



Special points of interest:

- MR/DD Awareness Month
- Superintendent talks Budget
- CHI Happenings
- Carroll Hills School News
- Special Olympics

It is not in the still calm of life or the repose of a pacific station that great characters are formed. Great necessities call out great virtues.

- Abigail Adams, second First Lady

Coming Events:

March is MR/DD Month
See calendar inside for list of MR/DD Activities



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MR/DD Awareness Month

Carroll Hills and other related organizations celebrate MRDD Awareness Month in March. During this particular month we want to make an extra effort to encourage all people in our community to see the abilities of the people instead of their disabilities. The statewide theme for this special month is "Just like You".

The 250 enrollees in the Carroll Hills Program are making major accomplishments and pursuing very rewarding lives made possible by the things they can do. It is the mission of the Carroll Hills Program to support people and to help them build on their skills and abilities. This mission can only be promoted by concentrating on each individual's strengths.

During this special month we all need to renew our efforts to look at success. Let us take the time to congratulate the Carroll Hills enrollees who work in the community, the individuals who make the effort to become informed and vote, and the enrollees who have accomplished skills in basketball, bowling, and on the track field. We also want to applaud those individuals who work so hard to function as independently and productively as possible in their daily living skills. Emphasizing the abilities of people instead of their disabilities should be our goal for all people throughout the year.

Focusing on March as MR/DD Awareness Month reminds us that there are many people who we must see for what they are capable of, not what their disability is. Activities planned for this month include Basketball Games with the Sheriff Dept., Fire Dept., Carrollton Rotary Club, Family & Friend Bowling Tournaments, Ms Marsha, Craft & Talent Show and our Annual Appreciation Banquet .

Let us all take this opportunity to appreciate that people with disabilities have something to offer and *are just like you!*



Carroll Hills Budget



Superintendent Matt Campbell

The Board is currently in the process of developing a 10 year strategic plan. This plan is possible through the generous tax payers' passage of our 10 year operational levy in 2008. I want to remind you that we have a school levy that will be placed on the ballot in November 2009. The school levy is a 1 mill, 3 year renewal, operational levy which generates approximately \$500,000. I also wanted to add that a parent reported just the other day that "I do not know what I would do without Carroll Hills School, my son has come out of his shell and made improvements I was not sure were

possible". Comments like this make all the work our wonderful staff do extremely worthwhile.

The Board was hit hard this year with state budget cuts and increased costs. State budget cuts in revenue to county board led to internal budget cuts in supplies, equipment, training, overtime, and freezes on contract employees wages. It is very difficult to absorb budget cuts when there is little fat to eliminate. The Board has made it clear that their desire is to protect services as much as possible during these difficult economic times.

"It is very difficult to absorb budget cuts when there is little fat to eliminate."

Carroll Hills Budget continues...

Management has asked staff for input on possible budget cuts. Management has also looked at ways to increase revenue and decrease costs. The Board is asking for your input on proposed budget cuts because they will be affecting services. We are under a directive to decrease cost through collaboration and elimination of duplication of services. One proposed budget cut is to decrease transportation costs through having school districts transport their students to our school. The Board would provide bus aides, for example, to Carrollton Schools to transport their children to Carroll Hills School. This would eliminate Board costs for diesel, bus maintenance, bus purchasing, and bus drivers. The current transportation system is a duplication of services since Board owned busses travel the same roads as Carrollton School busses.

The Board is also in collaboration with local school districts for reimbursement of therapy services. In the past, we were able to bill directly for therapy services. However when the Community Alternative Funding System was eliminated in 2005, the Board had to pay the total cost of therapy services. The Federal Government has recently approved a new Medicaid billing system to which school districts can access. In this system, MRDD schools can not directly bill, but can get reimbursed through contracts

with school districts.

A copy of the proposed strategic plan will be placed on our website. The Board is asking for your input on what services the Board should fund. We would also like to hear your comments on proposed collaboration with Carrollton Schools and maybe other school districts such as Brown and Minerva to reduce bus route duplication and costs. The Board is also in the process of gathering information through surveys to evaluate the effectiveness of current services and what services should be provided in the future.

Please provide your input, and, if you have any questions, feel free to call me at 330-627-6555. I appreciate your support of this wonderful program.



