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## Local Olympians are golden

Special Olympics -- two words that bring smiles to everyone's faces, conjuring up visions of athletes putting every ounce of determination into their sport.

You can feel the goose bumps swell on your arms as you witness Special Olympians reach for the stars and realize their dreams -- competing, crossing finish lines, earning medals or topping personal goals. But it's not all about winning the gold, silver or bronze, it's also about celebrating success, camaraderie and teamwork. Special Olympics brings to mind a feeling of community -- friends, families, volunteers and everyone rallying around individual athletes and teams.

This summer, the true spirit of the games was alive and well in Licking County as the West Licking Warriors prepared to do battle in the Special Olympics State Summer Games. In anticipation of the big Buckeye State meet, the Warriors held a pep rally and fundraiser at the Hebron Kroger on June 25. They also welcomed Ohio Law Enforcement's "Torch Run" for Special Olympics. Check out our inspirational photo spread from the Kroger event, found on pages 2 and 3.



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*On the the cover:  
Ohio Law Enforcement rallied  
behind local  
athletes during  
the "Torch Run"  
that traveled  
through Hebron on  
Friday, June 25 to  
kick off weekend  
statewide events in  
Columbus. Right:*



*Hebron Kroger Store Manager Josh Wise is a good sport for taking  
a pie in the face for a great cause - the West Licking Warriors.*



*Above: Pataskala resident and WL powerlifter Jay Hodge  
winds up for a pitch to dunk a Hebron police officer in the  
Kroger parking lot. An Autumn Healthcare staff member  
aims for the target.*



## **Special Olympics Ohio**

The West Licking Warriors Special Olympics organization has dedicated its 2010-2011 season to the memory of their friend and teammate, Dustin Scott, who passed away earlier this summer.

\* \* \*

Special thanks to the Hebron Kroger store, it's management staff, employees and customers for their awesome show of support for the West Licking Warriors on June 25. The Hebron Kroger parking lot was the site of a fundraiser for the athletes.

The Village of Hebron Police Department also contributed by staffing a dunk tank as part of Ohio Law Enforcement's efforts to increase awareness and support of Special Olympians.

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Watch for more coverage of the West Licking Warriors' appearance in the Special Olympics of Ohio games in the Warriors' current newsletter, posted on the LCBDD's Web site:

[www.LCountyDD.org/news](http://www.LCountyDD.org/news).



*The Warriors Powerlifters took center stage at the June 25 Hebron Kroger fundraiser but, in all, 23 Licking County track and field athletes competed in 56 events at the state level. Pictured at left are (seated, from left to right) powerlifters Jay Hodge, Jimmy Modesitt, Brad Hobbs, (standing, from left to right) Judd Whelan, Jay Emmeneger and Lawrence Anderson. More details about how all of the athletes fared will be in the next edition of Accent, and in the West Licking Warriors' latest newsletter, posted on our Web site. Keep an eye out for it!*



*Left: Ohio Law Enforcement officials make their way west on U.S. 40 to the Hebron Kroger as part of the annual "Torch Run" leading up to the Special Olympics of Ohio games.*



*Left: The powerlifting team poses after the "Torch Run."  
Right: Powerlifter Judd Whelan takes advantage of a photo op with the coveted torch.*



## LICCO news

### State Farm is a good neighbor

Employees from the State Farm Insurance Ohio Regional Office, located in Newark, recently reached out to LICCO Inc. to help on a number of projects as part of the company's Good Neighbor Service Month in June.

For many years, State Farm employees have volunteered countless hours of community and board service, and have conducted numerous building projects.

This year, State Farm volunteers painted parts of the inside of the LICCO building, as well as spruced up some of the landscaping outside (see photos at right).

State Farm notes that community development is a key component in the company's efforts to provide support to communities in which their employees live and work.

The Good Neighbor Service Month initiative promotes volunteerism among associates and involves them in philanthropic giving through financial contributions.

The causes supported include those in which State Farm associates are most passionate.

Each June, associates and agents conduct Good Neighbor service projects locally and throughout the country.

Local State Farm employees returned to LICCO again in July to serve Christy's Pizza to the workforce.

Thank you to State Farm and all of the volunteers. You really are good neighbors, and we appreciate everything you do for LICCO.



