

Ground broken for Palmer-Donavin House

Groundbreaking was held on April 27th for the new respite care facility slated for McDowell Road in Grove City. The Palmer-Donavin House is being developed to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Palmer-Donavin



Manufacturing Company.

It will be donated to Franklin County Residential Services, Inc. (FCRS), which will operate a temporary care program there for up to eight individuals.

"From a personal standpoint, I was completely overwhelmed by this gift," said Ed Harper, Executive Director of FCRS. He estimates the \$750,000 facility will be ready for occupancy in the fall.

From left are: former FCBMRDD Board Chairman, Robert Woodward, Jr.; Ron Calhoun, President of Palmer-Donavin and Treasurer of FCRS; Rick Zarnoch, Vice President of FCRS; Ed Harper, Executive Director of FCRS; Jed Morison, FCBMRDD Superintendent; and representatives of the design and contractor firms.

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ARC West welcomes ladies in red

Women participants at ARC Industries West have a new, colorful way to share fun and camaraderie. They can become members of their own chapter of the Red Hat Society.

The society is a worldwide, social organization known for its members' eye-catching headgear. Members aged 50 or over wear red hats while those under 50 don pink ones.

The ARC West chapter, which is certified as "The Get Along Girls," meets each Wednesday in the facility's library. The group has successfully hosted a concert featuring harpist Dick Seiple and a tea party with two other local chapters.

According to Instructor Pat Williamson, who organized the group, eight ARC West participants have become members thus far. She has noticed that the women "undergo a transformation" when taking part in the group's activities.

"When they put on their hats, their self-esteem gets a huge boost," she said.

It's no wonder then that ARC West has rolled out the red carpet!



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"We thought this was a great way to give back to the community," explained Ron Calhoun, President of Palmer-Donavin. He noted the firm has "a long history of supporting mental retardation."

The project is being funded by Palmer Donavin as well as many of its vendors and business partners, including Crane Plastics and the GLOW Foundation.

According to FCBMRDD Superintendent Jed Morison, the

facility will help further the goal of keeping families together.

"When there is the opportunity to support families, it really makes a big difference. We're just delighted."

State budget approved

House Bill 119, known as "the budget bill," became effective on July 2nd. The legislation passed the Ohio House and Senate by nearly unanimous votes, and was signed into law by Governor Ted Strickland.

The budget will be for the 2008 and 2009 fiscal years and includes several provisions related to MRDD services.

With implementation of the bill, the *Martin* lawsuit, initially filed in 1989, will be settled. The bill includes funding for 1,500 Medicaid Individuals Options waivers which will be distributed across the state next year.

Other provisions of the bill include: extension of priority groups for waiver enrollment for the next two fiscal years; an increase in the ICFMR reimbursement rate by 2%; establishment of the Medicaid Buy-In program; restoration of dental, psychological and chiropractic services; and the establishment of a Medicaid administrative office whose executive director will report directly to the governor.

The bill removed a section of law relating to contracting authority of county boards for Medicaid services

and clarified responsibilities of the boards and the State to provide matching funds for waiver programs.

The law also establishes an MRDD Futures Committees, which will make recommendations on issues related to services for people with developmental disabilities. Twenty-two persons will serve on the committee.



Replacement levy proposed for March

Plans are moving forward for a MRDD replacement tax levy to go on the Franklin County ballot on March 4th of next year.

FCBMRDD is proposing a levy of 3.5 mills that would replace two existing levies which total 3.97 mills. Even though the total voted millage would be less under this proposal, the new effective rate of the millage would provide additional funds to allow for continued FCBMRDD services.

The owner of a \$100,000 house would contribute an additional \$39.81 per year or \$3.32 per month.

The Franklin County Commissioners will receive the proposal and are expected to ask their Levy Review Committee to analyze it over the next several months. The Commissioners' approval will be necessary by mid-December in order for the proposal to go on the March ballot.

FCBMRDD has not been on the ballot since 2001.

