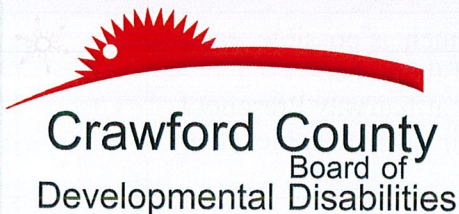


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Letter from the Superintendent

As we wind down from the holiday season, I am thankful for many things. One of the things I am thankful for is such a great team to work with. We recently had a staff appreciation luncheon where we celebrated team members' employment anniversaries, some team members shared motivational presentations, and we finished with a clip displaying the importance of knowing our "why." Knowing the "why" of what we are doing can surely make "what" we are doing so much more important. I believe our team keeps the "why" at the forefront of our "what" and it shows in "how" we do our jobs.

I am pleased to report that our playground is finally complete. It was supposed to be installed in June, but a fire at the factory delayed that. During installation a water line was hit. Despite all the challenges it is complete, and the kids got to enjoy the playground on November 15th. It sure seems to be a hit with them.

Wishing everyone a wonderful New Year!

Court D. Sturts



HOW MANY **BLUE SNOWFLAKES** CAN
YOU FIND IN OUR NEWSLETTER?



Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch Time

Fairway Preschool joined schools, early care centers, colleges, hospitals, and other organizations across the Great Lakes Region states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio in the seventh annual Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch. Participants celebrated National Farm to School Month and local farmers by crunching into locally grown apples at noon on Thursday, October 14th!

Due to Covid 19 policies and trying to keep classes separated as much as possible, each of Fairway Preschool's five classrooms took individual pictures of their class CRUNCHING into their delicious apples. Apples were the theme at Fairway Preschool this week with classes enjoying an apple tasting and voting on their favorite apple. They also made homemade applesauce and a variety of art projects.

Fairway would like to thank Spring Hill Fruit Farm for their generous donation of apples and Evelyn Franklin, a staff member who arranged the donation and delivered them to Fairway.



Thanksgiving at Fairway

The season had us all thinking about what we were thankful for? For the students at Fairway, it was the turkey and pumpkin pie that they got to enjoy during their Thanksgiving Feast.



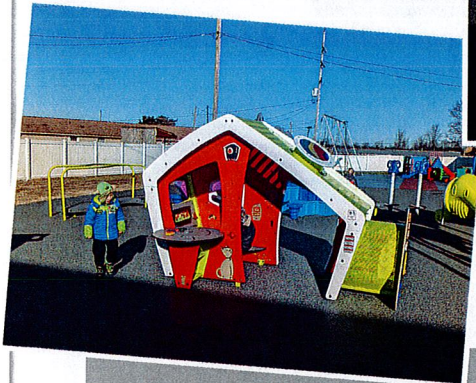
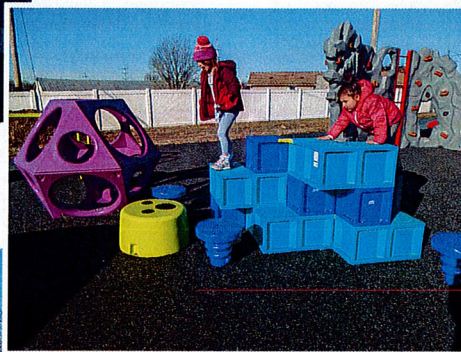
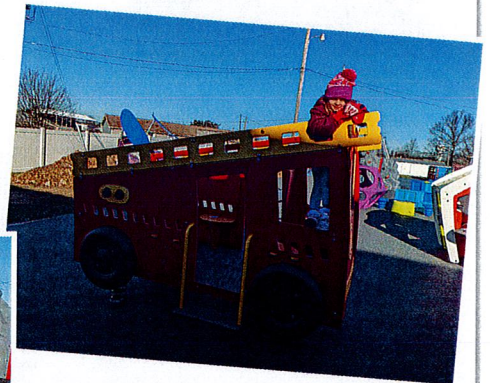


December was quite the busy month for the staff and students at Fairway Preschool..

