



STARLIGHT

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2023

BVC Honors Variety of Award Winners

Blanchard Valley Center recently honored a variety of individuals, both internal and external, at two separate awards dinners. One was the annual internal awards dinner, which included the service awards. The other was the 2023 BVC Effect Awards, which are largely for community partners and providers.



Effect Award Winners, from left:

The Extra Mile Award for integrity, creativity and flexibility in their service delivery: Mike Kirkland and Jennifer Stone of TexStone Industries.

Kenny Bender Award for Advocacy & Success for personal achievement and exceptional growth: Kyle Fruth.

Hurdle to Success Award for overcoming obstacles for individuals with developmental disabilities: Danielle Doxsey of Culvers.

Kelli Grisham Award for outstanding commitment to persons with developmental disabilities: Eve Stump of the Baking Company & Bread Kneads.



10 Years of Service: Nathan Wonsetler, Nadine Weinger, Terra Richardson and Bobbi Morman.



5 Years of Service: Anne Whitmer, Linda Schurch and Alicia Parker (Not pictured: Cheryl Cook)



1 Year of Service: Liz Hager, Caitlin Davenport, & Deb Barnhart (Not pictured: Carley Lozano).



Supervisor of the Year: Brian Stoepfel, Manager of Facilities.

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DATES TO REMEMBER | VISIT WWW.BLANCHARDVALLEY.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS

October 4 – 6pm
Winter Sports Code of Conduct
October 7 – 1pm
Fall Fest at Riverside

October 9
Columbus Day BVC Closed
October 11 – 5pm
Cardio Drumming

October 14 – 11am
Trunk or Treat at MCPA
October 16 – 6pm
Adaptive Storytime at the Library

October 23 – 5:30pm
Board Meeting
October 24 – 7pm
Halloween Parade

NOTES FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

A Busy Month at BVC



October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, a time when we celebrate not only the individuals who work in the community, but the companies that employ them. We continue to look for opportunities for the people

we support, and more companies are realizing the valuable contributions they can make.

Blanchard Valley Center provides resources and supports to more than 700 people in Hancock County. Of those 700-plus people, more than 300 are adults. Of those, more than 100 are employed in the community. Why is this important? As a county board, we have a responsibility to help individuals with developmental disabilities discover their abilities and goals and help them reach their greatest potential.

Congratulations to all the BVC Effect Awards winners and the runners up. We live in an amazing community where so many people step up to have a positive impact on the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Oct. 24 is the annual Cops & Kids Findlay Halloween Parade at 7 p.m. downtown. As most everyone knows, this is a big event for Blanchard Valley Center. I can't tell you what our theme is this year, but suffice it to say that the parade will continue to be important to us. For how long? I don't know, maybe to infinity, and beyond.

Kelli Grisham, Superintendent

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Employee of the Year: Russ Teegardin, Investigative Agent.

SO State Softball Champs

Hancock County Special Olympics D2 team recently captured the state championship at the Special Olympics State Softball Tournament at Coontz Recreation Park in Oregon, Ohio. The team won its semifinal game, 14-10, before steamrolling Hamilton County in the championship game, 21-9. Because of its success, the team will advance to the D1 Division for the 2024 season. The team qualified for the state championships by winning the Northwest Regional Championship at the Marathon Diamonds on Aug. 13. Team members: Michael Brooks, Tyler Cooper, Jared Davis, Corey Jones, Wally Kintner, John McCarley, Paul McCarley, David McWilliams, Ray Miller, Titus Naught, Aric Nault-Butler, Cody Nault-Butler, and Cody Stahl. Coaches: Jayden Foltz, Destiny Kirkland and Scott McWilliams.



BVC provides resources and supports that empower people with DD to live lives with meaning and purpose.



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