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50 YEARS RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

THE SCOOP

October 18, 2017

Christmas party tickets soon available

Richland Newhope's annual Christmas party for individuals who receive our services is set for Friday, Dec. 1 from 7-9 p.m. in Fairhaven Hall at the Richland County Fairgrounds.



Beginning October 30, tickets will be available weekdays from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the following Mansfield locations:

- Richland Newhope Administration Building, [314 Cleveland Ave.](#)
- Service and Support Administration, [220 Home Ave.](#)
- Early Childhood Center, [255 Hedges St.](#)
- Raintree, [721 Scholl Rd.](#)

There is no charge but everyone attending must get a ticket prior to the party. They will not be available at the door. Each individual is allowed up to five tickets.

This year's party will feature a DJ, dancing, a photo booth, coloring station, and snacks.

For more information, call [419-774-4200](tel:419-774-4200).

RCBDD to mark 50th anniversary

It was 50 years ago this year that Ohio formed county boards of developmental disabilities. Richland County's board held its first meeting on Oct. 25, 1967.

Fifty years later, on that exact date, the current Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities (RCBDD) will hold its monthly meeting. The October Board meeting is being moved to our Early Childhood Center facility at [255 Hedges St.](#), which is also celebrating its 50th anniversary this month.

Rep. Mark Romanchuk will be on hand to present a commendation. We also plan to acknowledge some individuals who were among the first students at the school, and we'll have a special display commemorating the history of the agency.



Fire Safety

Members of the Mifflin Township Fire Department of Ashland County visited the Early Childhood Center on Oct. 12. The preschoolers were excited to see a real fire truck up-close and spray the hose like a real firefighter.



Harvest Festival

Overcast skies and cool temperatures didn't dampen the fun at the 17th annual Harvest Festival on Oct. 5. The event is held every year at Raintree for those who reside in Richland Newhope's residential facilities as well as their family members. This year's festival featured plenty of food, games, and a hayride. For more photos, check out our [Facebook page](#).

October Employee of the Month

Name: Kodey Kreglow

Position: Employment Navigation Specialist/Individual Consultant

Employed since: January 26, 2015

Nominators Comments: "He has a lot of dealings with the community, the local schools, organizations, and with employment-related agencies and services. He is well organized and yet takes the time to help out his co-workers when needed with suggestions and ideas. He has good networking skills. He believes in exploring different possibilities and looking into creative ideas for our folks. He does a great job!"

Employee of the Month Comments: "I am honored to be selected as Employee of the Month. It means to me how important it is to begin having those conversations with teachers, parents, and students about future



planning. I like being part of a team that helps create opportunities for transition youth and building relationships/partnerships with parents, students, teachers, businesses, and community organizations."

EMPLOYEE MILESTONES

19 Years - Sherry Minnig

18 Years - Penny Sloan

17 Years - Vanessa Ebert, Ellen Ruggieri

16 Years - Shereen Hammett

15 Years - Monica Bailey

11 Years - Diana Haumesser

9 Years - Carolyn Stoker

7 Years - Peggy Hammond

6 Years - Kathryn Peters

5 Years - Geneva Amstutz

In MEMORIAM

Linda Baumann

Oct. 10, 2017

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