*Pictured L-R CCBMR/DD Members
Front row: Dolores Hudson, V.Pres., Melissa Fletcher, Pres., Angie Miller. Back row: Supt. Matt Campbell, John Miller, Sec., Byron Fairclough, Atty. Jennifer Thomas, & Ray Heaston, Bus. Mgr. Absent: Craig Rodgers.*

Celebrating Valentines Day



Carrollton Rotary Club sponsored Carroll Hills Annual Valentine's Day Dance held February 11. It was a wonderful time for all who attended. Pizza was served at 6 pm and the dance began at 7 pm with Rotarian Eric Hanes playing our favorite dancing music. Thank you to all those that volunteered their time to help chaperone and to the Carrollton Rotary Club members. It was a night to remember.



*Schumacher
Honored for
Years of Service*

Karl Schumacher was honored at the Joint Board meeting in January for his dedication and service to Carroll Hills Program. He retired from the Carroll County Board of MR/DD last fall. Karl had so faithfully served on Carroll Hills Industries Board and the County Board for many years. It is because of parents like Karl that MR/DD services have improved the lives of individuals with disabilities.

2009 Training Schedule

30 Hour Seminars - Lori Miller

Intro to MR/DD—April 3, 4, 17, & 18

Habilitation—October 9, 10, 23, & 24

Principles of Behavior Support—Nov. 6, 7, 13 & 14

In-services - Nurse Kim Yeager

When Your Blood Pressure is Like a Pressure Cooker!

High Blood Pressure—4 CEUs April 7 & 9 and April 25.

Stroke—2 CEUs April 12 & 30

Your Heart Matters—1 CEU April 19 & 30th

Call JoAnn at 330-627-6555 for information and times.

Carroll Hills Industries News



Carroll Hills Industries continues to provide work for the Individuals enrolled in the Carroll Hills program on an almost daily basis.



Pictured above is Sean Shawler and to the right is Jeremy Glekler both are working on a GBS contract.

Individuals enrolled in the CHI program participate most regularly in assembly work contracted through GBS. Folders are assembled with inserts used in many legal and medical facilities. Individuals also apply clear plastic pockets to the inside or outside of the folders, attach metal binder clips to folders, and reinforce seams with clear packaging tape and other tasks depending on the contract requirements.

The Individuals employed at CHI also provide contract services to Perfect Products for packaging and sorting, Salem Label Team providing contract work for packaging and sorting,

and Ashton's 5&10 providing contract work for labeling and stamping postcards.

CHI's largest and fastest growing business is our shredding service. Paper shredding provides our largest diversity of Enrollee participation to shred the documents and files provided by local businesses such as Carroll County Court House, DJFS, Dr. Stine's medical office's, Carroll County Board MR / DD and Colfor. Not only does CHI generate income by shredding the paper but the paper is then bailed and sold to Alliance Recycling to be reprocessed. This procedure also adds additional security for the customers as the shredded paper is not sent to a landfill as trash.

Coming up for the Spring, Summer, and Fall seasons is CHI's Lawn Care services including mowing, trimming, weeding and leaf removal. Thanks to area supporters, CHI's mowing crew enjoy a full schedule of 4 to 5 days per week providing this service.

CHI also offers a badge and key chain making service to local schools, businesses, and politicians.

The Management of Carroll Hills Industries wishes to extend a thank you for all the community support of our program as well as a job well done for our staff that make it all possible for our Individuals to be contributing members of the community.

By Steve Defilippo, Director of Adult Services

"CHI's largest and fastest growing business is our shredding service."

Bill of Rights

Section 5123.62

The rights of persons with mental retardation and developmental disabilities include, but are not limited to:

- A. The right to be treated at all times with courtesy and respect and with full recognition of their dignity and individuality;
- B. The right to an appropriate, safe, and sanitary living environment that complies with local, state and federal standards and recognizes the persons' need for privacy and independence;
- C. The right to food adequate to meet accepted standards of nutrition;
- D. The right to practice the religion of their choice or abstain from the practice of religion;
- E. The right of timely access to appropriate medical or dental treatment;
- F. The right of access to necessary ancillary services including, but not limited to, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, and behavior modification and other psychological services;
- G. The right to receive appropriate care and treatment in the least intrusive manner;
- H. The right to privacy, including both periods of privacy and places of privacy;
- I. The right to communicate freely with persons of their choice in any reasonable manner they choose;
- J. The right to ownership and use of personal possessions so as to maintain individuality and personal dignity;
- K. The right to social interaction with members of either sex;
- L. The right of access to opportunities that enable individuals to develop their full human potential;
- M. The right to pursue vocational opportunities that will promote and enhance economic independence;
- N. The right to be treated equally as citizens under the law;
- O. The right to be free from emotional, psychological, and physical abuse;
- P. The right to participate in appropriate programs of education, training, social development, and habilitation and in programs of reasonable recreation;
- Q. The right to participate in decisions that effect their lives;
- R. The right to select a parent or advocate to act on their behalf;
- S. The right to manage their personal financial affairs, based on individual ability to do so;
- T. The right to confidential treatment of all information in their personal and medical records;
- U. The right to voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services without restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal;
- V. The right to be free from unnecessary chemical or physical restraints;
- W. The right to participate in the political process;
- X. The right to refuse to participate in medical, psychological, or other research or experiments.

