



Under the Carroll Hills Umbrella

Carroll County Board of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities

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Coming Up in the Web World!

Carroll County Board of MR/DD begins the new year with our own website: carrollhills.com

After years of waiting for our own website, it finally is a reality. Knowing enough to get myself in trouble - as they say, I took on the task of designing a website. That is when my son came to my rescue.... I found out that designing a website was more complex than I thought. To my good fortune, Jeff is quite the computer wiz. I'm very pleased to announce Carroll Hills' website can be accessed at carrollhills.com. There will be changes as we continue updating and adding information to the site. I'm sure you will find it an informative and positive reflection of our program. If anyone has comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to call 330-627-6555.



Following are a few facts about the website designer: Jeff Hilliard

Jeff attended Carrollton Schools graduating in 1995. Soon after he was employed by Carrollton Graphics where he started working with graphic art designs. He then moved on to The Times Reporter, Standard Printing, and among other printing and publishing establishments, where he improved his computer skills. Married with children, Jeff then chose to leave that field, going to work at Republic Storage in Canton. Jeff, Krissy, and their three sons Eric, Tyler and Cody reside in Leavittsville.

An automobile accident rendered Jeff a quadriplegic. His physical abilities may be limited, but he has so much talent to share, as you will see on our website. He is considering going back into graphic arts - web designs. I wish him the best.

Check out our website! I'm sure you will agree with me it is "First-rate!"

JoAnn Hilliard

BEST WISHES IN THE NEW YEAR

What lies behind us, and what lies before us are tiny matters, compared to what lies within us.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



CCBMRDD Turns to Carroll County VOTERS for Support on March 4th

Carroll County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities will be seeking voters' approval of an operational levy in March 2008. The Board has a 2.8 mill 10 year operational levy that was started in 1999 and expires in 2008 and a 1.0 mill 7 year operational levy that was started in 2002 and expires in 2008. It was approved to combine the two levies through a 3.8 mill replacement levy. Please see the below levy language that will be on the March ballot:

A replacement tax of two existing levies at 2.8 mills and at 1 mill, respectively, for the benefit of CARROLL COUNTY for the purpose of maintenance and operation of schools, training centers, workshops, clinics, and other programs and services



Superintendent Matt Campbell

for persons with mental retardation and developmental disabilities by the MRDD Board (Carroll Hills Program) ORC 5705.222 at a rate not exceeding 3.8 mills for each one dollar valuation, which amounts to thirty eights cents (\$0.38) for each one hundred dollars valuation, as a continuous levy starting in tax year 2009.

The 2.8 mill 10 year operational levy originally generated \$977,000 and the 1.0 mill 7 years operational levy generated \$425,000. If you add the two levies together you should come up with \$1,402,000, however the two combined levies generated \$1.7 million in 2006 due to new construction. The 3.8 mill replacement levy will generate approximately \$1.96 million however it will be rolled back to collect the 2006 yield of approximately \$1.7 million for at least the first year. The below figures are based on collecting the total \$1.96 million.

Market value	cost per month
\$50,000	\$4.87
\$60,000	\$5.84
\$70,000	\$6.81
\$80,000	\$7.78
\$90,000	\$8.76
\$100,000	\$9.73
\$150,000	\$14.59
\$175,000	\$17.02
\$200,000	\$19.45

The basic formula used above is to take the price that the house would sell for (market value) then multiply it by 35%. Property taxes are based on "assessed value" which is 35% of the market value. Then multiply the result by .0038 because the value of 3.8 mills is 3.8 thousandth of a dollar, then divide by 12 for the approximate cost. Next multiply by .9 for the 10% off due to income tax. Finally if your real estate is your primary residence then you may multiply by .975 since you are eligible for a 2.5% reduction.

The reasoning for the replacement of the two levies is to have only one operational levy and make it on-going. Many county boards have con-

tinuous (on-going) levies so some sort of MRDD service can be provided even if costs increase. Other reasoning for this replacement levy is the Board must have an operational levy to continue the current services provided. Without this operational levy only part of the school services will be provided and the Ohio Department of MRDD would have to step in and only operate waiver services for 73 individuals. That would mean at least 113 individuals would no longer receive services in Carroll County. Carroll County Board of MRDD has been hit hard lately with cost increases of approximately \$420,000. Future projections show continued increases in waiver costs, decreased state and federal revenue, and loss of tangible personal property tax revenue.

