



# Under the Carroll Hills Umbrella

Carroll County Board of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities

Sept/Oct. 2008

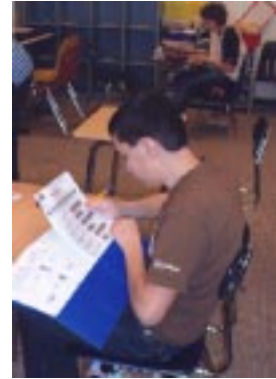
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Leslie competed in Track in Field at the 2008 Ohio State Special Olympics Games winning a Silver Medal. In her own words, "I'm the Second Best in the State!"



Julie concentrates on writing her name in the Elementary class at Carroll Hills School.

Logan is a success story in the making; three years at Carroll Hills School has transformed his educational and social skills tremendously.



## SUCCESS



When doors open -  
WE succeed.

Arthur and Jamie take pride in the work they do as part of the Carroll Hills Lawn Crew.



Kellie participated in the Carroll Hills Peer Group, baking cookies for the CHI's Open House - part of the training available at Carroll Hills Industries.



Gene working on production at Carroll Hills Industries on a folder contract through GBS.

### HELP KEEP CARROLL HILLS DOORS OPEN



## Why vote **YES** for Carroll Hills?

November 4<sup>th</sup> is drawing near with many critical issues to be decided. The economy is bad and citizens are feeling the pinch with the increased cost of living. The outlook on jobs in the United States also looks bad. People on fixed incomes have to make decisions on eating, medicine, and gas in their vehicles. The government is trying to make a decision on increasing our national debt to bail out banks and those Americans being foreclosed.

The election brings hope, with a change in who will be the President. This election also brings hope to the Carroll County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities that taxpayers will again support our wonderful program. Past history has shown that Carroll County citizens support our levies around 55%. The only levies that failed were additional levies; however they passed the next time they were placed on the ballot.



Superintendent Matt Campbell

The Board is in desperate need of passing this 3.6 mill 10 year replacement operational levy, without it the program will cease to exist in 2010. The Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities has cut \$65,000 from our budget, starting now. We know this is the tip of the iceberg, since we have to plan for an additional \$165,000 cut in 2010. We also know that Tangible Personal Property Tax (TPPT) is being phased out thus if this levy passes we will have an additional \$110,000 loss in county tax revenue from the loss of TPPT. The Board wants to continue all current services, thus the need to pass this levy.

I have heard many reports on how our levy will pass because the community supports our program. I have also heard some comments that the economy is bad and our levy will fail. The truth about our levy is Carroll County property tax payers' rates will not increase in 2009 or 2010 due to MR/DD levies. Yes, this is a replacement operational tax levy which could generate more money. However, it will be collected at the 2006 rate and will not increase taxes unless the Board's expenses exceed revenue and reserve money.

The Board has been financially sound and intends to keep expenses at a bare minimum. We also want to increase services to families that are eligible. The Board wants to serve everyone that applies for school, residential, and workshop services. This is becoming increasingly difficult due to revenue cuts and the increase in applications for services. The Board currently has a waiting list for preschool, school, and residential services. We should also have a waiting list for workshop services. It is very hard to tell a parent or family member "you will have to wait" when you know their child or adult could benefit from our services.

As a counselor, and a person with business training, it is very difficult to make financial decisions when you know the full ramifications on people's lives. That is why it is so important we pass this levy. I know if this levy fails we have two more chances before the Board will be out of funds in 2010. I also know that the next levy attempt, if passed, will limit and most likely reduce current services. Reducing services is something I, and the Board, do not want to do because

what part of our program should we eliminate? All of our services are vital to Carroll County! I believe there is a need for more services with the increase in children diagnosed with Autism, our individuals are living longer, and aging caregivers will need further assistance. That is why it is so important for you to...

### Carroll County Board of MR/DD

2007 Annual Report

To obtain a copy please call,

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Carrollton, OH 44615.



**...VOTE YES FOR CARROLL HILLS!**

## Carroll Hills Family and Children's Program Center News, Fall 2008

By Tammy Maney, Director of Children Services

The beginning of the 2008-2009 school year saw all of last year's employees returning plus the addition of new faces on the Carroll Hills School and Preschool staff. We have welcomed Christine Schevlin, Tracy Weller, and Jodie McCauley as 1-1 assistants and classroom substitutes and have brought Laurie Farber on staff as the Preschool Service Coordinator. We are excited to have these fine ladies working in our school and look forward to many years ahead with them on our team. In addition, Elva Block has joined Carroll Hills as the assistant working with teacher Zoe Gingerich in our satellite class at Conotton Valley High School. Lastly, Nikki Riggle and Chrystal Day have been chosen to assume roles as full time staff members within the elementary classroom as opposed to substitutes as they were last year.



