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# FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF DD

# THE TEA GLASS



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James (Jim) Miteff is retiring from the Fayette County Board of Developmental Disabilities after his 4 year term comes to closure.

Jim is married to his best friend, Evelyn. They have 2 sons, Chance and Cody along with 3 grandchildren.

The Miteff's returned to Fayette County in 1962 as Jim graduated from Miami Trace High School in 1970. Since his return, Jim has been in several management positions, the latest being at Standardbred Computers.

While serving on the Fayette Co. Board, Jim has been active in the Finance and Operating Committees. Jim states, "I am very proud to have served on the Fayette County Board of DD. This has been a rewarding and fulfilling experience for me and I am very grateful to have gained knowledge and understanding of people with Developmental Disabilities from serving on the Board."



Jim Miteff

## GOOD LIFE GRADUATES

Fayette County Board of DD is pleased to announce that 2 staff have recently graduated from the Good Life Academy. Cheryl Binegar, a Service and Support Administrator and Tony Clay, Program Coordinator are Good Life Facilitators. They now have the qualifications to use their new skills to train staff, stakeholders and the people FCBDD serves. The Fayette County Board of Developmental Disabilities takes promoting a "Good Life" serious when work-

ing with people who receive services. Everyone deserves to have a "Good Life!" To help people achieve this goal, it takes everyone in their life to believe in and be a part of supporting them in leading their life in the direction that they choose. Thank you Cheryl and Tony for your commitment and dedication to making this dream a reality in the lives of the people that Fayette County Board of DD serves. Congratulations!



Tony Clay



Cheryl Binegar

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January is Birth Defects Awareness Month

**5** - Fayette Progressive Industries and Fayette Progressive School return

**19** - Martin Luther King Holiday (all programs closed)

### February is American Heart and Children's Dental Health Month

**12** - Fayette Progressive School Valentines Parties

**14** - Valentines Day.

**16** - Presidents Day (all programs closed)

### March is National DD Awareness Month

**8** - Daylight Savings Time Begins (Set your clocks ahead one hour)

**17** - St. Patrick's Day

**20** - First Day of Spring

**26** - Employment First Employers Dinner

**28** - Dash for DD in Hillsboro (more information below)

## Retirements

Congratulations to Debbie Yoho and Michelle Stuckey who are enjoying the life of ease right now as they both retired on Nov. 21st. Michelle retired with over 27 years and Debbie with over 9 years of service with FCBDD. We miss you two lovely ladies.



## DASH FOR DD

In honor of Developmental Disability (DD) month, Highco Inc is hosting its first Dash for DD on March 28, 2015. Proceeds from this event will go to support Highco Inc. The raceway will take you along the streets of Hillsboro beginning and ending at the Court House. There will be five "color stations" along the course at each kilometer mark where volunteers will be showering runners with colored powder. The colored powder is non-toxic and environmentally safe; however, you may want to wear sunglasses or goggles to prevent the powder from getting into your eyes. Each registered runner will receive a bib and Dash for DD shirt. This is a non-timed 5k that welcomes all runners/walkers/etc with only two rules, 1. Wear white at the starting line 2. Finish plastered in color.

To register, please click on the following link which will take you to our website and the registration forms. Fill out both forms, the registration and waiver forms and return to Highco, Inc. The sooner you register, the better the price. Also note that any person receiving services with DD will receive a \$10 discount. Volunteers are also needed and may purchase a Dash for DD shirt at cost. For questions or additional information, please contact Nicole Haines at [nmelson@highdd.org](mailto:nmelson@highdd.org) or (937) 393-4237 ext. 122

DASH FOR DD



## NEW EMPLOYEES

### ◇ Samantha Marrero

Sam was hired full-time as a Habilitation Specialist this past October. Congrats, Sam. Sam has been on sick leave but as of today is home from the hospital. She would appreciate your thoughts/prayers as she recovers.

### ◇ Elizabeth Brennfleck

Elizabeth has been hired as the Human Resources Director effective Jan. 5th. Elizabeth loves animals and has 4 Chihuahua's and a Labrador Retriever mix that she loves to play with and take for walks. In her spare time, she also enjoys horseback riding on a rescued thoroughbred ex-race horse. Elizabeth also likes to knit, playing the flute in the community band and gardening.

Elizabeth has a sister, an 11 year old niece and an aunt and cousins who live in New Jersey. Her mother lives in Highland county, just a few miles from her home.

The past 5 years, Elizabeth has worked at Southern State Community College with the last 4 in the Human Resources Dept.

