



# The ALL-STAR Newsletter

July 2018

Jefferson County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Issue 7

Jefferson County  
BDD

256 John Scott Highway  
Steubenville, Ohio  
43952  
www.jcbdd.com

Superintendent  
Michael Zinno

JCBDD Board  
William Kerr  
President

Chris Irvin  
Vice President

Lorie Sullivan  
Secretary

Members  
Dick Allen  
Dr. Ed Florak  
James Morgan  
Jim Padden

How Are We  
Doing?  
Take Our Survey  
and Provide Your  
Feedback at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QYTSKN7>

In This Edition:

\*A Message from the  
Superintendent

\*Special Olympians  
Win Medals at State  
Games

\*Calendar of Events

## A Message from the Superintendent

### Celebrating Independence and Accreditation

Happy Fourth of July!

We live in a great country, and I hope you are able to spend some time celebrating America's independence.

Along with the Fourth of July celebration, I am proud to announce that our Community Employment Services has earned a three-year accreditation from Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) International. A special thanks goes out to our team of Connie Giamos, Renee Pastre, Angela Loppe, Alex "Cookie" West and Karen Fonow for all their hard work in making this possible. Our program has a long history with CARF and we are once again proud to be accredited through May 31, 2021, in Community Employment Services - Employment Services and Community Employment

Services - Job Development.

An excerpt from CARF's report reads, "Jefferson County Board of Developmental Disabilities demonstrated substantial conformance to the standards. JCBDD provides meaningful and high-quality services that positively impact the lives of the program participants. The program participants, their families, referral sources, and other stakeholders are very satisfied with the services provided by JCBDD and the dedication of its leadership and other personnel."

Again, it is with great pride to announce our CARF accreditation. As always, I am grateful to all of our employees, providers, coaches, volunteers and board members for their efforts to make life better for those who may be the most vulnerable in our society.

## Special Olympians Win Medals at State Games

Some Jefferson County Special Olympians proved their mettle by bringing home some hardware from the state competition in Columbus.

Seven athletes took part in the summer games on June 22-24 at The Ohio State University, where they gained gold and bronze honors during the various contests. Track and field events were held at Jesse Owens Stadium with bocce ball at the school's recreation center and bowling at Sawmill Lanes.

Bocce team members Mike Harris, a resident of Steubenville, and Joe Woroniak, of Richmond, earned a gold in their triumphant matchup while teammates Johnny Abshire, of Toronto, and Donny Armstrong, who resides in Steubenville, gained bronze. Meanwhile, George Tingler and Joey Carroll, both of Steubenville, each earned gold in the 50-meter dash and bronze for the softball throw and Larry Hinerman, also of Steubenville, won a bronze in



Seven Jefferson County Special Olympians earned gold and bronze medals during the state competition on June 22-24. Among them were, from left, Joey Carroll, Joe Woroniak, George Tingler, Larry Hinerman, Donny Armstrong, Mike Harris and Johnny Abshire.

bowling.

Jane Bodo, Area 9 Special Olympics coordinator, said it was a great time and she was proud of the athletes' success.

"On Friday, the bocce competition started and both of our teams played one game before they attended and participated in opening ceremonies," she said. "Most of

our athletes marched in the parade of delegations with the Jefferson County banner."

Saturday's itinerary included a full day of competitions, ending with the bocce teams of Harris and Woroniak in first place and Abshire and Armstrong at third in their respective divisions. Tingler

(Continued as MEDALS)

# MEDALS (Continued from Front)

and Carroll also took part in the softball throw and received their bronze medals. The competitions concluded on Sunday with track and field events, such as the 50-meter dash where Tingler and Carroll each earned gold in their divisions. Hinerman also received third-place honors during the bowling contest.

Meanwhile, Bodo said the group had a chance to relax at Tent Town, a miniature version of the Olympic Village that incorporates more recreational games, while a dance was also held that Saturday to commune and have fun.

A few of the players said while they

loved winning, they enjoyed working together more.