*Above: State Farm employees and Good Neighbor volunteers (from left to right): Jeremy Woehrle, Roy Boyd, John Gutmann, Kathy Maccombs, Denise Bland and Diane Earwood. Below: (front row) Heather Frazier, Kelly Kofod, Kelly Reynolds, (back row) Danielle Kiser, Marilyn Lewis, Jamie Hopkins and John Gutmann.*



*Far left: State Farm employees prepare to serve lunch to the 200-plus LICCO workforce on July 28.*

*Near left: LICCO employee Josh Wallace (foreground) enjoys Christy's Pizza with his coworkers.*

*Thank you!*



## Happy retirement, Nellie!

By Doug Price, LCBDD Adult Services Facilitator

The year was 1969, arguably one of the most memorable in recent American history. The OSU Buckeyes won the Rose Bowl and the national championship. Richard Nixon moved into the White House. Broadway Joe Namath led the NY Jets to a surprise Super Bowl victory.

The Beatles made their last public appearance, and later in the year released their highly-acclaimed "Abbey Road" album. "The Godfather" hit the theaters. U.S. troops battled at Hamburger Hill, followed by the initial withdrawal from Vietnam. Neil Armstrong walked on the moon. An outdoor music festival known as Woodstock took place. The Miracle Mets won the World Series. Sesame Street premiered on television. Dave Thomas opened the first Wendy's restaurant.



*Nellie Bibler has retired after working more than 40 years at LICCO Inc.*

*(Photo courtesy of Faith Nobilucci).*

And Nellie Bibler began working at LICCO Inc.

After more than 40 years of service to LICCO, Nellie has decided to retire.

While health issues may have played a role in her decision, Nellie

is enjoying home life in Johnstown, where she remains active.

Nellie had a great many experiences over the years, working on literally hundreds of different jobs. She was skilled at many tasks. She built brake parts, collated, assembled notebooks and sales catalogs, folded flyers, labeled and stuffed envelopes, assembled water bottles, reclaimed metals from small automotive parts, wrapped, packaged, cut, sorted, inspected, assembled, disassembled, tested, washed, dried and carried more parts than one can imagine. And she did so eagerly.

Not only did Nellie work in the shop, but she also took part in several off-site projects, most notably at The GolfWorks, Licking Memorial Hospital and Medical Benefits. She always came to work with a smile on her face, and shared that smile with her friends and LCBDD Adult Services staff.

Many things have changed during the last 40 years, but one thing remains: The LICCO workforce is full of individuals just as dedicated, dependable and hard working as Nellie. Nevertheless, we will miss you, Nellie. May you enjoy your retirement to the fullest. Thank you for all your years of service.

## June LICCO Team Member of the Month

*Kelly Prince*

Kelly Prince learns quickly and is motivated to complete any job that is given to her. For that, she was named June LICCO Team Member of the Month. "Kelly has set goals for herself and is working toward them," explains Workshop Specialist Jan Rice. "She is willing to complete any training necessary to help her prepare for the future." Kelly has enrolled in the LIFEWorks program and handles challenges well, notes Adult Services Facilitator Daryl Waterman. "She is becoming more successful every day," he says. "She continues to explore new possibilities and is working toward her goals." Kelly is a resident of Newark, and has worked at LICCO since November 2009. Congratulations and keep up the great work, Kelly!



## July LICCO Team Member of the Month

*Jay Hodge*

Pataskala resident Jay Hodge takes great pride in his work at LICCO and is consistent in making progress to reach his goals. For that, he was named LICCO Team Member of the Month for July. "Jay likes to keep busy and has developed a good relationship with his supervisor, Workshop Specialist Chris Brooks," notes Adult Services Facilitator Daryl Waterman. Jay only works one day a week at LICCO because he has increased responsibilities at his second job at McDonald's in Pataskala. Congratulations, Jay -- we are very proud of you!



## Many thanks...

- Thank you to **Shirley-Thompson Drake**, Heath community reporter, for her wonderful coverage of LICCO in **The Advocate**. Shirley is always a great supporter of ours. Thanks also to **Park National Bank** and **WCLT** for donating public-service announcement time during a recent local radio program. Thank you also to **Dave Doney** of **WNKO/WHTH** radio for featuring **Kyle Miller**, LICCO CEO and LCBDD Adult Services Director, on his "Inside View" program.