The students enjoyed a green day dedicated to the one and only Mr. Grinch; making Grinch theme art and snacks. Make it or Take it Night brought families together making ornaments and edible Christmas trees. And of course who could forget Polar Express Day! The day was filled with fun activities themed around the classic story. To wrap up their day, the children were surprised with a special visit from our favorite Jolly Old Saint Nicolas.



**WE ARE EXCITED TO
ANNOUNCE THAT OUR
PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND
IS COMPLETE!!**



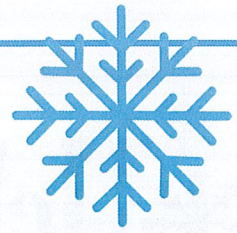
The goal was to create a loving and safe environment where all of our students felt safe and comfortable in their first school experience. The previous space was home to an outdated steel fire truck, climbing wall and an outdoor playset. The new area has been designed with our young children in mind. It is topped with a soft composite surface, and contains a variety of colorful play equipment designed for our preschoolers.

On November 15th, students at Fairway Preschool, were finally able to enjoy their newly updated playground. It was a perfect day: full of fun, laughter and exploration.



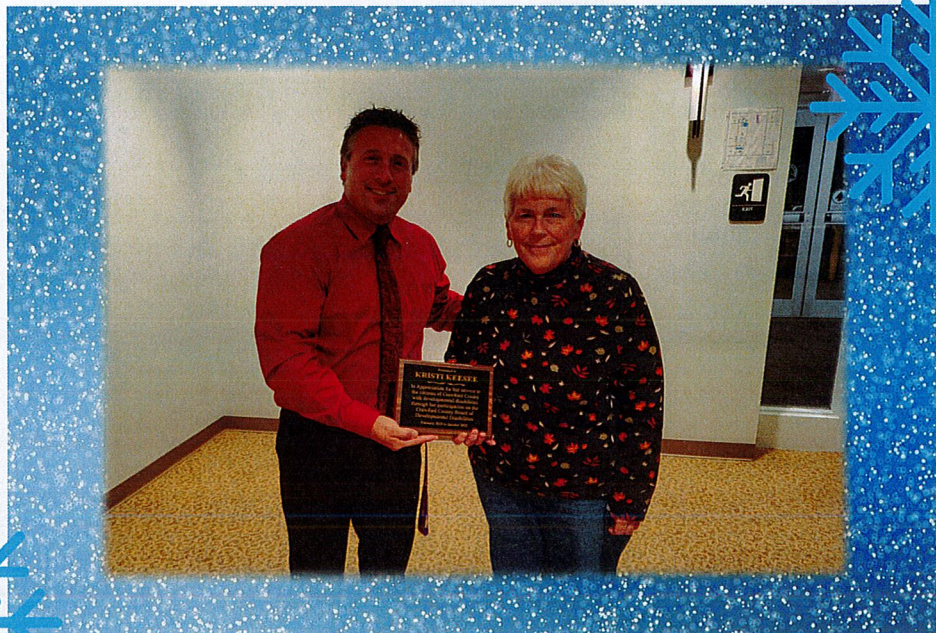


Thank you!



Kris Keesee served as an appointed representative on the Board for the County Board from 2018 through 2022, only stepping down so that she can spend more time with her family and enjoy retirement. Working with the County Board of DD is nothing new for Kris, as her daughter Kendra receives services and enjoys attending programming, participating in Special Olympics, and attending festivities that are offered. Kris is an advocate for individuals who receive services from CCBDD, and often will assist to ensure that community opportunities are also offered to individuals.

Thank you, Kris, for everything that you continue to do for the Crawford County Board and those served by the board.



Hello Winter

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WINTER HEALTH & SAFETY TIPS



Dress Warmly Wear dry, loose-fitting layers that will hold your body heat and cover exposed skin, like your face and hands.

Prevent Falls Watch out for slips on ice and snow by wearing sturdy shoes and walking at a slow pace.



