

HORIZONS

Crawford County Board of Developmental Disabilities

June 2021

Updates to the Facilities at Fairway Preschool



New canopy for Parent Pick-up Entrance

We also have some exciting news to share about other updates to Fairway Preschool that will be taking place this summer (watch future Horizons for pictures and details). Out-of-sight behind the school, where you will not be able to see, there will be great things for the children to find in the fall when they return to school. Our playground will be more colorful and inviting as it is being renovated with new ground covering and some new playground equipment that will be more inclusive. Like we said.....stay tuned for more information as we complete this project.

Have you driven by and noticed that Fairway Preschool has a new sidewalk and canopy at the one door? During COVID we have made a few changes on the protocol for entering the school. Our main entrance is utilized for students being dropped off by the buses and the front door with the new sidewalk and canopy is being utilized by parents who drop their children off for school each day. Previously there was only grass connecting that portion of the parking lot to the door and there was no shelter from the elements at all. We now have a safer and dryer area for entry to that section of the preschool.

We do ask that parents continue to use the front entrance to the school for dropping off and picking up students. We also want to inform any visitors to our building that they must use the main entrance, as the doors to the other entrance are locked.



New Entrance sign for Fairway Main Entrance

2021 - 2022 Registration

FAIRWAY PRESCHOOL



**Accepting Applications for the Upcoming
School Year!**



**For more information please call the office:
419-562-3321 EXT.111**

Fairway Preschool hosts Family Craft night: Make It & Take it



Fairway preschool hosted a "Make It, Take It" Night for families on Thursday, April 29th. Families were able to sign up for a time slot to come to the school and engage in a hands on activity/craft with their child. Together, families made bird feeders out of pine cones, peanut butter, and bird seed. They also were able to help their child decorate a flower pot and plant a flower. It was a great time for families to be able to come into the school, engage in some fun together, and talk with the staff. We thank each family who participated and will be planning our next "Make it, Take it" activity for next school year.



Archer adds soil into his decorated flower



Kash prepares his pinecone by adding peanut butter



Kinsley and her mom adding soil to her decorated pot



Stratten adds peanut butter onto his pinecone

CONGRATULATIONS!



Miss Jami's class present their certificates

To celebrate the end of the school year, families were invited to enjoy their little ones as they preformed a couple pre-school favorites. On behalf of CCBDD: Congratulations to those students who are moving on to Kindergarten.

YAY



Miss Jennifer's class poses with their preschool certificates



Miss Katie's class show their fun & sassy side

May is the month of sunshine and flowers, kids running and sharing laughter. And though we may be sad that the end of the school year is here, our sadness won't last long because summer is near!



Miss Tonya's class busts a move to Tooty-Ta



Miss Lydia's class show their biggest smile

SUPER

Crawford County Board Installs New Board Member

CCBDD Board is comprised of seven (7) members which include community members, people receiving board services, and family members of people receiving services. There is Ohio Revised Code that spells out who can and who can not be board members of a county board. For example: board members must be a resident of the county, citizen of the United States, and interested and knowledgeable in the field of intellectual disabilities and other allied fields. A person who is an immediate family member of an employee of the same county board can not serve as a board member. Five (5) board members are appointed by the County Commissioners and the remaining two (2) are appointed by the court's probate judge. Board members are appointed for four-year terms and may serve up to three (3) terms totaling 12-years.

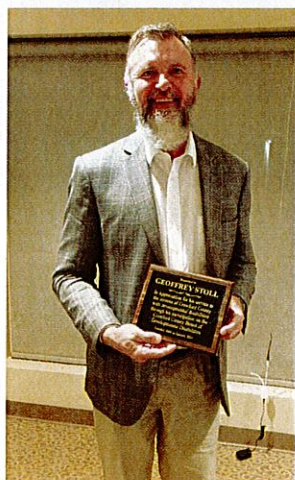
From time-to-time board members openings occur for various reasons. When this occurs, these openings are publicly posted. We are always interested in people with professional training and experience in business management, finance, law, health care practice, personnel administration, government service, education and experience in the field of DD and/or other human services fields; along with individuals we serve and/or their family members.

In January 2021, Ms. Donna Conley, who was appointed by Crawford County Commissioners, began her first term as a board member. Donna is the Vice President of Commercial Banking for First Federal Bank in Bucyrus and brings finance expertise. We welcome her in this new role and appreciate her willingness to support CCBDD and the community.