Budget Conversations from Director John Martin

The following comes from Director Martin's letter in the Pipeline...Extra for January 30, 2009 ODMR/DD

In 2008, the nation's economic situation became abundantly clear - rough times were ahead. In the next two years, we will confront the most serious erosion in revenues in five decades, reflecting the realities of an economic downturn that will affect every state agency, including the ODMRDD.

State governments, unlike the federal government, cannot operate on a deficit. Ohio's Governor must balance the budget. Because less state tax revenue is being collected, difficult choices, including reductions in spending, must be made.

In January 2008, Governor Strickland addressed the economic situation and ordered the first of three budget adjustments. For ODMRDD, the first of the three cuts (\$17.2 million) resulted in a reduction to its Central Office administration and Developmental Center costs.

In September 2008, national economic indicators plummeted. Governor Strickland ordered a further reduction in ODMRDD's budget by \$16.9 million. Savings of this magnitude could not be absorbed by Central Office. The Department looked to the community to make necessary adjustments, and reduced Family Support Services and County Board Subsidy line items to make the necessary reductions. It was important to us all to assure that these reductions did not adversely affect the health and safety of residents at the Developmental Centers. In addition, the Governor ordered that Medicaid-funded services were to be held harmless. Only two months later, in December 2008, in the face of an unprecedented economic environment, the Governor acted once again to ensure a balanced budget for the fiscal year by reducing ODMRDD's annual budget by an additional \$19.1 million. Overall, within 11 months, \$53.1 million had been removed from the ODMRDD budget.

Following the Governor's third budget announcement, ODMRDD convened a group of stakeholders, including leadership of MRDD system partners. We discussed the seriousness of the situation before us. This group suggested that I work with a few stakeholder organizations to conduct a series of community forums across Ohio to discuss the budget, and ask two essential questions. My goal was to listen.

More than 500 individuals, families, and service providers participated and offered ways to make the most of what we have, protect what is most important, and suggest ways we might do things differently. At each of the five forums, I provided an overview of the budget situation, a brief history of how the eroding national economy has affected the Department and the State of Ohio, and asked participants two questions:

1. What are you most concerned about regarding the budget, that is, what aspects of the MRDD system do you

think are most vulnerable/fragile?

2. What are your suggestions for how ODMRDD and the entire MRDD system can save money and be more efficient?

A majority of participants were concerned about:

- What will happen at Developmental Centers;
- The dilemma of aging caregivers;
- The need for well-trained and qualified direct care workers; and
- The need to provide better supports to family care givers, especially those with young children.

Suggestions that were made time and again included:

- Sharing resources among state agencies, county boards, providers, and families;
 - Seeking regulatory relief cutting through the red tape that hinders creativity in providing services;
 - Examination of shared services and use of technology to provide more flexible options that could save dollars in the long run; and,
 - Making it a priority to invest in people living at home with families.
- Collectively, these comments -- along with the guidance of the MRDD Futures Committee -- validate our direction and strengthen our resolve to act upon what we have learned.
- So what's next? During the past two years, we have listened and learned what we need to do to achieve the Department's Five Goals:
- Less complex service delivery with fair and logical payment systems;
 - Good stewardship of limited resources;
 - Quality outcomes, through a combination of people and processes;
 - Service delivery models designed in response to choices made by people served; in alliance with community services; and
 - A system-wide vision developed with stakeholders.

We have already taken steps, with these goals in mind, to improve our system.

Pipeline Extra is a publication of the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (ODMRDD) and is distributed infrequently, to highlight breaking news in the MRDD arena. To read Director Martin's letter in its entirety go to ODMR/DD website - <http://odmrdd.state.oh.us/>

This Years Service Awards

We want to thank each employee listed below for their years of service to the individuals serve at Carroll Hills.