- Submitted by **Heather Odendahl**,  
LCBDD Public Information Manager

- Thank you to **Mary Lou, Todd and Steven Benson**, all of Sedalia, Missouri. We gratefully accept your generous financial contribution in memory of Kathryn G. "Katie" Carter.

- Submitted by **Nancy Neely**, LCBDD Superintendent

- Thank you to the many members of the **Licking County Board of Realtors** who assisted in an exterior home makeover as part of the annual United Way Day of Caring in June. Local Realtors painted and stained a house on Euclid Avenue, Newark, owned by the Licking County Coalition for Housing and shared by several adults who receive LCBDD services. You all did a great job and we appreciate it.

- Submitted by **LCBDD staff and Euclid residents**



*Above: Realtor Phil Frye of Century 21/Frank Frye Real Estate is happy to help during the United Way Day of Caring.*

## News briefs

- **PLEASE SIGN UP!** Don't forget to sign up to receive this newsletter via e-mail. It helps us save postage and printing costs, allowing more dollars to spend on direct services for families and individuals with developmental disabilities.

It also allows us to get in contact with you sooner, rather than waiting for information to be mailed. It's fast, easy and really helps! Just send your name and e-mail address to: Heather.Odendahl@LCountyDD.org. You will be added to our listserv to receive e-mail blasts whenever it is warranted. We assure you that your personal contact information will not be shared with others.

- **TELL US HOW WE'RE DOING:** Your feedback is very valuable to us! We would very much appreciate it if you would visit our homepage -- [www.LCountyDD.org](http://www.LCountyDD.org) -- and click on the Individual and Family Survey.

Please complete the brief questionnaire -- it only takes a few minutes. A different survey is posted each quarter, so be sure to check back every few months to complete the new ones.

- **GET ONLINE HEALTH ALERTS:** The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities posts Health and Safety Alerts on the Internet. The LCBDD urges caregivers and families to regularly check <http://odmrdd.state.oh.us/health/alerts.htm> for the latest information from the state.

- **A MARKETPLACE WITH YOU IN MIND:** There is now a Web site where individuals and families can buy and sell gently-used medical and special needs equipment. Just log on to [www.DifferentNeedz.com](http://www.DifferentNeedz.com) to see what it's all about.

- **SIBS CONFERENCE COMING:** The 10th annual Ohio Sibling Conference (SIBS) is set for Nov. 5 and 6 at the Columbus Marriott Airport Hotel.

This unique gathering is unlike anything else in the United States. Only at the Ohio SIBS Conference can adult brothers and sisters of people with developmental disabilities gather to hear directly from developmental disabilities professionals, educators, elected officials and other adult siblings.

This event provides a wonderful opportunity to share information, ideas and family experiences. It also offers a supportive environment that takes an honest look at family members' roles as caregivers, advocates and siblings.

Continuing education units/certificates are pending for social work, LPC, marriage and family therapy, and developmental disabilities professionals.

For a conference schedule and list of featured speakers, please visit [www.ohiosibs.com](http://www.ohiosibs.com), or call (614) 292-7550.

You also may download a copy of the conference brochure at [www.LCountyDD.org/news](http://www.LCountyDD.org/news) (please refer to the July news section).

## Bikers for developmental disabilities

When Kim Ayres was asked by her employer at Travel Centers of America, to organize a Poker Run to benefit a charitable organization of her choice, she knew just where she wanted the proceeds to go.

Kim's sister, Donna Blythe, has been served by the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities for many years, so the money was earmarked for "Citizens for Developmental Disabilities," an organization that raises money to pay for periodic levy campaigns.

Kim rallied more than 60 friends, coworkers and community members for the event, held July 17. The Poker Run started at the Travel Centers of America at Ohio 37 and Interstate 70, Hebron, with a breakfast buffet. Then they headed to various stops in Lancaster and Somerset, and back up Ohio 13 to Jugz in Newark. They biked back down to U.S. 40, concluding the run at the Mill Dam Corner Grill just west of Hebron.

Kim -- along with friends Scott and Lori Davis, coworker Nissy Winn, and daughter Moneatha Williams -- coordinated a raffle and secured prizes from local merchants. At the conclusion of the event, they had raised an impressive \$730.