It is our mission to continue the current MRDD services and expand services if possible. The workshop currently provides services for over 90 individuals and the school provides services for 80 students. Both programs are in desperate need of more space and there are waiting lists for services. The MRDD program serves a total of 250 students and adults through school, adult workshop, community employment, residential, early intervention, pre-school, and therapy services. The program has been successful at applying for grants to help fund additional services and additional building space. We appreciate all the donations, volunteer work, and support from the community throughout the years. Please vote yes for our operational replacement levy on March 4th, 2008 so we can continue the much needed MRDD services to this wonderful community.

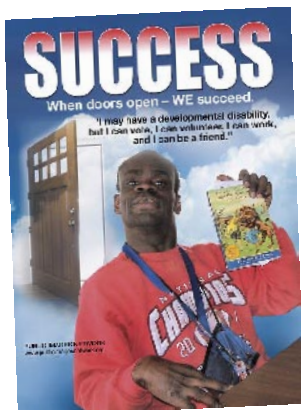
The "Collector from Lisbon Street" In Memory of John Warren

John loved to collect "things". Above all, he liked collecting snowmen and wrestling videos. Hulk Hogan was his favorite wrestler.

John lived and worked in Carrollton from 1983 until his death in November 2007.

Once John became your friend he was a friend for life. John was able to cheer you up when you were having a bad day. He was a friendly, happy, and caring gentleman who is sadly missed by family and friends.

Sue Shultz



March - MR/DD
Awareness Month



Success! When doors open - we succeed! 2008 theme, again emphasizes that people with developmental disabilities can vote, volunteer, be a neighbor, work and be a friend.

Carroll County Board of MR/DD will celebrate MRDD Awareness Month in March, and we invite you to consider the true meaning of this year's theme, Success!

Carroll Hills as well as other statewide organizations devoted to serving individuals with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities (MR/DD) are planning special events in March to raise public awareness of the many abilities people have, regardless of disability. Schedules of events will be available in February.



...promoting positive perceptions of people with developmental disabilities...

Basketball News



By Coach Tomi Moore

Another season is up and running. The Cougars started the season in December with their first game at Belmont County. We were defeated 57 to 49 with Jim Totten putting in 22 points that night. Our next game came the next week when we traveled to Holmes County. We were defeated once again 59 to 49, but Jim Craft had his record scoring game with 29 points. January 2nd was our first home game against Columbiana County. We lost 64 to 32. Jamie Yeager was our high scorer with 17 points. This year we had to make two teams (Black and Gold) because we had so many athletes go out for basketball. The Black Team is coached by me with Katie Page helping me when she is available. The Gold Team is coached by Dan Donnelly and Tom Chain.

Again this year, Dani Burrier and Renee' Sprague are the cheerleading advisors. The Cougars squad has also increased. They have been working very hard and can't wait to show everyone their new cheers.

We are looking forward to all the "Cougar Fans" coming to see our games. Thank you for your support. We will have some pictures of the team in our next newsletter. If you have any questions regarding the Special Olympic Program, do not hesitate to give me a call, Tomi Moore, Local Coordinator and Basketball Coach of the Carroll County Special Olympic Program at 330-627-4357. Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Carroll County Special Olympics Program, make checks payable to:



Carroll County Special Olympics
P. O. Box 339
Carrollton OH 44615

2007-2008 Basketball Game Schedule (BT= Black Team - GT= Gold Team)

- Jan. 9 — GT— 5:00 p.m. Home — Jefferson Co.
 - Jan. 15 — BT— 6:00 p.m. Home — Belmont Co.
 - Jan. 16 — GT— 5:00 p.m. Home — Jefferson Co.
 - Jan. 18 — All — 11:00 a.m. Home — Harrison Co.
 - Jan. 19 - Visit Conotton Valley- everyone introduced
 - Jan. 22 — BT— 6:00 p.m. Home — Holmes Co.
 - Jan. 24 — BT— 11:00 a.m. Away — Harrison Co.
 - Jan. 28 — BT— 6:30 p.m. Away — Tuscarawas Co.
 - Jan. 29 — GT— 6:00 p.m. Home — Coshocton Co.
 - Feb. 5 — BT— 6:00 p.m. Away — Columbiana Co.
 - Feb. 6 — BT— 6:00 p.m. Away — Jefferson Co.
 - Feb. 11— GT— 5:30 p.m. Home — Tuscarawas Co.
- Cougars MR/DD Month games - watch for schedule