### ◇ Sherry Burns

Sherry has been hired as the Administrative Assistant to Superintendent Deb Buccilla in Highland and Fayette counties. She, along with her husband Larry have 3 grown children (Jonathon, Diana and Deborah) and 6 grandchildren (Ashley, Ryan, Caleb, Jonathon, Emily and Elizabeth). Ashley attends WV University, Ryan attends Ohio Christian University, Caleb is a sophomore at WCH, Jonathon a freshman in Circleville and Emily and Elizabeth attend Miami Trace Elementary.

Before starting with SOCOG in July 2012, Sherry worked for Stanley Black and Decker for 18 years as a Human Resource Coordinator. Prior to that, she was an Administrative Asst. to the Superintendent of Schools in Sumter, SC and was a Coordinator of a Day Care in Fremont, OH when her children were young.

Sherry is excited to be working with Deb at both counties. She would like to thank everyone for being so extremely friendly and receptive.

## EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The Staff Christmas/Inservice Party was held on Friday, Dec. 19th. Congrats to 4 women who have contributed greatly to the programs offered at FCBDD. Congratulations to the following:

Marilyn Weidman - Community Service Award

Cheryl Binegar - Program Service Award

Suzie Janasov - Leadership Service Award

Vicki Clay - Staff Service Award

Congratulations also to Erin Elliott and Jamie Bryant for 10 years of service, Renee Guess and Nicki Mick for 20 years and to Robin Beekman for 25 years of service with Fayette County Board of DD. Thanks for your years of dedication and service to the people we serve at Fayette County Board of DD



Deb with Erin and Jamie



Deb with Marilyn



Deb with Renee and Nicki



Deb with Cheryl



Deb with Suzie



Deb with Vicki



# 2015 Fayette County Dragons Basketball Schedule

The Dragons basketball team has been intensely practicing to get ready for the 2015 season. Below is their schedule so you may pick out a game, or two, or three to come watch and show your support for this fine group of athletes and cheerleaders.

**We're heading for a basket, We're moving down the floor. We are the mighty Dragons, and we know we're gonna score!! GO DRAGONS!**

## FAYETTE COUNTY DRAGONS 2015 SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
*Monday January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Madison County	6:00pm/7:00pm	Home
Monday January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Fairfield County	6:30pm	Lancaster, Ohio
*Thursday January 15 <sup>th</sup>	Pickaway County	6:00pm/7:00pm	Circleville, Ohio
Tuesday January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Northwestern	7:00pm	Hilliard, Ohio
Monday January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Goodwill	7:00pm	HOME
Wednesday January 28 <sup>th</sup>	The Legends	6:30pm	HOME
Monday February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Northwestern	7:00pm	HOME
Wednesday February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Licking County	7:00pm	HOME
Monday February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Fairfield County	6:30pm	HOME
*Thursday February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Madison County	6:00pm/7:00pm	London, Ohio
Wednesday February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pickaway County	6:30pm	HOME
Saturday February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Area Tournament	TBD	Northland HS, Columbus, Ohio
Sunday February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Area Tournament (If we win the 21 <sup>st</sup> )	TBD	Northland HS, Columbus, Ohio
Saturday February 28 <sup>th</sup>	Area Sectional Tournament (If win February 22 <sup>nd</sup> )	TBD	Columbus, Ohio Eastmoor, Academy
Sunday March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Area Sectional Tournament (If win February 28 <sup>th</sup> )	TBD	Columbus, Ohio Eastmoor, Academy
Saturday March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sectional Tournament (If we win March 1 <sup>st</sup> )	TBD	New Philadelphia, Ohio
Sunday March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sectional Tournament (If we win March 7 <sup>th</sup> )	TBD	New Philadelphia, Ohio
Friday-Saturday March 21-22	State Tournament (if win March 9 <sup>th</sup> )	TBD	Tuscarawas County

**ALL HOME GAMES TO BE PLAYED AT CHERRY HILL ELEMENTARY**

(\* = School age special Olympics Game)

(Note: If there are 2 start times for a game above the school age team will be playing before the adult team)

## Christmas Parade 2014

The theme for this year's Christmas Parade was "Making Christmas Memories". Thank you to the following sponsors who donated supplies to make this year's parade a reality.

1. Ace Hardware
2. Walgreens
3. Walmart
4. TSC
5. The Fayette County Fair Board
6. Doug Marine Motors
7. Kelly Construction
8. Steve Shepard



There were 35 people from Fayette Progressive Industries, Fayette Progressive School, the SAFE Group and FACT Group who participated in the parade this year and made some new Christmas Memories.



