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Raffle for ODS

The Boosters at Open Door School will be raffling off a Yeti 35 Cooler this summer. Tickets are \$3 each, or 2 for \$5 or 5 for \$10. Raffle tickets can be purchased at our Board Office, and we will be at events such as the Lawrence County Fair this summer. The drawing for the raffle will be held at the opening of the new Open Door School in August. All proceeds will go to the Open Door Boosters, which helps to organize events for students such as prom & field trips

Staff Birthdays

David Waddell, June 11

Larry Whaley, June 20

Ashley Pelletier, June 26

Kendra Heim, June 27

Patricia Schwartz, June 28

Crissy Shope, June 29

Open Door School Graduates Nine Students

Nine students from Open Door School participated in the graduation ceremony held on May 14 at the school. We congratulate the students on their accomplishment and can't wish them the best of luck in the future.

Congratulations to Matthew, Chad, Britney, Haley, Ellis, JT, Dylan, Brooke, and Tucker!



Superintendent's Corner



The last few weeks have been wonderful for our local DD community and we are thankful. We had a large turnout of people that walked with us in this year's Ironton -Lawrence County Memorial Day Parade. The parade is a huge event here in Lawrence County, and one of the few times that the entire community comes together. So, whether you walked or rode, thank you for supporting us!

We also had a great turnout for the Lawrence County DD CommUNITY Round Up on June 4 at Open Door School. There were individuals served, families, LCDD staff members, and representatives from provider agencies and other community groups that joined us.. We could not have pulled the event off without the help of the Friends of Lawrence County DD. So, we are especially thankful for that group of volunteers. We also very much appreciated the speakers at the event that included Director of Ohio Developmental Disabilities, Jeff Davis, Self-Advocates of Southern Ohio President, Richard Harris, Superintendent of Dawson Bryant Local Schools, Steve Easterling, and Associate Director of the ARC of Ohio, Joshua Cook. Please check out our FB page for photos and live footage of the event and speakers.

Work is nearly complete on the Open Door School renovation project and moving will occur this summer. We are on target to be able to open school at the new location in Coal Grove this coming school year. Also, we agreed to allow Person Centered Services (PCS) to utilize the gymnasium at the old building during the summer months until they are ready to move in completely to their new location on N. 2nd Street in Ironton. Since the school building is owned by the County Commissioners, they will take possession of it for county use once the transition is complete.

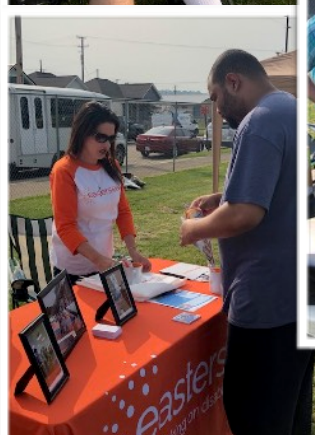
The spirit of unity around our programs abounds and that makes the work we do so much more rewarding. Thank you for reading our newsletter and I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer!

-Julie Monroe

Lawrence County DD Holds CommUNITY Round-Up Event

On June 4, Lawrence County DD held the DD CommUNITY Round-Up at Open Door School. The purpose for the gathering was to bring DD agencies, providers and supporters together for an evening to build support as well as raise awareness about the types of services available for people with developmental disabilities in the area.

Games and hot dogs were available for everyone who came out, as well as information about agencies in Lawrence County for people with DD. Speakers from a variety of facets, including DODD Director Jeff Davis, spoke of their experiences and importance of services that are in our region.



Easterseals Attends Special Olympics

This past May, the crew from Easterseals attended the Special Olympics ceremony in South Point.

Twenty one participants came out for the day to compete for their shot at winning medals.

Cheryl from Easterseals says that the individuals enjoyed meeting new friends, seeing the mascots, visiting with former teachers, aids and friends and being together as a team!



Facts about Tourette Syndrome

In honor of Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month, here are a few facts about Tourette Syndrome:

- One in 100 children have some form of Tourette Syndrome
- Less than 10 percent of people with TS swear, which is known as coprolalia
- Tics usually start around the age of 5 to 10 years old. The first tics are usually motor tics.
- TS affects males 3 to 4 times more than females
- TS does not affect the intelligence of a person. In fact, most children with TS have above normal to high intelligence levels
- Children who try to suppress their tics while at school have a hard time focusing on what the teacher is teaching
- Tics are usually worse during times of stress or excitement. They tend to improve when a person is calm and focused on an activity.



Child Welfare Club Donates to LCDD

The Child Welfare Club of Ironton made a donation of \$460 to Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities. The club sold plates with depictions of Norman Rockwell paintings to raise funds to go to LCDD and their services. We thank Child Welfare Club for their support for DD services in Lawrence County.

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