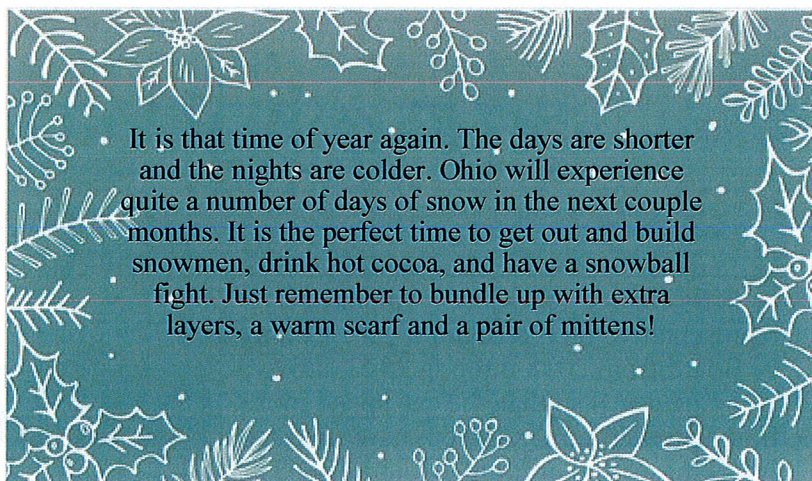
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Winterize Your Home Install insulation, weather stripping, storm windows, and check your heating systems.

Watch Your Shoveling If you have snow to shovel, take breaks often.



Be a Winter Buddy Check on family, friends and neighbors, especially older adults, to make sure they have heat and are safe inside.



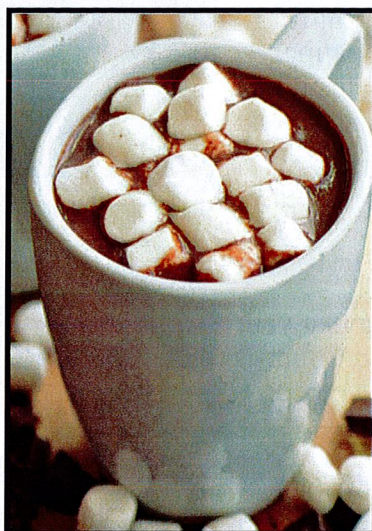
It is that time of year again. The days are shorter and the nights are colder. Ohio will experience quite a number of days of snow in the next couple months. It is the perfect time to get out and build snowmen, drink hot cocoa, and have a snowball fight. Just remember to bundle up with extra layers, a warm scarf and a pair of mittens!



Hot Chocolate

- 3 cups 2% milk
- 4 oz bittersweet baking chocolate bar chopped
- 2 T unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

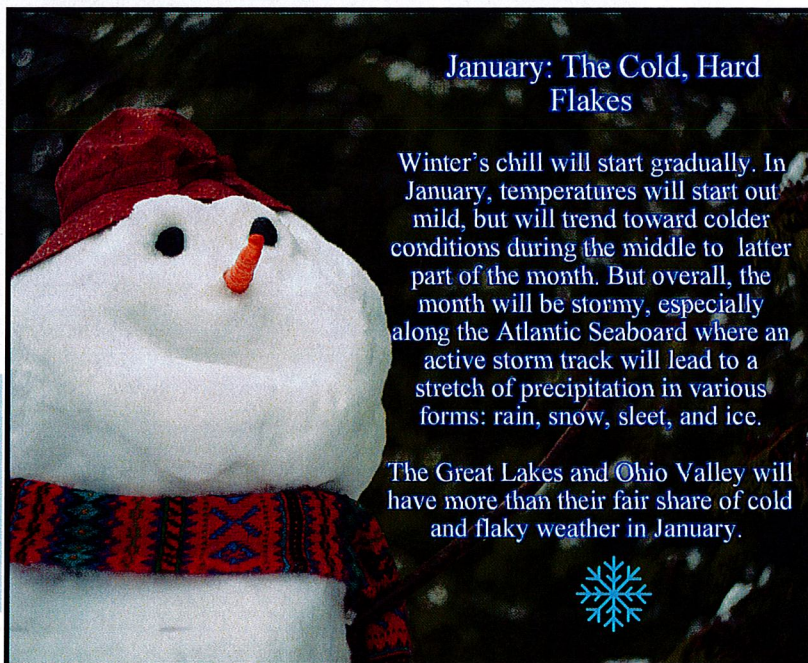
1. Heat up milk until hot
2. Sift in cocoa
3. Stir in chocolate, sugar & vanilla
4. Heat until simmering
5. Take off heat
6. ENJOY!