New Board member: Donna Conley

Board president—Geoffrey Stoll



We would also like to take the opportunity to thank Geoffrey Stoll who served CCBDD since 2009. Mr. Stoll was appointed by the Crawford County Commissioners and served as president of the board since 2014.

*Thank
you*

HAPPY Retirement

We would like to extend a hearty congratulations to Belinda Guinther. While Belinda will be missed by all of us here at CCBDD, she certainly deserves her retirement. We have all benefited from her fun, loving personality and will miss her smile and one-of-a-kind laugh.

Belinda has been an esteemed member of the Crawford County Board of DD family for the past 19 years. She began subbing for CCBDD in February 2002, at Fairway Preschool. However, it was not until later in the year that she became a more permanent fixture. In August 2002, she became Community Services Secretary. Prior employment included working for Verizon/GTE in Marion for 31 years.

We know you will join us in wishing Belinda well as she starts a new chapter in her enthralling life. You may even be able to spot her cruising around in her red Mustang convertible, the wind blowing through her hair, or out enjoying a beautiful day eating a delightful ice cream cone with her husband.

On behalf of CCBDD: Congratulations! You no longer have to worry about driving to work in the snow! Thank you for always being the spirited, helpful coworker that you were. But even more importantly, thank you for being a wonderful friend! Having you as a coworker has been no less than a gift. Now go and relax and catch some rays while you mow!



CCBDD Welcomes New Staff



Service Support Administrator: Lisa Beckley



Community Service Secretary: Miranda Kepler

My name is Lisa Beckley. I am very happy to be here at CCBDD. I have 2 parti poodles named Sasha and Freckles. No, kids of my own, but I have custody of my 2 god daughters who are 15 & 11. I have lived in Bucyrus my whole life, except for the 6 years I lived in Columbus. I attended OSU and have a bachelor's in social work. From there I worked at OOD before moving back to Bucyrus.

Fun Facts: I love to read, especially books by my favorite authors, VC Andrews and Laurell K. Hamilton. My Favorite food is Chicken teriyaki stir fry.

I am excited about this new experience working here and cannot wait to meet and talk with everyone. Thank you for this opportunity.

Hello all! My name is Miranda Kepler and I am your new Community Service Secretary. I have been working indirectly with CCBDD for the past 10 years through Fairway Preschool and I must say that I am over the moon about officially joining the CCBDD family. I graduated with my BBA from MVNU and I have two daughters, 12 and 5.

Fun Facts: Apart from work, I am an avid reader, and love getting lost in a good book. I also enjoy spending time with my girls, whether it be watching a cult classic with my oldest or playing polly pocket with my youngest.

I'm looking forward to working with all of you and getting to know everyone a little bit better!

If you happen to be in the office, stop by and say hello! We know that Lisa & Miranda would love to meet you.

CCBDD Celebrates Ability Awareness Month

During the month of March many boards of DD celebrated Abilities Awareness Month. Here at CCBDD we not only did activities in March, but our activities extended into April.

In March we sponsored a coloring contest for 2nd graders in Crawford County schools. The schools were supplied with a sheet for the children to color depicting a child in a wheelchair and a child without a disability sharing a pleasant moment together and sending the message that "Acceptance Begins With A smile". After children colored the sheet they were returned to CCBDD and then judged by Chrysalis, a day provider. Winners were Hailey Starr – 1st Place from Hannah Crawford Elementary; Ezri Wolfe – 2nd Place from Wynford Elementary; Ashlyn Craig – 3rd Place from Hannah Crawford; Rileigh Rose – 4th Place from Galion Primary School; and Haiden Shepherd – 5th Place from Crestline Elementary. All place winners won gift bags filled with prizes.



The 1st Place winner's coloring sheet, shown here, is the front of thank you notes for CCBDD for this year. Two classrooms submitted the same number of coloring sheets creating a tie; so this year Ms. JoAnn Fogle's classroom from Hannah Crawford and Ms. Debbie Armstrong's classroom for Crestline both won an ice cream party.

Poster Contest

A poster contest was sponsored by CCBDD for 6th – 8th graders. These grades created their own posters keeping with the theme "Acceptance Begins With A Smile". These posters were also judged by Chrysalis. Winners were all from William Crawford Immediate School as follows: Maelyn Webb – 1st Place; Evy Grau – 2nd Place; and Alexis Rankin – 3rd Place.