25 Year

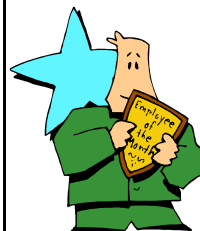
**Donna Bell
Skeet Burke
Anna Oyer**

10 Year

**Ramona Baker
Sharon Bellamy
Matt Campbell
Zoe Gingerich
Carol Sanford
Jeanne Spilker**

5 Year

**Michelle Bellamy
Linda Bosler
Myrtle Carson
Sandy Fixel
JoAnn Hilliard
Donna Locker
Peggy Pore
Cheryl Rohr
Denelle Smith**



The above list full and part time employees.



The purpose of this alert is to remind all providers of service of their responsibility to assure immediate health and welfare of individuals. The MUI Unit has recently identified a trend related to the delay in provision of health care services. In the instances identified family members had asked to be contacted prior to obtaining medical treatment for an individual. In some cases, the delay in contacting family has caused grave outcomes for the individuals served. While providers must be respectful of wishes of family members, the providers also must assure that appropriate medical care and treatment is given to the individuals.

What does this mean?

This means that if any individuals are exhibiting signs and symptoms of a serious medical condition, a call to 911 is made immediately. The family contacts, management calls, and other notifications should be made after an assurance that the health and welfare of the individual has first been addressed. The fact that a family member/guardian has asked to be contacted does not relinquish the provider responsibility to assure the health and well being of the individual. As we all know any unnecessary delays in medical treatment can have tremendous negative outcomes up to and including the death of an individual.

Please find listed below information from a previous health and safety alert #28-06-05 identifying when to call 911 for emergency assistance. Understand that this listing may not be all inclusive and should be updated to meet the needs of the individuals you serve.

- The person appears very ill; sweating, skin looks blue or gray
- Severe, constant abdominal pain
- Bleeding heavily, despite direct pressure
- Blood pressure of 220 or above for upper number and/or 120 or above for lower number
- Blood pressure below 90 for upper number, when normally above 90
- Pulse (heart rate) is less than 40 or greater than 140
- Difficulty breathing and/or severe wheezing
- Chest pain
- Fainting, loss of consciousness, or not responsive
- Fall with severe head injury (fall on face, bleeding, change in level of consciousness). **Do not move; keep warm**
- Fall, unable to get up on own and normally would be able to do so, or in a lot of pain when lying still or trying to get up. **Do not move; keep warm**
- Fall, limb deformity noted (bone sticking out, swelling, unusual position of arm, leg). **Do not move; keep warm**
- First time seizure; **roll to side**, protect head, and move obstacles that may pose a threat
- Seizure lasting 2+ minutes; one seizure right after the other; person does not wake up after the seizure; person does not start breathing within one minute after seizure stops (is CPR needed?).
- Possible stroke; new weakness, loss or change in speech
- Repeated vomiting/diarrhea less than 12 hours but not responding normally
- Any bloody or coffee grounds looking vomit/diarrhea
- Sudden loss of vision

IMPORTANT: When in doubt, seek medical attention immediately!

Remember, the health and welfare of the individuals we serve depends on quick, decisive, action to obtain emergency medical services. Let's work together to make sure that every second counts. The full detailed Alert can be obtained at ODMR/DD and for questions or comments regarding the above Alert, please contact the MUI/Registry Unit at 614-995-3810.

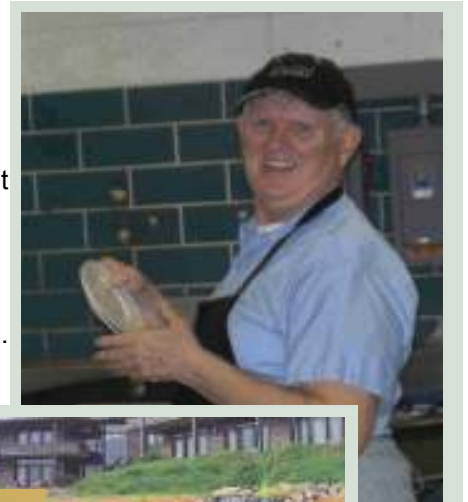
Success and Carroll Hills Community Employment Go Hand and Hand Another Community Employment success story in progress!

Arthur Fischer, a SUCCESS story going on 18 years at Atwood Lake Resort.

Arthur enjoys working at Atwood Lake Resort. He began working at the restaurant on May 20, 1991, a total of 18 years this May. Dishwashing is his main job but, he helps with other kitchen duties as well.

