



Scioto County Board of DD

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~ Coach Rita Arthur



Special Olympians Celebrated at Banquet

Dakota White, Alison Schmidt and Janet Goddard received additional recognition

Local athletes were honored during the annual Scioto County Special Olympics Banquet at the Southern Ohio Medical Center Friends Center on June 1.

The banquet recognizes student and adult athletes who participate in Special Olympics basketball, track and field, bowling, volleyball, and golf throughout the season.

“Special Olympics is such a wonderful thing for us at the County Board of DD,” Coach Rita Arthur said. “We go all year and compete, first with basketball and then bowling, track and field, and golfing. I have folks that practice twice a week for each event that we go to participate in, and they’re really excited.”

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Coach Rita Arthur took five Scioto County athletes to the Ohio Special Olympics Summer Games at The Ohio State University June 23-25. Check out their photos and medal count inside.

At the end of the season, Special Olympics athletes are recognized during an annual banquet, alongside their family, friends, and fans. More than 100 attended this year’s awards banquet, where athletes were each awarded a participation trophy. Additionally, awards were given to: Student Player of the Year Dakota White, Adult Player of the Year Alison Schmidt, and Volunteer of the Year Janet Goddard.

“That’s really exciting for them, because it’s the end of the season and they’ve accomplished something for their hard work and dedication,”

Arthur said.

Arthur will travel with five athletes to participate in the Ohio Special Olympics Summer Games, June 23-25, at The Ohio State University, in Columbus. This is the first time in nearly 15 years Scioto County Special Olympics will attend the statewide event.

“The Scioto County Board of Developmental Disabilities is proud to support the Special Olympics program. The program has shown to be life enhancing for both the athletes and their loved ones, and offers endless opportunities for community involvement,” said Julie Monroe, Scioto County Board of DD superintendent.

Scioto County Special Olympics is supported through donations and fundraisers such as a fall Walk-a-Thon fundraiser in Tracy Park and the spring Hardwood Heroes celebrity basketball game at Shawnee State University.

Birthdays and Workiversaries

BIRTHDAYS

July 4 – Samantha Vetter
 July 7 – Lashawnda Biggs
 July 15 – Kim Miller
 July 18 – Joy Copen
 July 20 – Tara Rodino
 July 23 – Lynne Webb
 July 29 – Linda Brown, Dannielle Pavick, LeAnn Shultz

WORKIVERSARIES

July 6 – Adam Sylvia
 July 13 – Lori McNelly
 July 15 – Whitney Horsley
 July 23 – Tara Rodino
 July 24 – Julie Monroe
 July 30 – Tammy Bolton, Keiliana Wright

Office Moves

Some staff members in the Service and Support Administration Department have been busy moving offices.

Dannielle Pavick is now in Room 203. Her phone extension remains 34206. **Brittany Mitchell** has moved to Pavick's former office in Room 208. **Tiffany Kinker** is now in a different office in Room 208, and her extension is 34250.

Board Notes

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

- Approved policies previously received at April Board meeting.
- Approved updated policy 4.25 Concealed Carry Restrictions
- Accepted eight policies for review to be approved at June's meeting.
- Approved Letter of Support for Healthy Families - Safe Communities Grant
- Approved 2017-2018 calendars for 9-month and 12-month programs.
- Accepted evaluation process for Superintendent Evaluation.

All meetings are open to the public with the exception of Executive Session.

VRS 2017/2018 Calendar

August 2017

17-18: Teacher and Classroom Aide training days
 21-22: All-School Staff training days
 23: Students' first day of school

September 2017

4: Labor Day (No School)
 25: All-Staff training day (No School)

October 2017

9: Columbus Day (No School)
 20: End of the first grading period
 27: Staff half-day training (School dismisses two hours early)

November 2017

10: Veterans Day Observed (No School)
 20-21: Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3:30-7 p.m.
 22-24: Thanksgiving Break (No School)
 27: Return to School

December 2017

21-29: Christmas Break (No School)

January 2018

1-2: Christmas Break (No School)

3: Return to School
 12: End of second grading period
 12: Staff half-day training (School dismisses two hours early)
 15: Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)

February 2018

19: Presidents Day (No School)

March 2018

16: End of third grading period
 16: Staff half-day training (School dismisses two hours early)
 27-28: Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3:30-7 p.m.
 29-30: Easter Break (No School)

April 2018

2: Easter Break (No School)
 3: Return to School

May 2018

23: Students' Last Day; End of fourth grading period
 24: Teachers' Last Day (No School)
 28: Memorial Day (No School if year must be extended due to calamity days)

12-Month Program Calendar

On Thursday, May 18, the Scioto County Board of Developmental Disabilities adopted the following calendar.