Maelyn's poster was reprinted by A-1 Printing and distributed to local business in Crawford County for display. These three place winners received gift bags filled with prizes. William Crawford Immediate School also won a \$25.00 Walmart gift card that they could use to purchase art supplies for submitting the most posters to the contest.

We would like to thank the following local businesses for helping CCBDD by donating certificates for the top winners in both of these contests – Baker's Pizza, Burger King, and Suburban Lanes.



CCBDD Celebrates Ability Awareness Month Continued

CCBDD collaborated with Jessica Furner, Executive Director of the Bucyrus Chamber of Commerce and Chamber members Divine Style Boutique, Kennedy Layne Salon, Burkes Outlet, and the Altrusa Club of Bucyrus to provide a day of pampering for two individuals served by CCBDD.

In April, Carrie G. and Andrew B. both received haircuts/styling at the salons and then got to pick out new outfits from the retail stores. Once looking stylish the two individuals, along with their providers, were treated to dinner at Baker's Pizza using gift cards provided by the Altrusa Club of Bucyrus.

CCBDD would like to give a HUGE shout-out to Jessica Furner and the participating salons, businesses, and the Altrusa Club for making this day a day that neither Carrie, nor Andrew will ever forget.



CBDD SHOWCASE



Josh and Mellissa Dickman were married on April 1, 2021. The two have considered themselves family with Josh's daughter, Jasmine (age 6) since they met nearly 3 years ago. Mellissa shares her favorite thing about Josh is his personality and that he has a great sense of humor. Mellissa also admires that Josh is a loving and caring father and husband. When asked Josh shares his favorite thing about Mellissa is the

fact that she can pick up where he leaves off in conversations. Josh also feels Mellissa is an amazing wife and mom to Jasmine. Mellissa and Josh are also expecting a baby boy, who will be joining the family September 2021. The Dickman's are excited to be growing their family, as this has always been a dream of Mellissa's, but believed it never to be possible. Josh and Mellissa have come up with family goals which are to raise their children to be respectful of others, show love and provide a nurturing home. The Dickman's feel their lives are surrounded by their daughter.



We all want to give a big "SHOUT OUT" to our providers. They have been through so much this past year, but they continue to give our clients a great life! The staff at ISS is a prime example of this. They were so happy to finally be able to have a holiday cookout at one of our individuals' homes. It was a wonderful cookout enjoyed by staff, individuals they work with, and their family members. The time they put in to decorate and cook the food was amazing! Kaileigh Brammer with ISS said she and her team were so excited about being able to have this fun social event and that they are all excited about the next one that they have planned for the Fourth of July!!

O.S.S Presents Donation

On Friday, April 16th Ohio Specialty Services (OSS) presented a donation to Crawford County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD). During the spring, OSS Motor Ranch pledged \$50 per car sale to a school of the buyer's choice. Fairway Preschool was a popular school of choice for donations. Fairway Preschool is operated by CCBDD and is a full day integrated preschool. Half of the students served have a developmental disability or delay and the other half are typically developing students. Physical, Occupational, and Speech therapist support those on Individual Educational Programs (IEP's). Court Sturts reports "OSS has been a great partner in providing transportation services to individuals with disabilities, Special Olympics, and Fairway Preschool. CCBDD uses donated funds for unfunded supports that the team agrees would benefit an Individual served. Donations are a great resources to CCBDD as they are much more easily accessible to meet unique needs of the people we support."



From left to right is Colby Bright (General Manager, OSS), Court Sturts (superintendent, CCBDD), and J.R. Jenny (owner, OSS).



**Special
Olympics**
Ohio

Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run

The Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run is being held at Bucyrus Aumiller Park on Monday the 28th of June from 10am to Noon. It is super easy to JOIN or DONATE! Just go to <http://www.classy.org/team/3691487>. Come show your support as you walk or jog around the beautiful park and enjoy meeting our First Responders, as

Calendar Of Events

JULY

5

Independence Day—Programs Closed

AUGUST

26 7:00 p.m.
27

CCBDD Board Meeting
Inservice Day—Programs Closed

SEPTEMBER

TBD

7 & 8

Fairway Preschool Open House
Fairway Preschool—Staggered Start



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