billy White was featured on the Pizza Pub's Facebook page! Billy participates in the Community Employment Program through Vocation Station. He was placed at Pizza Pub through the program and will soon be celebrating his one-year anniversary. He was also named Employee of the Month.

SOCOG seeks increased participation at self-advocacy meetings in Chillicothe

SOCOG serves 15 counties and would like to have more attendance at its regional self-advocacy meetings. The group routinely has attendees from Athens, Clinton, Fayette, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Pickaway, Pike, and Ross counties and continues to grow.

The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Ross County Public Library Annex building, 140 S. Paint Street in Chillicothe. There is currently no membership fee to join the group.

This group has already tackled some important topics for discussion, such as improved transportation for people with disabilities, developing a mission statement and goals and identifying officers for the group.

Each month, a guest speaker discusses an important topic with the members of the group. In 2015, guest speakers spoke on topics of SSI funds and work wages, transportation, Project Stir, and behavioral support groups. Each month, a member of the group shares their person-centered individual service plan

For more info

For more information about the group or meeting information, please contact Amy Cartwright at acartwright@socog.org or (740)775-5030 or Jennifer Goodwin at jgoodwin@socog.org or (614)296-5410.

in order to show how they are achieving their goals and desires with the supports in their life.

The group is asking that more counties be involved, as it is a perfect way to share what is occurring in the areas of self-advocacy and to come together as one voice as self-advocates on a united front.

During each meeting, the group orders pizza at the cost of \$4 per meeting. If individuals do not want pizza, it is suggested they bring their own packed lunch. No microwave or refrigerator is available at the meeting site, so plan accordingly.



Car show benefits IMPACT team Dozens of classic cars were on display at the Fifth Annual STAR Charity Car Show on Saturday, July 16. The event raised \$2,600 for the IMPACT team, which serves the community through volunteer projects countywide.

Birthdays and Workiversaries

BIRTHDAYS JULY

4 : Samantha Vetter
7: LaShawnda Biggs
15: Kim Miller
18: Joy Copen
20: Tara Rodino
23: Lynne Webb
29: LeAnn Shultz

AUGUST

1: Adam Sylvia
3: Shari Miller
4: Theresa Rowland
11: Debra Duckson
16: Brenda MacDonald, Megan Montavon, Carla Nelson-White
20: Dana Jones
21: Amanda Adams

WORKIVERSARIES

July

6: Adam Sylvia
10 : Laura Womack
13 : Lori McNelly
15 : Whitney Horsley
17: Steve Sowkulech
23 : Tara Rodino
24 : Julie Monroe

30 : Keiliana Wright

August

3: Lynne Webb
13: Tammy Bolton
16: Andrea McClellan
17: Missi Wolfenbarker, Lea Cummings, Renee Etterling, Teresa Franz, Tammy Guthrie, Kim Messer, Melissa Oiler, Sherry Burney, Donna Howard
18: Bill Pennington, Remah Sparks, Lori Morton
19: Hannah Cobb, Rodney Cummings, Lorie Montavon, Lynn Chaffin
20: Shari Miller, Lori Snyder, Shawn Blower, Dana Jones, Tracy Smith
21: Trisha Schmidt
22: Brenda Campbell, Jon Harris
23: Sharon Malone
24: Cindy Coriell, Nancy Sand
26: Savannah Whitt
28: Carlisa Baker, Pamela Thompson
29: Brenda MacDonald, Jayne Stone

Job Placement

Shane Smith was recently placed at Glockner Honda Toyota in Portsmouth. Shane participates in the Community Employment Program and was matched with Glockner Honda Toyota through The Vocation Station.
Congratulations, Shane!

SCBDD Calendar

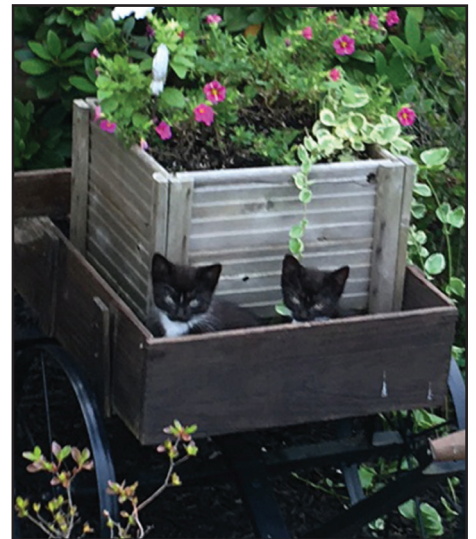
AUGUST

8-13: Scioto County Fair
23-24: Training for teachers and aides at VRS
25-26: Staff training for VRS employees
5 p.m.: VRS open house
29: First day of school

SEPTEMBER

3: River Days parade
5: Labor Day (SCBDD closed)

Pet Corner



There are a few new babies in the Nelson household! Spanky and Darla Nelson are two kittens from the same litter recently adopted by their human, Tammy Nelson. Tammy is Director of Intake and Early Childhood Programs at SCBDD. They come by their names honest, she says, as they are little rascals!

WEDNESDAY ● THE DEADLINE
AUGUST 17 ● FOR AUGUST'S
● NEWSLETTER



Vern Riffe School PROM 2016



Vern Riffe School celebrated prom with a Great Gatsby-themed party on Friday, May 13, at the SOMC Friends Community Center. Organized by transition teacher Melissa Gampp, the event was almost entirely donated by members of the Scioto County community. VRS would like to thank Jennifer Schackart and Kim Evens of the SOMC Friends Center, Kevin Hoops of Impressive Studios, Steve McManus Catering, Pepsi, Shawnee State University Intervention Specialists Club, the VRS therapy department and Trisha Schmidt, the SSA Department, Scioto County Career Technical Center cosmetology students and instructor Angee Commeans, Shari Miller, and Dustin Rideout.

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