Carroll Hills Council News:

2007 Council Summary

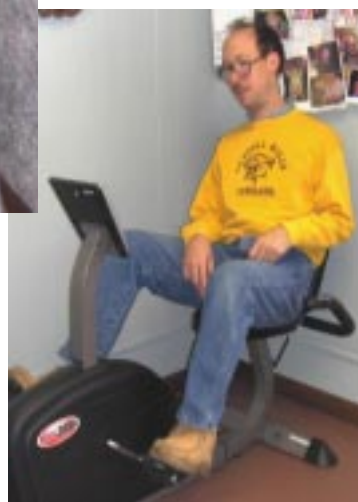
Carroll Hills Council continues to encourage friends and family members to join us in our endeavors. We need your help! Our monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday at 4pm of each month at Carroll Hills School.

In December we held our annual Holiday Dance, where pizza was served and everyone enjoyed music played by DJ, Carla Zwick. It was a wonderful evening for all, and highlighting the event was the presence of Santa Claus.

Council generates funds through fundraisers, membership dues, and donations. Our annual fundraisers follows; Calendar or Cookbook Sales, Rummage Sale, Hotdog stand, Spaghetti Dinner and raffles. Sept. 06 through Sept 07 Council generated over \$11,000. We would like to thank all of those who took part in these efforts.

These funds have allowed us over the past year to support each classroom and work area with \$100 for the staff to spend for their students and adult individuals. This could be anything they want whether it be gifts, fieldtrips, or items for their area/classroom, a total of \$1600 was allotted. We also contributed to CHI with the purchase of exercise equipment this past summer for individuals to use in their exercise programs. Other ways we've supported this program are with MR/DD month expenses, winter dance, Special Olympics, small Christmas gifts for CHS students, DJ for CHI's July 4th picnic/dance, set up cost of CHS year book, and funding for our Levy campaigns. Our total expenditures for 2007 was \$12,366.

New Exercise Equipment at CHI



In these early days of January 2008 we are looking forward and preparing for our upcoming levy campaign and MR/DD Awareness Month. As Matt Campbell has described in his article on page 2 of this issue, plans are to combine and replace our two existing levies. Council agreed to support and cover any cost generated in the passage of this levy.

For MR/DD month, we are pleased to announce that the Heavenly Medal Drum Band has accepted our invitation to perform on Friday, March 14th at 6PM at Carroll Hills School. Open to the public, we encourage everyone interested to come out for a wonderful evening of entertainment.

Our Appreciation Banquet has also been scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, at Days Inn. As we welcome our growing attendance, this fact contributed to our decision to have the banquet catered at \$10 a person. Everyone will have to register with the purchase of their tickets in advance. This will do away with covered dishes and also try to ensure everyone have a hot meal. Information will be sent out by the MR/DD Month Chairpersons, Donna Bell & Tammy Maney or you may inquire by calling the school at 330-627-7651. JHilliard



THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS IS GIVING!



KUDO'S to the Non-Profit Board for the CHI Jacket - Christmas Gift to all CHI enrollees.


CHI'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



NEXT DANCE SCHEDULED



Valentine's Dance
February 13, 2008
Pizza - 6pm
Dance - 7-9pm
Sponsored by
Carrollton Rotary



Each dawn holds a new hope a new plan, making the start of each day the start of a new life. GINA BLAIR

Christmas at the O.K. Corral

Tammy Maney

On December 13, Carroll Hills School was over-run with cowboys for the annual Christmas program. You see, just as the town of Snowy Gulch was preparing to celebrate Christmas, they had to face the infamous outlaw, Black Bart. Black Bart said no one liked him so he hated Christmas and was going to cover the town with Bubble Gum Goo. But, thanks to Santa's trusty sidekick, the Candy Cane Kid, Black Bart soon learned that he had a lot of friends. So, the town of Snowy Gulch was saved from the sticky situation and were able to celebrate Christmas, with Black Bart joining in the festivities.