January: The Cold, Hard Flakes

Winter's chill will start gradually. In January, temperatures will start out mild, but will trend toward colder conditions during the middle to latter part of the month. But overall, the month will be stormy, especially along the Atlantic Seaboard where an active storm track will lead to a stretch of precipitation in various forms: rain, snow, sleet, and ice.

The Great Lakes and Ohio Valley will have more than their fair share of cold and flaky weather in January.



Color a Winter Snowglobe as you enjoy a hot mug of homemade Hot Chocolate. (Recipe can be found on previous page)



CBDD SHOWCASE

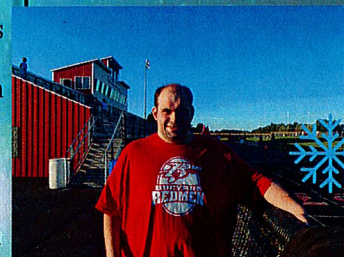


Gabrielle (Gabby) Kozinski is a young lady with a can do attitude who does not allow her disability to stop her from enjoying life. She is very social person and is always willing to talk to anyone if given the chance. Gabby has participated in the Shinning Stars Pageant in 2020 and participated as part of the cheer squad at the Community Awareness Month Basketball game. During 2020 Gabby also made her video debut in a video produced by Ocali Transition Center entitled Gabby's Journey showing Gabby's success in transition from high school to at the time college. However, Covid put a halt to many of Gabby's activities including attending college right away. Instead

Covid caused Gabby to take a look at where she currently is in her journey and by doing so she realized she needed to change her focus to what preparation is necessary and that must take place before she can actually register for college. Gabby has instead chosen to participate in North Central State College solutions program and work with a tutor to help her improve her academic skills in areas where there had been some weaknesses with the goal now being that she will be able, in the future, to test out of some courses.

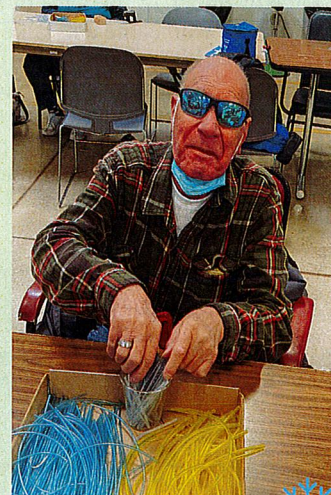
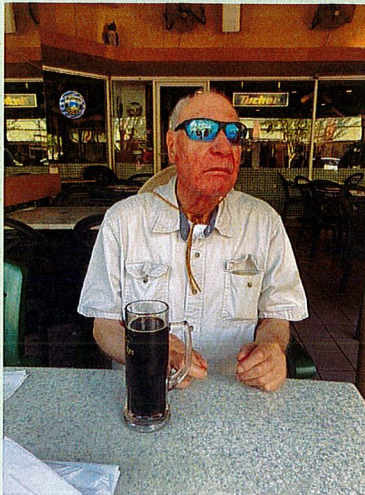
Gabby has even recently redefined her adult goal of going to college immediately and instead has decided to work for awhile and save up some money to help toward her future college endeavors. Gabby is working with Richland New hope Industries as her employment vendor and OOD to find what for her currently seems to be a great placement as a Health Ambassador at Walmart. Gabby continues to blossom and grow working on becoming more independent. Gabby's journey continues into adulthood, and only she can decide what direction she is going to take.

Have you met Tony Edmonds? He can usually be found avidly supporting the Bucyrus Redmen football and basketball teams as well as eating out at his favorite restaurants around Bucyrus. Tony also loves OSU and the Cleveland Browns and is a huge fan of both teams. He is also a really hard worker at Waycraft Industries, Inc.--he will tell you he works his "behind off." Tony tried some new things recently- he tried a job at a local factory! He also went on a couple of vacations – one of which took him to New York City! He stayed with his friends Alex and Amanda Constantine. While there, he saw many sights and sounds—the Statue of Liberty, Roosevelt Island, Times Square, and so much more! Tony is also living in a group home with the hopes of him being able to one day live independently. His team is proud that he has lost over 70 pounds by watching what he eats and exercising more. He has been able to take on so many changes in the last year and a half with all of the awesome people who support him every day. He has worked through ups and downs with a good attitude, and he finds ways to cope with and withstand adversity, even in some of the toughest situations he's faced. If you haven't met Tony, you should!