Tuesday, July 4
 Independence Day
(Closed)

Monday, Sept. 4
 Labor Day
(Closed)

Monday, Sept. 25
 All-Staff Training
(No Transportation)

Monday, Oct. 9
 Columbus Day
(Closed)

Friday, Oct. 27
 Staff Half-Day Training
(Programs close two hours early)

Friday, Nov. 10
 Veterans Day observed
(Closed)

Thursday/Friday, Nov. 23-24
 Thanksgiving holiday
(Closed)

Monday, Dec. 25
 Christmas Day
(Closed)

Monday, Jan. 1
 New Year's Day
(Closed)

Friday, Jan. 12
 Staff Half-Day Training
(Programs close two hours early)

Monday, Jan. 15
 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
(Closed)

Monday, Feb. 19
 Presidents Day
(Closed)

Friday, March 16
 Staff Half-Day Training
(Programs close two hours early)

Friday, March 30
 Good Friday
(Closed)

Monday, May 28
 Memorial Day
(Closed)

All programs and services available through the Scioto County Board of DD are open year-round with the exception of Vern Riffe School, which operates on a typical 9-month school calendar.

\$5,000 Elks Grant to Fund SMART Board

The Scioto County Board of Developmental Disabilities has received a grant from Portsmouth Elks Lodge No. 154 to purchase new equipment for individuals with cerebral palsy.

“Through the local Elks Lodge, the State Cerebral Palsy Grant Board was able to apply for and received a \$5,000 grant for a piece of technology to be funded,” Chad Phipps, Service and Support Administration director for the Scioto County Board of Developmental Disabilities and chairman of the Portsmouth Elks board, said.

Phipps said 2017 is the fifth year SCBDD has received the Elks grant, which has helped fund equipment such as an active bicycle, therapeutic swings, and adaptive fishing pole attachments.

The grant they year will be used to purchase an interactive SMART





board. Dr. Tammy Guthrie, director of school programs for SCBDD, said she has used the tools in the past, and said they will provide an opportunity for students to move, touch, and interact with their learning. She said the technology is helpful for developing high-motor skills and hand-eye coordination.

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SCBDD Director of
School Programs

my list has been to provide interactive SMART boards to students. This means the difference between teaching the children as we always have and helping them step up and develop skills that will prepare them for the 21st century,” Guthrie said. “Without contributions like this from the Elks, we wouldn’t be able to do that.”

Menu subject to change		<i>The Lunch Box</i> July, 2017			 Every Day at Break Time ICE CREAM • Small 50¢ • Medium 75¢ • Large \$1.00	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
3 BBQ Chicken Wrap \$ 2.50 w/Cheese & Lettuce Mac & Cheese 1.00 Tater Tots 1.50	4  Holiday Workshop Closed	5 Chicken Patty Sandwich \$ 2.00 Potato Wedges 1.50 Broccoli & Cheese 1.00	6 Tuna Salad Sub \$ 2.50 Chips .75 Fresh Veggies 1.50	7 Pizza — slice \$ 1.25 1 slice Pizza & Drink 1.75 2 slices Pizza & Drink 3.00 Sub Sandwich 2.50		
10 Biscuits & Gravy \$ 2.50 Sausage/Egg/Cheese Biscuit 2.00 Hashbrowns 1.00 Sausage Patty 1.00	11 Pork BBQ Sandwich \$ 2.00 Cole Slaw 1.00 Cornbread Casserole 1.00 Fresh Fruit Bowl 1.50	12 Taco Salad w/Tortilla Chips \$ 4.00 Cherry Dump Cake 1.00	13 BBQ Meatballs (8) w/roll \$ 2.50 Potato Salad 1.00 BBQ Baked Bean 1.00 Extra roll .50	14 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 Every Day

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

The Lunch Box Deli

Friday Pizza Special

1 slice pizza & drink \$ 1.75
 2 slices pizza & drink \$ 3.00

Salads Available Every Day
 (Ranch, Red French, Honey Mustard, Italian)

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



Scioto County Athletes Bring Medals Home from State Summer Games

Scioto County was represented at the Ohio Special Olympics Summer Games in Columbus. The event was Saturday, June 24, and Sunday, June 25, and featured athletes from across the state in track and field competitions at The Ohio State University. Scioto County athletes who competed were: Jerry Coyle, John Geyer, Tammy Mitchell, Jacob Nele, and Johnny Royalty. They were accompanied by Coach Rita Arthur and volunteer Tracy Cordle.



JERRY COYLE

GOLD: Softball Throw, Division 134
5th Place: 100m Dash, Division 122

Photos by
Tracy Cordle
& Rita Arthur

JOHN GEYER

GOLD: Softball Throw, Division 120
BRONZE: 50m Dash, Division 35

TAMMY MITCHELL

SILVER: 100m Walk, Division 1
BRONZE: Softball Throw, Division 141

JACOB NELE

BRONZE: 30m Wheelchair Slalom
SILVER: 25m Wheelchair Race

JOHNNY ROYALTY

GOLD: 200m Dash, Division 23