Christmas at the O.K. Corral was directed by Jo Baugher, the school's music teacher. The authentic western town backdrop was designed and built by Rick Baugher, Jo's husband. Preceding the show, the audience was treated to a performance by the Carroll Hills Melody Makers which is a bell choir made up of students from Carroll Hills School and adults from Carroll Hills Industries. In addition, students from Carroll Hills School who comprise the Recorder Choir performed. Both the bell and recorder choirs are also directed by Jo Baugher.



'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS



CARROLL HILLS SCHOOL IN LIGHTS!

Thanks to Mrs. Haught's Middle School Class, Carroll Hills was in the spotlight at *The Holiday of Lights*. The Carroll County Fairgrounds was the home of The Holiday of Lights tour, where vehicles drove through and view the beautiful, spectacular lighted displays throughout the holidays. Those touring the lights were able to vote for the Peoples Choice Award in the two categories, 4-H Lanes and Community Circle area. Carroll Hills was one of the participants entered in the Community Circle competition this year. Coming in 2nd place just boosted the desire & goal for next year. Nice job Middle School, looking forward to see what you come up with next year!



Spina Bifida

By Sue Shultz

Spina Bifida (split or open spine) is a birth defect that involves the incomplete development of the spinal cord or its coverings. The two sides of the embryo's spine fail to join together, leaving an open area. In some cases, the spinal cord or other membranes may push through this opening in the embryo's back.

Spina Bifida occurs within the first 28 days of pregnancy, before the woman may even know she is pregnant. The condition can typically be detected before a baby is born and treated right away.

Spina Bifida is the most frequently occurring permanently disabling birth defect affecting about 1 out of every 1,000 babies. The cause of Spina Bifida is not known. Researchers tend to believe that it may be a combination of genetic and environmental factors. Studies indicate that folic acid can help prevent birth defects of the brain and spinal cord.

There are two forms of Spina Bifida — Spina Bifida **occulta** and Spina Bifida **manifesta**.

Spina Bifida Occulta is the mildest form of spina bifida (occulta means hidden). Most children with this type of defect never have any health problems. The spinal cord and nerves are usually normal and there is no opening in the back. There may be a small defect or gap in a few of the small vertebrae that make up the spine. Often, people don't even know they have it.

Spina Bifida Manifesta includes two types of Spina Bifida, **meningocele** and **myelomeningocele**.

Meningocele involves the **meninges**, the membranes responsible for covering and protecting the brain and spinal cord. If the meninges push through the hole in the vertebrae, the sac is called a meningocele.

Myelomeningocele is the most severe form of Spina Bifida. It occurs when the meninges push through the hole in the back, and the spinal cord also pushes through. Most babies who are born with this type of Spina Bifida also have **hydrocephalus**, an accumulation of fluid in and around the brain. Usually a shunt is implanted to drain the fluid. If not treated, mental retardation may occur.

A child with the myelomeningocele form of Spina Bifida typically has some paralysis.

Children with Spina Bifida often have problems with bowel and bladder control, allergies to latex, pressure sores and some may have attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) or other learning difficulties.

Children with Spina Bifida Occulta usually need no treatment.

In cases of Spina Bifida Manifesta, the treatment largely depends on the type of Spina Bifida a child has and how severe it is.

A child with the meningocele form of the disease usually has an operation during infancy in which doctors push the meninges back and close the hole in the vertebrae. Many children with this type of Spina Bifida have no other health problems down the road, unless there is nerve tissue involved with the sac.

Babies born with the myelomeningocele form of the disease need more immediate attention and typically have surgery within the first 24 hrs. of their lives. During this first surgery, doctors typically push the spine back into the vertebrae and close the hole to prevent infection and protect the spine.

With proper medical care, a child with Spina Bifida can lead an active and productive life.