Annual report available

FCBMRDD's *2006 Annual Report to the Community* is now available. The report, which includes the 2007-2008 program year calendar, is dedicated to Dr. Raymond Horn, FCBMRDD's former President, who died February 2nd.

To request a copy of the report, please call Linda Rockwell at 342-5950.



Managing for Success: Who's packing your parachute?

By Paul Chenderlin, FCBMRDD Director of Transportation

Charles Plumb was a U.S. Navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent six years in a Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience.

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!"

"How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb.

"I packed your parachute," the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!" Plumb assured him, "It sure did. If your chute

hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, "I kept wondering what he had looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat; a bib in the back; and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said 'Good morning,' or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor."

Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know.

Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. We rely on many



Paul Chenderlin grills for his staff at a recent cookout. Photo by Toss Horton.

supports, physical, emotional and spiritual.

Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We fail to say hello, please, or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason. As you go through this week, this month, this year, recognize people who pack your parachutes.

Dental program benefits Olympians

By Tamera McIntyre, Nisonger Center Dental Program

The annual Ohio Special Olympics games were held in Columbus the weekend of June 23rd on the Ohio State University campus. Athletes from all over Ohio participated in the weekend event. The health fair featured the Special Smiles program which offered the athletes dental screenings along with dental supplies.

450 screenings were performed. The intent of the screenings was to assess oral health status, make recommendations for follow-up care and collect data on oral health which can be used to impact policy. Many volunteers were present to help with the screenings including dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants and dental students.

Active supporters of Special Smiles are the Grottoes of North America, which provided clown entertainment and photo opportunities.

Anyone interested in volunteering for next year's Special Olympics Special Smiles program, which will take place in Columbus June 28th, should contact Dr. Ed Sterling or Tammy McIntyre at the Nisonger Center Dental Program at 292-3160. All volunteers are welcome. You need not be a dental professional to participate.

In memoriam...

Rodney W. Hume, Jr., former member of FCBMRDD's Human Rights Committee and longtime advocate for MRDD services, passed away June 15th. He was 79.

Besides his volunteer service with FCBMRDD, Mr. Hume was active in the parents group at the Kimberly Woods residential facility where his son, Rodney, resides. He was a retired financial planner.

Mr. Hume was predeceased by his wife, Becky, who had served Chairman of the Council for Retarded Citizens. In addition to son Rodney, he was survived by two daughters, Cathy Chester and Debra Petermann.

"We will greatly miss Rodney's positive influence," said Superintendent Jed Morison.

"He was a strong supporter of mental retardation services, particularly residential services," recalled Ed Harper, Executive Director of Franklin County Residential Services, Inc.

Special olympics summer games



For Dee Hively, FCBMRDD Special Olympics Coordinator, even breakfast is a time for planning and reviewing rosters.



The Summer games always start with the parade of athletes. Our Franklin County Flyers are shown here.



Standing by Mirror Lake on the OSU campus from left are: Gail Guest, Melissa Ferguson, Caity McCandless, Nikki Shaffer, Kari Jones, Lori Cobb and Kathleen Notestine.



Oscar Goldsmith, at left, shared the winners platform with competitors in track and field.

First provider fair successful

The first Provider Fair featured displays and information from more than 30 providers. Larry McIntosh, Director of the Administrative Supports Department, reported that it was very well attended and that consumers and their service coordinators kept the providers busy all day.

Jim Turner, FCBMRDD Quality Assurance Coordinator noted that "Due to the success of this fair, and interest from the community, we will be planning for another later this year."



Candace Allegra and Arlanda Lewis coordinated the providers and credited Jim Turner, FCBMRDD Quality Assurance Coordinator, with arrangements here.



Superintendent Morison spoke with all the participants. He is seen here with Mohamad Dallin president of Golden Age Day Services Center.