Arthur lives with his brother & sister-in-law Robert and Patricia at Atwood Lake. He enjoys bowling, boating, golf, pool, vacations, country music, and watching football.

Arthur likes to joke and tease and is well liked by his peers and co-workers. He attends Carroll Hills Industries part time, working on the main production floor on a number of contract jobs. He also is part of the CHI Lawn Care Crew & Cleaning Crew. A very dependable guy! Nice Job Arthur!



Carroll Hills School Participates in Annual Student Assessments

It's that time of year when one hears all students in grades 3 through 8 and also grade 10 talking about taking proficiency/achievement tests or the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) in school. Every student in the state of Ohio in one of these grades participates in the annual testing ritual. The students at Carroll Hills School are no exception. While taking the same tests as the students within regular education would be very difficult for the Carroll Hills School students, they still are required to be assessed to determine their mastery of the grade level required subjects. In other words, 3rd graders in your neighborhood school are being assessed this year in reading and mathematics. As a result, students who are considered age-wise to be 3rd graders at Carroll Hills School are also being assessed in reading and mathematics. The assessment areas may vary by grade level. While each grade determines proficiency levels in reading and math, some grades add a writing assessment while others include science and social studies in the mix.

You may be asking how our students who have significant learning difficulties are able to participate in this testing. In order to accommodate students with needs such as ours, the Ohio Department of Education has developed a system called the Alternate Assessment. Each grade level has specific grade level indicators from the Academic Content Standards that the students must be assessed on. Classroom teachers begin gathering evidence as to the students' skill level in these areas each fall and then submit this evidence in a notebook to an independent firm who scores each student on an individual basis. Teachers may submit worksheets the students have done in a particular subject area, send photos or videos, record an observation, collect data, and various other types of evidence to document completion of a task. The evidence we submit is supposed to show use of age appropriate materials and tasks that are important for real life. This fits in well with our school-age functional, life skills curriculum.

The alternate assessments are a lot of work, especially for our Middle School teacher, Shelly Haught. All of the Middle School students typically are in grades in which the assessments are given. Mrs. Haught must collect 2-3 different types of evidence showing 2-3 different kinds of tasks for 2 different goals under each subject area. For example, for a 5th grader, this would mean 4-6 different tasks and 4-6 different kinds of evidence in each reading, mathematics, science and social studies subject area. Each piece of evidence must have a cover page explaining the task performed. Talk about a lot of work! The Alternate Assessments are not a piece of paper that can be handed out to students, collected an hour or 2 later and then taken home and graded. Each one requires hours and hours of preparation, collecting of evidence and then assembling of the notebook. For students who are able to complete typical types of academic work, such as worksheets, etc., gathering evidence is a little easier. However, for our students who have severe disabilities, perhaps only having the ability to activate a switch with his/her knee to answer a question, finding the different tasks and ways of collecting evidence really requires a lot of creativity and time on the part of the classroom staff.



Picture shows Middle School student, Mitchell Imhoff, completing a math paper, such as may be used as one piece of evidence as to his skill level for the Alternate Assessment. The use of the calculator on the task is a real life functional adaptation that allows our students to be as independent as possible. This is an aspect of the Alternate Assessment and does not detract from the overall score of the evidence.

Carroll Hills School, like all MR/DD programs in Ohio, is not included in the Report Card process that the Ohio Department of Education uses for public school districts.

Thus, the scores from the Alternate Assessments do not have a reflection on how our school is doing with teaching the Academic Content Standards. However, these scores are a part of each student's home district's overall testing data so we take the Alternate Assessment process very seriously. We do not want a careless mistake to affect the Report Card of the area school districts, with whom we have excellent working relationships. We are very proud to say that, in the past three years, we have not had a student score lower than proficient in any area, with most scoring at the mastery level.

We owe huge thanks for a job well done on this very time consuming and difficult annual task to all of our school age teachers--Linda Bosler, Shelly Haught, Katie Page, Zoe Gingerich and Dan Donnelly.

What a Big Heart the Change Bandits Have!



The Change Bandits, Carroll Hills High School classes participated

in the 98.1 WKDD's Radiothon, Have a Heart—Do your Part, benefiting Akron Children's Hospital again this year. Collecting \$537.30 in donations making a total of approximately \$2000.00 in the past 3 years that the Change Bandits have contributed to the Radiothon.

While at Akron Children's Hospital they were able to take a tour. As you can see, the helicopter was the most impressive.