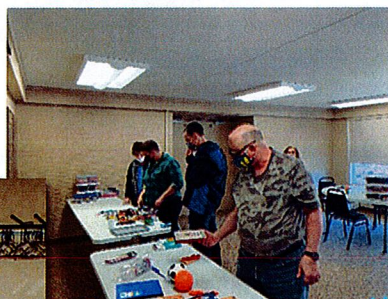
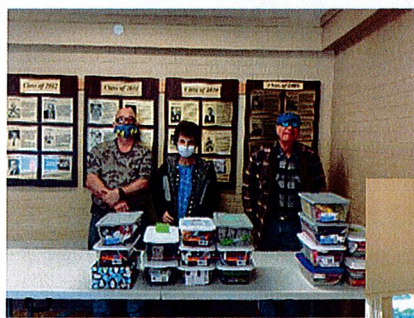


Charlie Dierkshiede is a great example of what we all strive to be as we get older. At 86 years young, he can still be found working at RNI or Waycraft daily. In his 48 years of employment he has worked on a good majority of the jobs and is willing to try anything new. Charlie serves as the president of Chargers for Change and has been involved in Aktion Club and other service organizations. When Charlie is not working, he enjoys his western movies, listening to music, and taking day trips with his housemates. During a recent trip to the farm of a former staff member, Charlie had the opportunity to ride a horse (at 86!). He also loves to share his life experiences with others. Charlie looks forward to his annual trip to Florida to visit with his niece and her husband. Usually on these trips they plan to try something new, which in the past have involved eating alligator and taking an air boat ride. He also enjoys getting together with the people he has met when he visits and always makes sure to take some bratwurst along to share. Charlie has said that he has no plans to slow down in the near future.



Chargers for Change

The Charger's for Change Self-Advocacy group had a busy month in November! They started the month by finishing up their collection for the Operation Christmas Child project they chose to do this holiday season to help children in need around the world. The group got together on November 10 pack all of the boxes, with a grand total of 18 all for children ages 10-14 (10 boys and 8 girls), surpassing the original goal of 10 boxes! The boxes were then dropped off to the local collection site at Grace Point Church in Galion on November 17. The group chose to get labels to track the boxes, and look forward to seeing where they all end up this holiday season!



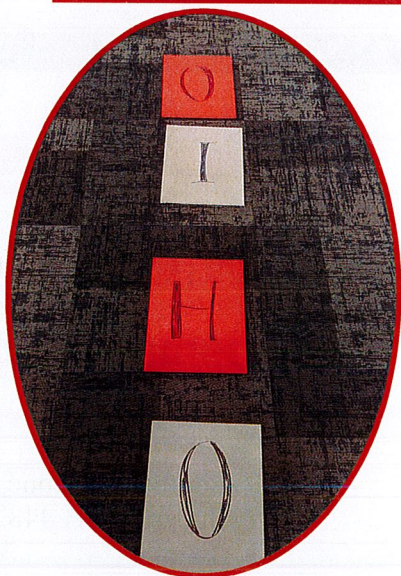
On November 15, in place of the groups typical meeting, they had a guest speaker, Barb Sapharas, who came and talked to the group about Charting the Life Course. The group got to practice writing one-page profiles for themselves, and learned about some of the other tools and worksheets that they can use to help them speak up for themselves and let others know what they want both in meetings and throughout the year. The group really enjoyed learning and getting to interact with Barb during the presentation. Chargers for Change meets the 3rd Monday of every month at 10AM at Trillium Event Center. The next meeting will be held virtually on Monday, January 17, if you would like to join us!

