



Board Talk

A Pickaway County Board of Developmental Disabilities Newsletter

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What's New

Board Update



Annisa Dudas, a member of the Pickaway County Board of Developmental Disabilities, is retiring from her position. Annisa served as Board President for four years of her tenure, and during the period of her involvement, the County Board has seen a drastic increase in both the number of people served, and the overall availability of services. Her vacated position has now been filled by newcomer Jeff Rawlins, who was officially appointed in December. Jeff's daughter receives services through PCBDD, and his appointment fulfills the mandate that at least one Board member be a parent or guardian of a minor child. In addition, returning Board members Gwen Wolford and Greg Miller renewed their oaths with the Pickaway County Commissioners to serve another four-year term.

Left to right: Gwen Wolford, Jeff Rawlins, Greg Miller, Commissioner Ula Jean Metzler, Commissioner Glenn Reeser



-People First representatives Mike Groleau, Sarah Hicks, and Nikki Giffin participated in



-Brooks-Yates School is holding its second annual Art Show and Silent Auction: "Celebrating the Artistic Abilities of All". The art show will feature art from the students of Brooks-Yates School, along with submissions from community members and local school districts. The event will be held on May 18th from 6 PM – 9PM at Brooks-Yates School.

-The Early Intervention program will again be holding story times at the Pickaway County libraries to celebrate Developmental Disabilities Awareness month. This year, story time events have expanded to the Ashville library, in order to reach families living in northern Pickaway County.

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Resource Information

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Cathy Leatherwood (Vice President)
Denise Kuhnheim (Secretary)
Greg Miller
Jeff Rawlins
Barry Burns
Gwen Wolford

Upcoming Events

"I Can" Library Events
March 4th

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Pickaway County Library (Ashville)
March 7th

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

March 9th

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Pickaway Co. Library (Circleville)

March Madness Basketball Game
March 14th

6:00 PM (Logan Elm vs. Westfall)

7:15 PM (Circleville vs. Teays Valley)
Circleville High School

Community Basketball Game
March 20th

6:00 PM

Ohio Christian University Gym

BYS Art Show and Silent Auction
May 18th

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Brooks-Yates School

For more information on upcoming events, including Early Intervention playgroups, visit the PCBDD website.

Looking Beyond

This February, a very special girl received a very special donation. Hannah Layne had watched her friends and family ride bicycles, and wanted a chance to ride too! However, because of the nature of her disabilities, Hannah was unable to keep her feet on the pedals of a regular bike, and could not stay in the seat. Through the help of her parents, Hannah was linked with an agency called Christopher's Promise, a non-profit organization that provides special adaptive equipment to children with disabilities. Their goal is to make " typical childhood experiences accessible to all children". Hannah and her parents submitted a letter of request, explaining why Hannah would



like to be considered for an adapted bicycle. Volunteer Lauren Lichtenauer from Christopher's Promise then coordinated the effort, in conjunction with Kenda Tire, Keen Footware, and Roll: Bicycles Clothing, Gear, to present Hannah with her very own bicycle, specially adapted for her. Hannah was presented with the bike at a special ceremony, and even got to be part of a news story!

Eden Hatfield might be one of the busiest people in Pickaway County! She currently works or attends programs at Person Centered Services, Pickaway Diversified Inc, and Goodwill Industries. She is especially enjoying her new document imaging work, and her supervisors describe her as an excellent employee. Eden is looking forward to the winter season and holiday break because she gets to spend time with her grandmother, who lives just outside of Frankfurt. She also likes the winter season because she gets to eat lots of macaroni and cheese, stuffing and pumpkin pie. Eden has been a huge asset to the SSA department, especially since staff took at sign-language course. Eden patiently waits while we attempt to sign for her, and then patiently waits again while we try to remember finger spelling.

Checkin' In With..Eden Hatfield!



To submit story ideas, news releases, or suggestions, please contact

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