LCDD Participates in the Ironton-Lawrence County Memorial Day Parade, Commemorating 150 Years of Honor

Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities participated in the Ironton-Lawrence County Memorial Day Parade this year. The theme for the parade was “150 Years of Honor.”

The parade is the nation’s longest running Memorial Day Parade and has become a major tradition in Lawrence County. LCDD was happy to be part of the amazing event, with over 40 participants to go along with our float, which was constructed with the help of students from Open Door School.

LCDD would like to give a special ‘Thank You’ to Brent Pyles, the parade’s Grand Marshal, and Rich Donahue, the Parade Commander, as well as all the other members of the Ironton-Lawrence County Memorial Day Parade Committee.

Staff Birthdays

David Waddell, June 11
Larry Whaley, June 20
Kendra Heim, June 27
Patricia Schwartz, June 28
Crissy Collins, June 29
Superintendent’s Corner

Summer time has arrived, and I would like to congratulate all of our preschool and school program staff for another successful year! Although school programs are winding down, our other programs, such as Service and Support Administration, Early Intervention, and the Board Office will be carrying on as usual over the summer months.

The agency was very well represented at the Ironton-Lawrence County Memorial Day Parade, and we were excited to be a part of such an important community tradition. Several individuals we serve, staff and family members walked with us, and a good time was had by all. Everyone’s efforts are very much appreciated! We are also looking forward to having a booth at the Lawrence County Fair this summer, and hope to use the opportunity as a way educate more residents about LCDD services.

I wish everyone a safe and happy summer!

- Julie Monroe, Superintendent
LCDD T-shirts Now Available for Purchase
LCDD now has the new logo featuring our Growing Possibilities tagline available for sale. They are available in white cotton and gray multiblend. Proceeds from the shirts will go back into our awareness fund which will help to support events, such as the annual Chili Fest. The shirts are available at our board office.

Waiting List Rule Approved
The legislative body in charge of reviewing changes to state administrative rules recently approved the Fix the List’s coalition’s plan to update Ohio’s DD waiver waiting list. The approval completes the rule-making process and will be effective September 1, 2018. County Boards will receive training on the new rule from DODD, with contents of these tools available in early June. We will receive additional information throughout the summer and will update anyone interested in learning more about the new waiver rules.

Open Door Students Paint Plow for ODOT
Students from Open Door School helped to paint a plow that was dropped off at the school from Ohio Dept. of Transportation. The plow was displayed along with plows from the other school districts in the Memorial Day Parade in Ironton.

Retirement Recognition
Robin Bumgardner retired from LCDD after 15 years of service as a Developmental Specialist in the Early Intervention program for 14 years. Robin brought a friendly and professional approach with her to work everyday and she will be missed! Congratulations Robin!

Calendar of Events

June 5
Last Day of School for Open Door

June 12
LCDD Board Meeting - Noon

June 27
OACB SSA Forum
Students and Adults Participate in Special Olympics

Students from Open Door School and attendees of Easterseals participated in Special Olympics in South Point on May 10. Several competitors took home medals from the day. Events at this year’s games include the long throw, long jump, sprints, as well as many other games to test participants athletic abilities. Congratulations to all the medalists from this year’s games.