We are once again filled to capacity in all of our programs. Early Intervention Specialist Karen Kincaid currently has over 30 children on her caseload. In addition to Karen's services, all of these children see at least one of our therapists on a regular basis. This makes for very busy Tuesdays at our facility as this is the main Early Intervention therapy day. Karen does a very nice job of keeping everything organized and making sure the children and parents are getting what they need.

Preschool is filled with 48 children, 32 of whom have been identified with special needs. Each of these children has an Individual Education Plan that outlines the services they will be receiving while attending Carroll Hills Preschool 4 days a week. The remaining 16 children are considered to be typically developing though this in itself brings its own challenges. Think of how ornery a typical every day 3 or 4 year old boy is and you get the picture. Add lots of diaper changes, bathroom accidents, crying and normal everyday squabbles between the children and it's hard to imagine how the classroom teams are able to teach and address the learning needs. However, teach is what they do and a fine job of it is done by all.

Our school-age classes are also bursting at the seams. We have 34 students this year. We are pleased to welcome new school-age students Dakota Adkins, Jeremiah Detweiler, Christopher Fotheringham, Samantha Lee, and Eric Russ. Each day is filled with adventures for these classrooms as the students progress through the life skills curriculum we offer. It is exciting to see each student use the academic skills they've been taught and apply them to every day tasks so that they may function in society as independently as possible. A huge thank you goes to the school age staff members who persevere daily through lessons, and occasional stumbling blocks, to make sure the students learn and experience as much as possible.

At Carroll Hills Family and Children's Program Center we say "Kids 1<sup>st</sup> Everyday." We completely believe in this motto and strive daily to meet its promise for our students, parents and community. Of course, all staff members are to be commended for their dedication to Carroll Hills as the classroom staff cannot do it all alone. A huge thank you to the cook, secretary, therapists, custodian, maintenance coordinator, nurse, music teacher, preschool service coordinator, foster grandmothers and substitutes is genuinely extended.

## Success and Carroll Hills Community Employment Go Hand and Hand

Another Community Employment success story in progress!

Amy Jo Pennock celebrates 18 years of employment at Carrollton Pizza Hut through Carroll Hills Community Employment Program. Amy Jo is very proud of her accomplishment. She began employment with Pizza Hut at age 17 before graduating from Carroll Hills School, working two mornings with duties consisting of washing dishes, cutting vegetables and cleaning off tables. When asked if she likes working at Pizza Hut, she replies, “Yes, but I don’t make the pizzas.” After watching her on the job, and seeing the interaction with co-workers, I have concluded, “What’s not to like?”

Amy Jo’s mother, Joan Pennock stated, “Working at Pizza Hut has helped Amy Jo grow and mature socially and I believe it has been a wonderful opportunity.”

Amy Jo attends Carroll Hills Industries where she works on a number of contract jobs, file folders, balloons, etc., is a member of the Ladies Peer Group, and participates in Carroll Hills Special Olympics. Amy Jo and her family have lived in Carroll County her entire life.



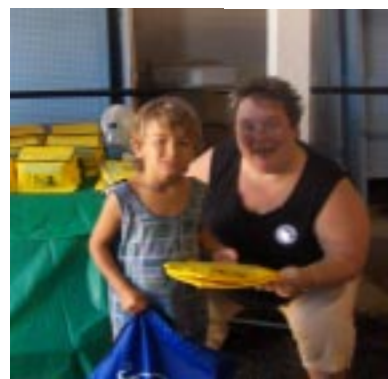
Kudos’to Pizza Hut for opening the door and giving Amy Jo the opportunity to succeed.

## Make Sure School Lunch Boxes Stay Safe Carroll Hills theme at the Carroll County Safety & Wellness Back to School Extravaganza.



Pictured in front of Carroll Hills table is Diane Keister and daughter, Elissa .

