

Friends of Leroy Brown presented at LCBDD's Board Meeting

The Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities (LCBDD) met on April 4, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting began with a presentation from a local agency provider, Friends of Leroy Brown, as part of the required training for board members. Aspen King and Elizabeth Sassi, along with clients Janessa and Holly discussed the opportunities participants have when they attend Friends of Leroy Brown day program. They also brought a furry friend named Matrix. This program allows people with developmental disabilities the opportunity to utilize animals to help connect with other people, including visiting local nursing homes with their furry companions. They also plan special activities all throughout the year such as trips to The Wilds in Cumberland Ohio, Newport Aquarium in Newport Kentucky and Goat County LLC at The Greene. On days not spent in the community the focus shifts to obedience training the dogs who are also certified as Canine Good Citizens (CGC). They also shared an example of a 3-D printing project that was recently created.

Superintendent, Krista Oldiges, reviewed one contract and three polices with the board. The Villages of Huntsville and Rushsylvania have reached out to the board about the possibility of donations to help make their parks more accessible. Several families affected by the recent tornado who receive services from the board have been assisted with temporary housing, space heaters, housing repairs and food. Several building maintenance issues have been addressed over the past month including repairs to the HVAC for the gym, as well as a new coat of paint on the gym walls at the Discovery Center.

The Early Intervention Department recently held their first Tiny Tunes class on March 19th. The next class will be held on April 23rd. Heather Barns, Developmental Specialist, is currently working towards becoming a Certified PLAY (Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters) Project Consultant.



The Easter Bunny visited LCBDD's Preschool, the Discovery Center, in March. The preschoolers also participated in an Easter Egg Hunt. Two open houses at the preschool were held in March. Several families enrolled their preschoolers for the 2024 – 2025 school year. The Discovery Center is currently accepting enrollments for all students for the 2024-2025 school year. Please contact 937-592-2009 for more information.

LCBDD accepted the resignations of Cindy Holloway, Assistant Cook, and Kayla Gauze, Preschool Instructor. Ms. Holloway is retiring after 20 years working for the board. The board wishes her the best as she enjoys her retirement.

Ms. Oldiges provided updates with community involvement and Special Olympics. The track and field team have started practices for the season. The Aktion Club has assisted in the clean up efforts at Indian Lake and also made donations to those in need. They are also planning a Spring Dance. Board staff attended the Career Expo at Indian Lake Schools. Several people were interested in more information about becoming a provider and volunteering.

A Community Basketball Game between the Logan County Braves and local celebrities has been rescheduled to April 25th at 5:30 pm at the Bellefontaine Middle School. Donations will be accepted at the door. There will be concessions and a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds will go to making Logan County playgrounds accessible to all.

The next Community Center Blood Drive will be held on May 23rd at the board offices located at 1851 St. Rt. 47 W., Bellefontaine.

Board meetings are typically held the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 1973 St. Rt. 47 West, Bellefontaine. The next meeting of the board will be held on May 2nd, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. For further information on services, contact us at 937-592-0015.

