

## THE SCOOP

October 17, 2018

### Christmas party tickets soon available

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

Beginning Nov. 5, tickets will be available weekdays from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the following Mansfield locations: Richland Newhope Administration Building, 314 Cleveland Ave.; Early Childhood Center, 255 Hedges St.; or Raintree, 721 Scholl Rd. Individuals, family members, and providers can go to any one of these locations.

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.

The party will feature a DJ, dancing, a photo booth, and snacks.

For more information, call 419-774-4214 or 419-774-4215.





## Special Olympics cards available

Richland County Special Olympics is once again selling cards that can be used for discounts at 21 area restaurants and other businesses.

Among them are Donatos, Gionino's, Old Carolina Barbecue Company, Athens Greek Restaurant, Whit's Frozen Custard, Old Bag of Nails, Olive Garden, Roosters, Texas Roadhouse, The InField, Penn Station East Coast Subs, Kelly's, Fork & Fingers, Tim Hortons, O'Charley's, Fazoli's, and Dunham's Sports.

The cards cost \$5 each and are available for purchase at Richland Newhope's Administrative Offices, 314 Cleveland Ave., Mansfield. The cards are good until October 30, 2019.

All proceeds will go to Richland County Special Olympics.

## Harvest time

Our Residential Department celebrated Harvest Week from Oct. 1-4, culminating with the 18th Annual Harvest Festival at Raintree.

The week was filled with crafts, games, hayrides, good food, and live music for residents, family members, and staff. Everyone had a great time. Thanks to the many staff members and volunteers who made the



activities possible, from those who put up tents to those who baked goodies for the Cake Walk!

If you'd like to see more photos from the week, check out our [Facebook](#) page.

## October Employee of the Month

**Name:** Nicole VanTilburg

**Position:** Individual Consultant (IC)/Service & Support Administration (SSA)

**Employed since:** December 17, 2001

**Nominators Comments:** "She has been with Richland Newhope for numerous years. I think there is something to be said for an employee that sticks out the IC position for that long! She has worked with lots of individuals to help them receive the services they need. She stays focused on her work and strives to complete deadlines. She cares for her individuals and only wants the best for them. She helps protect their rights and gives them all options available to them. She goes above and beyond helping the people on her caseload fulfill their needs and wishes."

**Employee of the Month Comments:** "I was surprised and very happy to be selected as the Employee of the Month. Even though it's really nice to feel appreciated and to be complimented for the work I do, I feel that everyone in the SSA Department works diligently to provide services to all of the individuals. What I like best about my job is



being able to interact with all of the individuals who are enrolled with Richland Newhope, not just the individuals on my caseload. I love to see the smiles on their faces when they work on something and then they finally accomplish what they have been working towards. The job I do is different every day, and I enjoy being an individual consultant as well as being part of the SSA Department."

## EMPLOYEE MILESTONES

20 Years – Sherry Minnig

19 Years – Penny Sloan

18 Years – Vanessa Ebert

16 Years – Monica Bailey

12 Years – Diana Haumesser

10 Years – Carolyn Stoker

7 Years – Kathryn Peters

6 Years – Geneva Amstutz

5 Years – Patricia Becker, Tammy Reed

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