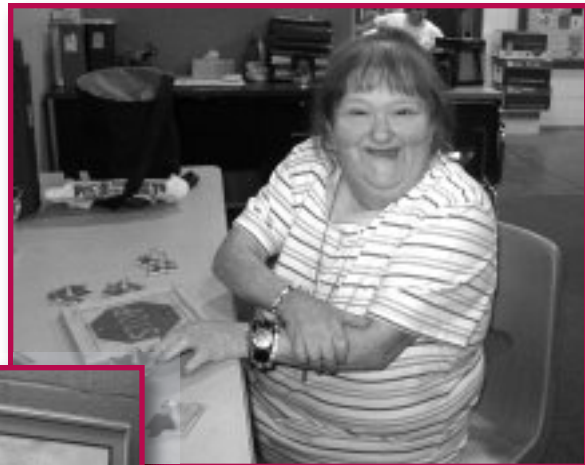
The "Citizens for Developmental Disabilities" organization thanks Kim for her tireless efforts. Thanks for rallying your friends to help out -- you truly are a wonderful lady with a great, big heart.

Thanks also to Travel Centers of America and Kim's boss Jim Blake for supporting the Poker Run and encouraging Kim to organize such a fantastic event.

Thanks, finally, to the Poker Run participants and the Mill Dam Corner Grill -- your contributions touch the lives of many people in Licking County who have developmental disabilities. For that, we are most grateful!



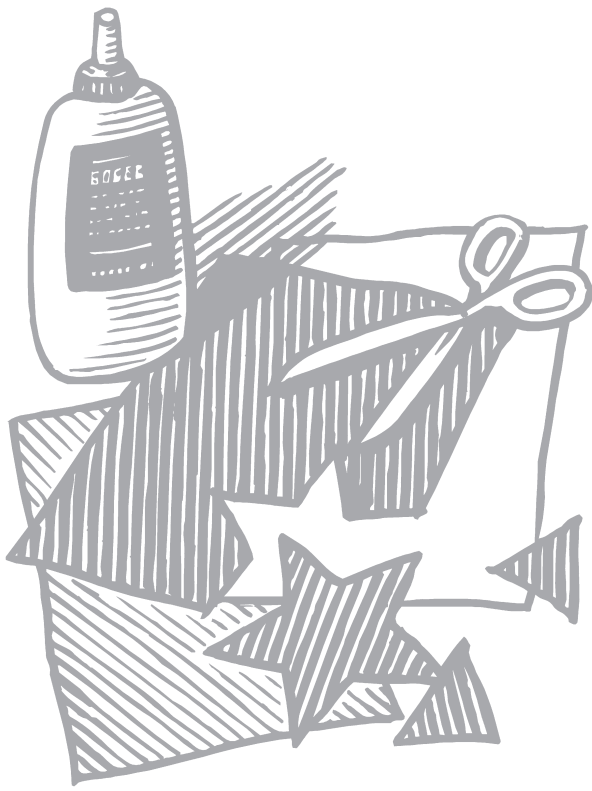
*Above: Local bikers line up for the Poker Run to benefit "Citizens for Developmental Disabilities" on July 17. The event was sponsored by Travel Centers of America and organized by Kim Ayres of Newark. (Photo courtesy of Kim Ayres)*



*Kim Ayres (pictured at left) poses with a check for \$730.*

*She chose to donate the Poker Run proceeds to "Citizens for Developmental Disabilities" because her sister, Donna Blythe (above), receives LCBDD services.*





## Donate your craft supplies to LICCO

Remember all those craft projects you thought you would get to, but never did? How about those dried flowers in the back of your closet or those little bottles of acrylic paints that are in danger of drying up on the shelf?

Instead of selling these at a yard sale or leaving them to clutter up your closets, how about donating these usable items to the people we serve at LICCO?

There are many artistic individuals who attend LICCO who are willing to create something beautiful with your donated craft supplies.

Just pack up everything in a cardboard box and drop it off at LICCO for Workshop Specialist Chris Lee. She'll make sure the supplies are divided up for everyone to enjoy. LICCO is located at 600 Industrial Parkway, Heath.

Items that could be donated include: scraps of material; ribbon; filling for pillows; paint; flowers; paintable pots; ceramics; boxes; glue and glue sticks; decoupage, etc.

For more information, please call Chris at (740) 522-8345, or e-mail [Chris.Lee@LCountyDD.org](mailto:Chris.Lee@LCountyDD.org).

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