

## **THE SCOOP**

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### Welcome to our NEW newsletter - The Scoop!

The past couple of months have been a transition period for Richland Newhope (Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities/RCBDD). We are no longer the direct provider of adult day services and non-medical transportation. Both are now operated by Richland Newhope Industries, Inc. (RNI).

The county board of DD is also transitioning the way it communicates with individuals, families, and the community so we can provide more timely information while saving tax dollars by reducing printing costs.

All newsletters are now being shared in an electronic-only format. Newsletters will be posted on our website with links on Facebook and Twitter. They will also be emailed to those who sign up to have newsletters and other communication pieces sent directly to them. Sign up is easy! Just click [here](#) and look for Keep Me Informed with RCBDD.

The Scoop is a shorter newsletter that we plan to distribute twice a month. Each one will contain a few

short stories and/or timely announcements.

The In-Sider newsletter will now be distributed quarterly. It will feature longer stories and additional photos.

If you have a story idea or something you would like for us to announce in our newsletters, please contact Richland Newhope's Community Relations Department at 419-774-4215 or send it to [jimbody@rnewhope.org](mailto:jimbody@rnewhope.org).

## Want to know more about STABLE?

Join us for a free STABLE account presentation by the Ohio treasurer's office. It's this Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. at the Longview Training Center, 1495 W. Longview Ave. It's open to families, individuals, guardians, and community members. RSVP to Melissa Nedelkos at 419-774-4345.

If you can't make it, you can learn more about STABLE accounts at [stableaccount.com](http://stableaccount.com).

## January Employee of the Month

January Employee of the Month Ben Crouch says it's a real honor to be selected.

Ben has been a therapist for the past 15 years at Richland Newhope.

His peers say he is such a great asset by going above and beyond for the individuals he supports.

"He always makes a way to squeeze in time for our individuals when there is an urgent situation," shared staff. "If there is something he is not familiar with, he researches it further. He has a way of making things



work, even when the exact equipment he would recommend may not be available.”

Ben says he loves the challenge of a mission impossible.

“I enjoy helping with a creative solution to improve function for an individual or family. I am the type of person who likes working hard behind the scenes to serve others,” said Ben.

“He has managed the Equipment Lending Center admirably and people all over Richland County have benefited,” adds Director of Therapy and Educational Services Carla Rumas.

## Party at the Carrousel

STARTEK is sponsoring a “Special Needs Party” for children 12 and under and their parents/caregivers at the carrousel on Feb. 22 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. There will be hot dogs, chips, fruit punch and carrousel rides. **Reservation required!** Please RSVP to 419-522-4223 or [manager@richlandcarrousel.com](mailto:manager@richlandcarrousel.com).



### In Memoriam

Kenneth Radabaugh - Dec. 9, 2016

Lillian Haley - Dec. 13, 2016

Betty Haines - Jan. 8, 2017

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