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Aktion Club Hears from Court Official

At the July Speaks Out meeting, Melissa Soto from the Hancock County Probate Court was our guest speaker. She led a discussion about guardianship detailing the role of the guardian and how to become your own guardian.

If you would like to join Speaks Out, contact Cheryl Strohm at 419-422-6387 ext. 1023. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month from 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm in the Administration Conference Room At Blanchard Valley Center.

Aktion Club officers presented Certificates of Appreciation to members of our Board, Superintendent Kelli Grisham, and Quality Services Director, Denise Roush.

Eight Aktion Club members attended the state Convention Award Winners last weekend in Cleveland. This year's theme was "Blasting Into Service". Upon arrival, members went on a trip around town in a re-made roller coaster car.



Molly Dible presented Board President, Chuck Hirschy with a Certificate of Appreciation to the Board for their ongoing support of Aktion Club.

Maddison Lawless, Hancock Christian Recognized



Maddison Lawless was chosen to receive the Early Intervention Award. She enjoys acting silly and playing with her mom and therapist and has made great strides in her communication skills. Congratulations, Maddie!



Tammy Stahl, executive director of the Hancock Christian Clearing House, displays the Community Partner for the quarter. The organization helps families in Hancock County with food, clothing, prescriptions, and more.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 6 - 4:30-5:15pm
Hancock Speaks Out
August 10
BVC Staff In-Service

August 13 - 5pm
Aktion Club
August 27 - 5:30pm
Board Meeting

September 3
Labor Day Holiday

21 Special Olympians Compete in Summer Games

Special Olympics had 21 athletes participate in the 2018 Summer Games held in Columbus. As a result, we had the following winners:

- 8 Gold medals
- 11 Silver medals
- 13 Bronze medals
- 10 Ribbons
- Relay team took 5th place

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Special Olympics Golf will participate in Area 4 Golf at Napoleon on August 4th. Area 3 Softball team will play at the Cube on August 25th. There will be a MANDATORY Code of Conduct meeting on August 6th for those wishing to participate. See details below. The annual Up, Up and Away 5K will take place on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at Emory Adams Park. Please let Melanie Williams know if you are interested in volunteering for this event. You may contact Melanie at 419-422-6387 or e-mail her at mwilliams@blanchardvalley.org.

Notes from the Superintendent...



Things are always hoppin' around BVC, and August is no exception.

We will begin another school year with our Back to School Rally on August 14th at 5:30 pm. The first day of school for students is August 15th.

We are gearing up for our Accreditation review from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities which will take place on August 29th and 30th.

We hope you are able to stop by our popcorn booth at the Hancock County Fair between August 29th and September 5th. Last year we handed out 6000 bags!

We hope you've had a wonderful summer and would like to see you soon!

Kelli Grisham
Superintendent

Appreciation Brunch Held

Blanchard Valley Center recently hosted a Provider Appreciation Brunch to thank providers for their hard work and dedication to helping those with developmental disabilities. Attendees enjoyed food and fellowship and were given Certificates of Appreciation for their efforts.



Kan Du Group staff members Karen Curliss and Sanet Duplessis receive recognition from Superintendent Kelli Grisham at the annual BVC Provider Appreciation Brunch.

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



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