Harris, who has earned about 26 medals

**“I love being a team. I told Johnny, ‘No matter what, we always work as a team.’”**

*-Mike Harris  
Bocce player*

during his years of competition, said he really appreciates the teamwork.

“I love playing bocce but basketball is

my passion,” he commented. “I love being a team. I told Johnny, ‘No matter what, we always work as a team.’”

Abshire, who attended his first event, agreed.

“It was fun. I liked going to Tent Town and doing bocce,” he said, adding that he also made friends. “I like playing it because it’s more like a team sport. We had fun and enjoyed ourselves.”

Coaches Denise Kelly and Jessie Kuczykowski prepped the two bocce teams while Tara Zascavage and Marissa Bruzese coached the track athletes and Bodo aided Hinerman.

## Calendar of Events

July 1, Ride to Mar Ta Lee/Wellsburg Concert Twice as Nice 7 p.m. (Shaffer A); Evening Van Ride & Ice Cream (Shaffer C)

July 2, Friendship Park Fishing Trip (A); Fourth of July Craft (B); Preaching Women Group/Youth United in Christ, LLC (Employment Navigator/Community Facilitator)

July 3, God’s Choice Church Party (A); Local Fireworks Show/Trampoline Park (B)

**July 4, Picnic/Wellsburg Parade and Fireworks, 7 p.m. (Shaffer)**

July 5, Summer Concert @ Fort Steuben, 6:30 p.m. (Shaffer)

July 6, First Fridays on Fourth Street, 7-10 (Shaffer)

July 7, Strengthening Families (EN/CF); Pirates Game/Toronto Fireworks (Shaffer)

July 8, Make Your Own Sundae (A); Picnic at Park (B)

July 9, Craft Night (A); Resident Choice (B&C)

July 10, Horizons, Inc. (EN/CF); God’s Choice Church Party (A); Movie Night

(B); Bowling @ Steel Valley Lanes (C)

July 11, Coffee and Connections @ Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce/United Prevention Partnership (EN/CF); Bowling at SVL (B)

July 12, EGCC– SET Meeting/Good Will Industries (EN/CF); Summer Concert @ Fort , 6:30 p.m. (Shaffer)

July 14, Ride to the Lake (A); Fishing @ Friendship Park (C)

July 15, Pirates Game

July 17, Movie Night (A&C); Trampoline Park (B); Strengthening Families Learning Network (EN/CF)

July 18, Bowling @ SVL (B); Snack on Patio (C)

July 19, OOD/CES– MAC-O Employment Mtg. (EN/CF); Summer Concert @ Fort Steuben, 6:30 p.m. (Shaffer)

July 20, Blue Sky Employment Consulting (EN/CF); Weirton Event Center Concert (A); Evening Ride & Ice Cream (B)

July 21, Hidden Treasure Flea Market @ Millsop 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (A); Flea Market at Drive-In, 9 a.m. -5 p.m. (B); Music Night on Patio (C)

July 22, Rock Painting Craft (A); Fishing @ Friendship Park (B); Baseball Game @ Home B ©

July 23, Paramount Support Services/Ability to Work (EN/CF)[ Hide Rocks @ Local Park (A); Pizza Night (B); Resident Choice (C)

July 24, Strengthening Families (EN/CF); God’s Choice Church Party (A); Movie Night (B); Bowling @ SVL (C)

July 25, Bowling @ SVL (A&B); Jim Woods Park (C)

July 26, Multi-Agency County Transition Team Mtg. (EN/CF); Summer Concert @ Fort Steuben, 6:30 p.m. (Shaffer)

July 27, Evening Ride & Ice Cream (C)

July 28, Weirton Event Center Concert, 6 p.m. (A); Jefferson County Humane Society @ Rural King, 11-3 (B); Resident Choice (C)

July 29, Game Night (A); Resident Council Mtg. (B&C)

July 30, Resident Council Meeting (A); Walking @ Jim Woods Park (B)

July 31, Movie & Popcorn Night at Home (A&C); Swimming (B)