

## Logan County Board of DD Kicks Off Their 2016 Flower Sales

The Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board kicked off their Annual Flower Sale for 2016 on Thursday March 10, 2016. At their board meeting last night, March 17, they discussed the costs of the flowers. The hanging baskets will remain \$15. The potted 4 inch geraniums are only available in flats of 15 plants. The cost will be \$35 per flat. This change results in a lower cost per flower than the 6 packs sold in prior years. They offer a large selection of beautiful hanging baskets and pots of geraniums in a wide variety of colors. Orders must be placed by April 22, 2016. For more details or to place an order contact Jenifer Schreiner at 592-2009. The flowers will arrive on Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> just in time for Mother's Day.

Superintendent Bauer discussed DD Awareness Month and the activities that the agency has been participating in. Project Stir went to Advocacy Day at the State House in Columbus, RTC Industries will host an Employee Appreciation Breakfast to honor all the local companies that support us on March 29<sup>th</sup>, the Elected Officials Breakfast was held to thank all of the elected officials and businesses that assist us as well as the wonderful media coverage from the Bellefontaine Examiner Newspaper and WPKO radio. The theme for DD Awareness this year is "What's Your Story" and Director John Martin, who was the keynote speaker at the Elected Officials Breakfast was happy to see the wonderful video created by Kelli Bader & Lisa Davidson showing the diversity of services that are provided in Logan County. The video can be viewed on their website [www.logancbdd.org](http://www.logancbdd.org) by double clicking on the "What's Your Story" Picture. Jonathan Thornton provided musical entertainment on the piano while guests were arriving, Kate Hemphill led the "Pledge of Allegiance", and Jacob Hawk said invocation prior to the breakfast being served, which was prepared by James Shouse, Cindy Holloway, and Sandra Bowsher. Dustin Wickersham, president of the Logan County Commissioners praised the Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities for all they do for the county and gave special recognition to RTC Industries, Inc. for taking over TLC to keep the management of our local transportation services in county. He was pleased with how smooth this transition went and impressed with the increase in services being provided.

Mr. Bauer shared that the Polar plunge will take place tomorrow, Saturday March 19, 2016 at Indian Lake. The money raised for this event is to support Special Olympics. The theme this year is 'Freezin for a Reason'. You can register at the Moose Lodge from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The first plungers will enter the water at Old Field Beach at 1:30 pm. Plungers get donations prior to the event. If you are "Too Chicken to Plunge" you can raise a minimum of \$30 and get a T-shirt. They want to thank anyone who can join them or support this event.

In other board business the results of the 2016 Needs Survey were reviewed. 182 responses were received. 167 of the respondents were from Logan County residents and 14 from other counties. The average age of the respondents was 45 years old. 99% of those who responded were satisfied with the services being provided and their needs being met.

Mr. Bauer informed the board that Deb Morrison applied for the Spotlight Grant and we were selected to receive the grant in July. This Grant is presented in partnership by Liberty National Bank, Logan Dental Care and V-Tek Communications, Inc. These commercials are a great opportunity for us to inform and educate the community about our purpose.

Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities was also a gold medal award recipient for the 2015-2016 United Way Campaign. In order to receive this award they must have at least 50% of employees giving to the United Way and have an average employee gift of \$150 or more or provide a 100 percent corporate match of employee giving. Mr. Bauer said, "This is a great reflection of how giving our employees are and shows their support for our community."

The next finance committee meeting is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> 2016 at noon at the Logan County Board of DD board office conference room at 1851 St. Rt. 47 West, Bellefontaine. The next board meeting takes place on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm in the board conference room. These meetings are open to the public.

Debra Morrison  
HR/Executive Secretary  
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