Good For You

Notable Achievements in the FCBMRDD Community

Career Milestones

ARC Industries employee **Brian Kline** received many compliments for his super work as a volunteer at the Gahanna Creekside Blues and Jazz Festival in June. **Carl Norris**, Gahanna Facilities Superintendent, commented, "I've never seen anyone work so hard."

The Columbus Board of Realtors has given an award of merit to **Creative Housing, Inc.**, for "improving the housing environment in Central Ohio." Congratulations to **Pat Rafter** and the entire Creative Housing staff!

A tip of the hat goes to FCBMRDD Board member **Dean Fadel**, who has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Association of County Boards of MRDD.





6th grader **Marcus Jarosch** was the first student ever to receive the "Friend of Montrose" award at the Montrose Elementary School. The award is given annually to an individual who demonstrates support and love of the school. Marcus is heading to

Bexley Middle School this fall.

Northeast School receptionist **Sheila Sparks** was recognized as "Volunteer of the Month" by the Odyssey program in May. Sheila visits hospice patients in her free time "just to help with whatever needs to be done."

Lil Woodworth and **Margaret Livingston** have been honored by FCBMRDD's Recreation Department for their assistance with the department's Saturday bowling league at Main Lanes. The dedicated duo provided awards, pizza and soft drinks at a banquet or May 19th. Recreation Specialist Ed Ruiz distributes awards to Margaret Livingston on the left and Lil Woodworth at right. Photos by Gary Brundage.



30 years

David McCarthy
Robin Reed

25 years

James Blakeslee
Marilyn Croce
Nancy O'Neal
Robin Quelette-Williams

20 years

Patricia Broussard
Charlie Mae McCarroll
Brian Parks
Clarice Pavlick
Amy Pruzan
Robert Wallake

15 years

Gretchen Brooks
Patricia Broussard
Mark Culver
John Jaycox
Rita Rathburn
Paula Ross
Patricia Rowe
Linda Summers
Grace Volker

10 years

J. W. Barnett
Bradley Breedlove
Susan Clark
Nancy Ealy
John Fleming
Linda Gerber
Pamela Harvey
Veronica Russell
Delores Tea

5 Years

Debra Ajeberry
Judy Cock
Deena Deal
Kendra Dill
Danielle Farrar
Lavren Gates
Karen Giancaterno
Erica Graff
Bethany Henderson
Randy Kaynes
Michele Miller
Cynthia Moore
Bonnie Oldaker
Carol Rantala
Naomi Stevenson
Susan Stoney
Mindy Stover
Amy Templeton
Kathryn Thompson
Gretchen Uhl

Serving our country



Randy Jaccaud, son of ARC Industries South staff member Phillis Jaccaud, has retired from the U. S. Air Force after twenty years of service. A Technical Sergeant, Randy served most recently as the noncommissioned officer in charge of pass and registration at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska

Throughout his career, Sgt. Jaccaud served in numerous locations including Saudi Arabia, Russia and South Korea.

The FCBMRDD community extends many thanks and best wishes for a happy retirement!

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Somali conference set

The Ohio State University and Ohio University will co-host a conference of the Somali Studies International Association (SSIA) on August 16-18th on the main campus of O.S.U.

The conference will include several presentations and parent discussions addressing topics related to Somali identity, history, governance, health and language. For more information about the conference, please visit <http://www.somalistudies.com> or call 292-8169

Calendar

July, 2007

- 4 Independence Day - all county facilities closed.
- 11 Parent League meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m.
- 26 FCBMRDD Finance Committee meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 26 FCBMRDD Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 27 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Holiday Inn On-the-Lane, 11:30 a.m.

August, 2007

- 10 Staff Development Day – all adult facilities closed.
- 14 Franklin County Residential Services Board of Trustees meeting, 1021 Checkrein Ave., 11 a.m.
- 27 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Holiday Inn On-the-Lane, 11:30 a.m.
- 29 First day of classes, Northeast and West Central.

“Quotable quotes”

“The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science.”

-- Albert Einstein

“Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men.”

-- Martin Luther King Jr.