MARCH MR/DD AWARENESS MONTH

Carroll Hills Programs
 Administration Building - 330-627-6555
 Carroll Hills Industries - 330-627-5524
 Carroll Hills School - 330-627-7651

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Funky Dress Week for all	<u>Pajama Day</u> Basketball Game Cougars vs. Carrollton Fire Dept 6:30 p.m.	<u>Hat Day</u> Game day - School Bell Choir 2:30 - 4 p.m.	<u>Black/Gold Day</u> Basketball Game Home Tuscarawas County 5:30 p.m. Gold Team	<u>Inside Out Day</u> Movie day - School E.I. Play & Support Group 10 - 11:30 a.m.	<u>Favorite Team Day</u> Video Game Day - CHI Bowling Practice	Area 9 East Section Tournament Cougars vs. Guernsey Co. 12:45 p.m. TCC High School
<u>Daylight Savings</u> Time East Section Tournament TCC H School - Noon	Family & Friend Bowling - 10 a.m. DJ /Pizza—CHI Track Practice—3 p.m. East Section Tournament - 6 p.m. TCC H School	Ms Marsha - School 10:30 a.m. - 1p.m. Bell Choir 2:30 - 4 p.m. Basketball Game Cougars vs. Carrollton Rotary Club 6:30 p.m.	Movie Day—CHA	E.I. Play Group 10 - 11:30 a.m Music	Bowling Practice Movie & popcorn – CHI	East Section Divi- sion III Champion- ship 12:45 p.m. Dover Middle School
<u>Craft Week</u>	Family & Friend Bow- ling -10 a.m. Track Practice -3 p.m. Basketball Game Cougars vs. SJ Villa 6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir 2:30-4 p.m. Ms Marsha - CHA &CHI Basketball Game Cougars vs. Carrollton Sheriff's Office 6:30 p.m.	Craft – Ms Katie –School Craft Day—CHI	Basketball Game Cougars vs. Carroll Hills Staff 1 p.m. E.I. Play Group 10 - 11:30 a.m Music	Bowling Tournament	
<u>Art/Craft Show Week</u>	Family & Friend Bowling 10 a.m. Track Practice—3 p.m.	MR/DD Awareness Banquet 6:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Social—CHA Talent Show 1p.m.	E.I. Play Group 10 - 11:30 a.m Music CCBMR/DD Meeting CHA—5:30 p.m.	Bowling Tournament	Info Fair 10 to 2 p.m.
<u>Art/Craft Show Week</u> Continued	Track Practice—3 p.m.	Bell Choir 2:30 - 4 p.m.	<p>CARROLL HILLS COUNCIL Council Officers: Sam Monk, Pres. Bonnie Underwood, Sec. Kim Yeager, Vice Pres. JoAnn Hilliard, Treas.</p> <p>MR/DD MONTH THEME</p>			



March's Council meeting will be at Carroll Hills School on March 10th - 3 p.m.



Under the Carroll Hills Umbrella

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The only certain means of success is to render more and better service than is expected of you, no matter what your task may be.
~ Og Mandino Quotes

Special Olympics and MR/DD Month

As another year winds down for basketball and bowling, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that was involved with the Special Olympics Program again this year. It has been a great year with many new and old faces in our family of volunteers. The volunteers donate their time and energy to help and support these athletes and are greatly appreciated.

The last home basketball game for the Gold team will be Wednesday, March 4 with Tuscarawas County at 5:30 pm. On Saturday, March 7 at 12:45 pm, the Cougars will encounter Guernsey County during the Area 9 Sectional Playoffs at Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School in New Philadelphia.

At our MR/DD Month Basketball Games, the Cougars will show no mercy as they go up against the Carroll County Fire Dept., Carroll County Sheriff's Dept., Carrollton Rotary Club, St. John's Villa Staff and Carroll Hills Staff. Check the Council Calendar for game dates and times.

The Bowlers are practicing for their Home Tournament scheduled for March 20 & 27 at Carroll Lanes. Qualifying bowlers will also attend Zanesville on April 25 and Steubenville on May 2.

Again for the MR/DD Month, we are having our 9th Annual Family & Friends Fun Bowling Tournaments scheduled for March 9, 16, & 23. For information contact JoAnn at 330-627-6555.

As the theme this year, "Just like You", the basketball games and bowling tournaments allows family and friends in our community see first hand, just how much Special Olympians are "Just like You!"

Track & Field begins practicing on Monday, March 9 at 3:00 p.m. at Carroll Hills School.