Carroll Hills participated in the Carroll County Safety & Wellness Back to School Extravaganza, handing out lunch boxes, ice packs, and information on School lunch box safety. Information was handed out promoting the importance on Washing Hands Often, Keep Raw Meats and Ready-To-Eat Foods Separate, Cook to Proper Temperatures, Refrigerate Promptly Below 40° F, and At Home preparation for the following day. To request *Make Sure School Lunch Boxes Stay Safe* fact sheet - call Kim Yeager, RN at Carroll Hills School - 330-627-7651.



Pictured: Kayden Kirby is pictured receiving a lunch box from Nurse Kim.

We also have a publication, *Food Safety During Power Outages*, from the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture and the Ohio Dept. of Health available. Call Kim Yeager, RN - 330-627-7651 to request a copy.

## CARROLL HILLS SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Tomi Moore, Local Coordinator



It is time again to start a new season for the Carroll Hills Cougars Special Olympics Program. The sign-up sheets have been handed out and hopefully turned in. If you did not receive a copy or you are interested in joining a Special Olympic sport, please give me a call at 330-627-4357.

Again, this year we will be offering basketball, cheerleading, bowling, track and field. Basketball, cheerleading and bowling practices will be starting in November. Your coaches will be contacting you to give you more details on the dates and times. Track will begin practice in March.

Once again, this year the Carroll Hills Cougars Black Team will be coached by me, Tomi Moore with the help of Katie Page, my assistant. The Carroll Hills Cougars Gold Team will be coached by Dan Donnelly and Tom Chain. The cheerleaders will be coached by Dani Burrier and Renee' Sprague and the Carroll Hills Cougars Bowling Team will be coached by JoAnn Hilliard. The Track and Field Team will be coached by Dianna Fairclough.

Please remember the importance of attending practices and games. When you sign up for a sport, you are expected to attend all practices (unless of course you give us a call and explain the situation; for example, Doctor or Dentist appointment, going out of town, or an emergency). When you do not attend practice a number of times, you are taking a spot away from someone who would really like to participate. When you are on a team, you are working together in a coordinated effort.



Let's have a great season this year. **GO COUGARS!**



### Carroll Hills Lawn Crew

Recently had a successful fundraiser. They sold candles, candy bars, and Tastefully Simply products. New shirts and hats were purchased for the lawn crew employees. A new weed eater was also purchased to add to the equipment.

Prizes were given to the top sellers. They received gift cards to their favorite store such as Tractor Supply Co., Radio Shack, or favorite eatery. Top sellers were Jack Hobson – 1<sup>st</sup> place, Bill Murphy – 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Gene Fankhauser came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. To celebrate the season's hard work everyone enjoyed a pizza party. Those that could not attend received a Pizza hut gift card. The remaining balance will be held for future needs.

Thanks to all of the lawn crew & staff for a season of hard work & dedication. We would like to thank all of the area community businesses that support us, with a special thanks to Brace Equipment for their continuous assistance and support. They have always been available to do our repairs rapidly so that we may continue our schedule providing services.

As we get near the end of our season, thank you to all of those that have supported the individual's lawn crew services. May we continue to provide these services to you in the future?

**For Fall Services call Darla Mayle, Community Employment Coordinator at 330-627-5524.**

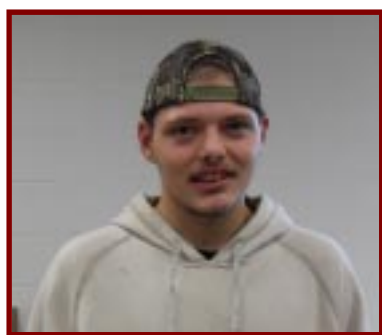


## Thank You

### Retirement of Karl Schumacher from the County Board

It was a sad day when Karl Schumacher announced his retirement from being a member of the Carroll County Board of MR/DD. Karl had so faithfully served on Carroll Hills Industries Board and the County Board for many years. You would see him at State meetings keeping up to date on State laws and regulations affecting individuals with disabilities. Karl was instrumental in setting up R & L Options, a residential home serving his daughter and another individual with a disability in Carrollton. It is because of parents like Karl that MR/DD services have improved the life of individuals with disabilities. Even though Karl is no longer on the Board he is still active in State meetings, attending Board meetings, and an active support of Carroll County Board of MR/DD. Thank you Karl for your support!

### Carroll Hills Industries News:



Welcome to  
D.J. Anno and Kristen Long



Kristen is a new client at CHI. She is 20 years old. Kristen graduated from Carrollton High School. As like most young adults she likes pizza, shopping and playing video games. She lives with her parents, has one sister, and has a pet dog named Sox. Kristen works on the main floor, where she assembles folders, different labels and postcards.