Resources

National Information Center For Children and Youth Disabilities

March of Dimes

Spina Bifida Association of America



COMING EVENTS

- Jan. 8** - Tues., Carroll Hills Council meeting - 4pm at Carroll Hills School
- Jan. 21** - Mon., Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Entire Program Closed
- Jan. 24** - Thurs., CCBMR/DD Meeting - 5:30pm at Carroll Hills Administration Offices. The meeting is open to the public.
- Feb. 13** - Wed., Valentine's Dance - 6pm Pizza, 7-9 pm dance and Carroll Hills Council meeting at 7pm
- Feb. 18** - Mon., President's Day - Entire Program Closed
- Feb. 28** - Thurs., CCBMR/DD Meeting - 5:30pm at Carroll Hills Administration Offices. The meeting is open to the public.
- Mar. 4** - **Election Day - Please vote Yes for MR/DD Programs**
- Mar. 13** - Thurs., Spring School Conferences - 4:30-8:00pm
- Mar. 14** - Fri., Spring School Conferences - 8:30-12:00noon, No school
- Mar. 14** - Fri., Heavenly Drum Band, 6pm - Carroll Hills School
- Mar. 18** - Tues., MR/DD Appreciation Dinner, 6pm Day's Inn call Carroll Hills School for tickets.
- Mar. 21** - Fri., Spring Break begins - Entire Program Closed
- Mar. 31** - Mon., Program resumes after break

Seminar - CEU's Schedule

Carroll Hills Administration Building



This years schedule will include
Intro to MR/DD - April 11,12,25, & 26
Principles of Behavior Support - Sept. 19,20,Oct.3 & 4.
Habilitation - Oct. 24,25,31,& Nov. 1
Approved for 30hr Seminars & CEU's MR/DD. We also offer Seminars as Independent Studies, only when class is not available.

Ready, Willing and Able



Ready, willing and able best describes the attitude Shirley Lewis demonstrates on the job at Carroll Hills School. Shirley has been volunteering at her church for years by helping with Bible School. She enjoys helping the younger children with crafts, games, singing, and other activities in Bible School. This was the motivating factor that led Shirley to see if it would be possible for her to work at Carroll Hills School (CHS). Through our Community Employment program, Shirley's wishes became a reality this fall. While not getting to actually work with the children, for now, Shirley stated, "I enjoy working here and I am willing to help with whatever they need me to do." Her present duties consist of sanitizing tables & chairs and she helps by copying and cutting classroom materials. Ann Myers also has her helping with Labels for Education fundraiser in her spare time.

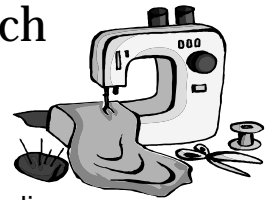
When not working, Shirley enjoys being on the Carroll Hills Cheerleader squad, bowling weekly at Carroll Lanes on the Special Olympics Bowling Team and she also performs with the Carroll Hills Bell Choir. Her hobbies consist of listening to music, watching TV shows, movies and utilizing her laptop computer. JHilliard



Shirt by Shirt and Stitch by Stitch

Supporting Special Olympics

by JoAnn Hilliard



Maintaining the family support of Special Olympics, it is Grandma Johnson's time to shine. Over the years as Bowling Coach, Kim and I had collected quite a number of shirts from Special Olympics events, perks for participating in state games, bowling tournaments, track meets etc. After more then 20 years they begin to add up and what do you do with them? Well Grandma Irene Johnson, my mother, found a special way to preserve and display those shirts – A Quilt. She took our shirts, cut blocks, sewed them together and made us a quilt we will cherish for years to come.

Then a thought came to mind - A fundraiser for Special Olympics! Mom was willing and, with the help from friends, Bonnie Underwood and Joan Pennock with Special Olympics shirts to donate to the cause, we had enough for another quilt. Sharing her talent, Mom got to work on making another Special Olympics quilt. Pictured above with the quilt to be raffled is Irene Johnson and my daughter Kim.

The Quilt will be on display at all three locations, January through May with the drawing-taking place at Carroll Hills Special Olympics Sport Banquet in May. Tickets will be available for the quilt at the location site, at home basketball games, and can be purchased by sending the request form to: JoAnn Hilliard at Carroll Hills Administration Offices. P.O. Box 429, Carrollton, OH 44615 or call for information at 330-627-6555.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS QUILT Raffle Ticket Request Form

Mail to: CCBMR/DD, Attention JoAnn Hilliard,
P.O.Box 429, Carrollton, OH 44615

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

1 ticket - \$1.00

or 6 tickets for \$5.00

I would like to request ____ raffle tickets.

I have enclosed a check written to Carroll
County Special Olympics for \$_____.

I would like to have ____ books of raffle tickets
to sell. I will return stubs and money later.