## SAFE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The support group SAFE (**SHOWING ACCEPTANCE FOR EVERYONE**) recently had a Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 8th. The mission of S.A.F.E. is to work to enhance the quality of life in these families by providing them with the tools to develop, manage, and monitor their children's needs, and to support those who live with persons with challenging circumstances. For more information about S.A.F.E. please contact Cheryl Binegar at Fayette County Board of Developmental Disabilities, (740) 335-7453.





# Do the Christmas Party Hop!



Thanks to Fayette Christian School for caroling at Fayette Progressive Ind.







It looks as though Christmas came early for the Early Intervention class. Thank you to the DeBruin family who donated an awesome dollhouse to EI. It looks as though Reid has built a landing strip in front of the mansion which definitely must be built with a GE engine.



## Social Intelligence for Toddlers

Any parent of a toddler knows it isn't easy to teach them social skills. That's because even though toddlers want to have happy, friendly interactions with others, their own fears and desires get in the way. They can't help wondering: Will that child grab their toy? Can they get the truck before the other child? If they push the other kid off the trike and speed off, will they get away with it?

So the first step in helping toddlers develop social intelligence is helping them learn to manage their emotions, which is the foundation of interpersonal relationships. The second is helping them develop empathy for others. The third is helping them learn to negotiate, including expressing their desires without attacking.

This skill set is more critical to their happiness in life than academic success, financial success, or any of our other conventional measures. In fact, emotional intelligence - defined as the ability to manage one's own emotions and relate well with others - will be a crucial factor throughout your child's life in his or her eventual academic and career success, probably more important than IQ.

Copy write: Dr. Laura Markham 2014

## The 12 Ways to Health Holiday Song



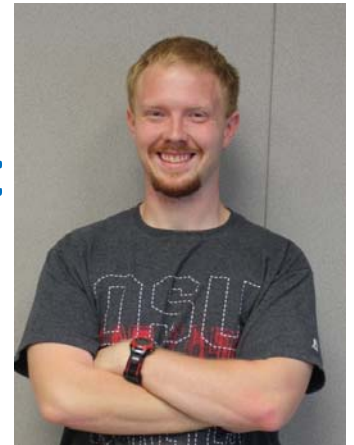
Want to be healthy this holiday season? Please click [Listen and Sing Along](#)

# Employment First Success Stories

## Meet Chad R. Employed at Walmart

What Chad's co-workers say about him

"Chad is very polite and social. He works well with everyone."



Great news as Walmart is trying very hard to keep Chad on after the holidays!



## Meet Cassie C. Employed at Autumn Years

What Cassie's co-workers say about her

"Cassie does a great job."

There are 18.9 million working age people with disabilities in the U.S.

YOUR *Next BEST Employee* COULD BE ONE OF THEM.

To learn how your business can benefit from hiring workers of all abilities, contact Betty Reisinger, Fayette Progressive Industries (740) 335-7453 or email [breisinger@fayettetedd.com](mailto:breisinger@fayettetedd.com)



## All Sports Banquet

Dec 9th was the night where all the athletes on the Fayette County Dragons were recognized for their achievements. The room was packed with athletes who bowl, run track and field, play basketball and/or softball. FCBDD is very proud of all of the athletes. Congratulations to all!



Bowling

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Cheerleading



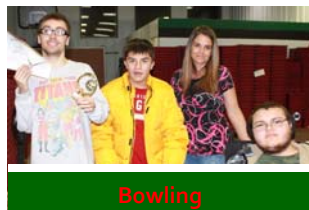
Track and Field



Coaches



Softball



Bowling



Basketball

## Staff Birthdays, January - March



### January

Jeni Harris ~ Jan. 23

### February

Danny Purdum ~ Feb. 11

Betty Reisinger ~ Feb. 16

### March

Trish Thibert ~ Mar. 8

Ria May ~ Mar. 11

Sue Kunie ~ Mar. 23

Mark Schwartz ~ Mar. 24

Photo by Robin D.



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The Fayette County Board of DD was started in the basement of a small church in 1967 by a group of parents and concerned citizens. The program has grown from serving eight children to serving 265 children and adults.

Mission: We offer quality programs and coordinate available services so that people we serve may realize their dreams and actively contribute to their community.

Vision: To empower people to be the best version of themselves.

Values: Teamwork, Dedication, Respect, Integrity.

To request our email newsletter, please contact

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# Merry Christmas



*Wishing you and your families a wonderful holiday season  
Fayette County Board of DD truly appreciates the continued support you have  
shown to the people we serve at FCBDD. You are what makes our agency  
EXTRAORDINARY!*