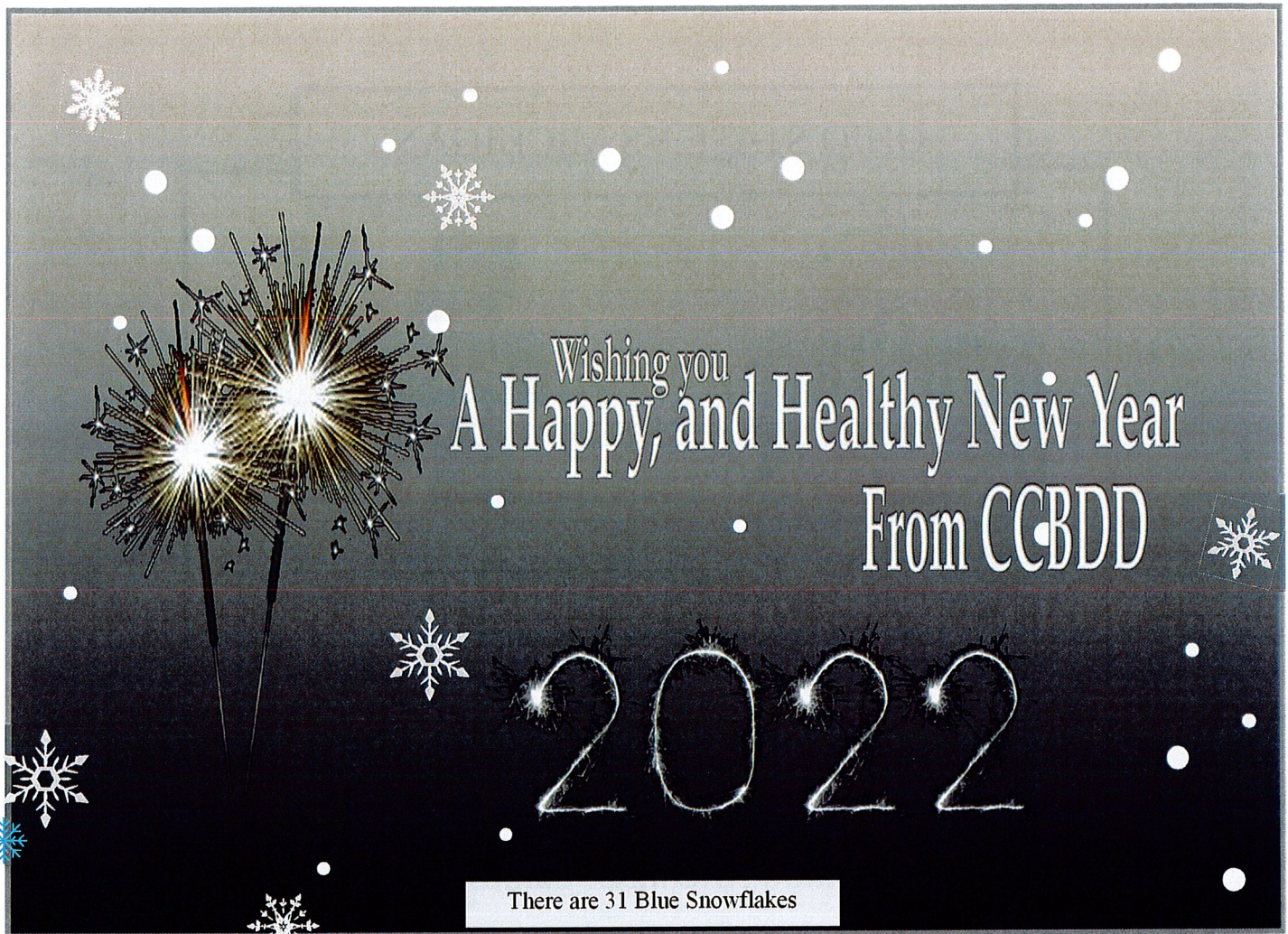


OHIO STATE VS MICHIGAN



Buckeyes here, buckeyes there, buckeyes were everywhere at CCBDD. The week of November 22, was spent showing team spirit in preparation for the big Ohio State and Michigan game.





Calendar Of Events

JANUARY

17		Martin Luther King Day-Programs Closed
	10 AM	Chargers for Change (Self-Advocacy)-Virtual
20	7 PM	Board Meeting

FEBRUARY

14	5-7 PM	Parent Advocates Group
17	7 PM	Board Meeting
21		Presidents Day-Programs Closed
21	10 AM	Chargers for Change (Self-Advocacy)

MARCH

14	5-7 PM	Parent Advocates Group
17	7 PM	Board Meeting
21	10 AM	Chargers for Change (Self-Advocacy)-Trillium

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