We hope to tap into her secretarial talents and have her assist the CHI's office staff with attendance.

### Fairwell to Bill Murphy



Hey Brother! Hey Sister!  
I moved!

Bill Murphy has moved to a Group Home in Cadiz and will be employed at Harrison Industries, Inc. Bill was an employee of Carroll Hills Industries since 2001. He had worked for CHI lawn crew and worked at the ODOT building cleaning. Bill enjoyed talking to everyone and expressing his views of the world. Bill brought smiles to many of our faces. We all will miss him dearly.

Dustin "D.J." Anno began his employment at CHI on 08/28/2008. D.J. is 20 years old, graduated from Conotton Valley Schools and worked at Harrison Industries prior to moving to Carroll County. D.J. lives with his sister and her family.

At CHI, D.J. has worked on various folder contracts with high productivity reports from his Team Leader, Rose Howell. D.J. also works with the lawn maintenance crew. He also plans on participating in Special Olympics bowling and basketball.

D.J. likes music, puzzles, and really enjoys his Playstation 3.

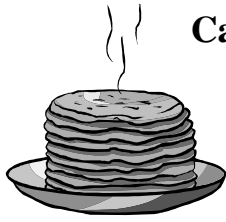


### Scarecrow on the Square

This year Carroll Hills won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Scarecrow on the Square. Vivian Day chaired this project, on Saturday, September 27 along with her sister and Jenny Moore, CHI enrollee they assembled the winning scarecrow in the political category. Those aiding in this project with materials were Tony Brasdovich, Burt Link, Skeet Burke, Dave Hought, Bill Mannion, Kim & JoAnn Hilliard. We want to recognize CHI's enrollees from room 4 for shredding old newspaper for the scarecrows stuffing. Carroll Hills Council sponsored this project as part of their support for the Levy Campaign. **Nice Job!**

**Carroll Hills Council News:**

**Carroll Hills Council's Pancake Breakfast**



Kudos' to the Pancake Breakfast Committee for the great success they had on our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast held on September 20. From all you can eat pancakes to watching our Superintendent, Matt Campbell and Business manager, Ray Heaston sitting on the dunking booth, this event was a Huge Success! We want to thank the Council members; families, local businesses, volunteers, and patrons for their support and donations aiding in this fundraiser. Along with the breakfast, a number of donated items & baskets were raffled, face painting, bounce house, and the dunking booth made for an eventful morning. So next September watch for Carroll Hills Pancake Breakfast!



**Council Membership Drive 2008-09**

Carroll Hills Council is a parent/ professional organization that functions similar to a PTO in the public school. The main difference is the Council helps meet the needs of school age children and adults served by the Carroll County Board of MRDD. The Council raises money through dues, donations, and fundraisers. A few of the fundraisers held annually include a spaghetti dinner, rummage sale, and hotdog stand. Council monies help fund fieldtrips, dances, and equipment for the school, workshop and Special Olympics. The Council also helps fund MR/DD Awareness Month activities; levy campaigns and other needs that may arise.

On October 24, 2008 we will sponsor our annual Spaghetti Dinner. We are having another fundraiser this month, *Taste of Homes* Cookbook & Calendar sales. Information and sale forms will go home with students, adult enrollees, staff and Council members soon. If interested in purchasing either please, call or stop by any of the Carroll Hills Buildings. On November 15 Carroll Hills Council will hold its first Craft Show. Tables will be available for \$15 per table and lunch will be available by donation.

Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month - 4 pm at Carroll Hills School on Rt. 9 near the Golden Age Retreat/Country View Manor. We invite and encourage parents, families and others to join our organization. If interested in helping, please join us!

**Levy Information Night**  
**Tues., October 21 - 7:00 PM**  
**Carroll hills industries**  
**Everyone welcome!**



**LEVY MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR THE ASKING !!!**

- Yard Signs - Badges
- Flyers & Posters
- Auto magnets available for a small donation to help defer the cost.
- Please CALL- 330-627-6555 - 330-627-5524 or 330-627-7651



**CARROLL HILLS CRAFTERS**

**NOVEMBER 15TH**  
**10 - 4 PM**  
**CARROLL HILLS SCHOOL**  
 Lunchstand available by donation

**SPACES available**  
**\$15 per table**  
 First Come First Serve Basis  
 Call: 330-627-7651,  
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