

# The CCBMRDD Reporter

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## **EDI CENTRAL ACTIVITIES FOR MAY**

**May 11**

Dance Day and Pay Day

**May 16**

Afternoon Popcorn and Movie

**May 24**

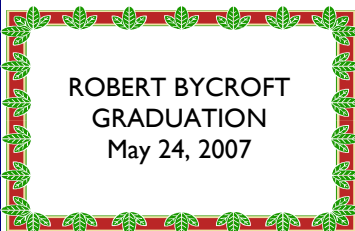
Richard's Golf Course  
Field Trip

**May 25**

Dance Day and Pay Day

**May 28**

Memorial Day  
(No Workshop)



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## **CCBMRDD Employment Dinner**

It was fun for all !!  
The Recipe included a dash of well-deserved recognition, a generous portion of prizes, plus support from family & friends, add some fantastic food and you have the Columbiana County Board of MR/DD community Dinner.

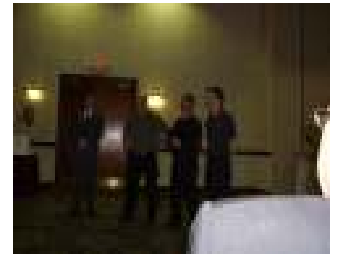
The Dinner was held at Mountaineer Racetrack and Gaming Resort and proved to be a good time for clients and the local businesses that employ them.

Employers were recognized for their support of the CCBMRDD by hiring people with disabilities. Those honored at the community dinner include Mountaineer Racetrack and Gaming Resort, Calcutta Giant Eagle, Adele's Restaurant in Salem, McDonalds Restaurant of Salem, Head Start

of Lisbon, CTM Integration Inc., and Pizza Hut of East Liverpool.

After recognition for the employers, the employees were honored. Clients working in the community and in sheltered workshops received a stainless steel thermos. Our MR/DD workers seemed to be thrilled with the gift.

Thanks to all that attended!



Above, Jim King praises employers that work with CCBMRDD.



Daniel Knox of Mountaineer accepts a CCBMRDD award.



Pictured above is a CCBMRDD recognition award given to employers at the community dinner.

## **EDI South enjoys it's first BBQ!**

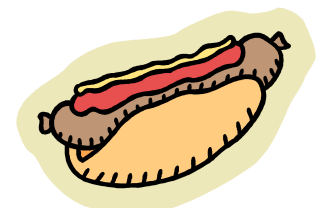
The weather finally cooperated and let some South workers and staff enjoy the spring season.

EDI South had a treat for everyone on Friday April 27—The very 1st barbeque of 2007, Greg Tomkins took on the role of Chef as he prepared the spring menu

of Hot dogs, hamburgers & baked beans.

Plus, make sure you check out the next page with pictures of the bowling fun projected on the cafeteria wall. Virtual bowling was enjoyed by many of our South Employees.

A note from the editor: Greg is a great chef— but keep the virtual bowling away from him.



**EDI-South  
Pictures are worth a thousand  
words-some fun on a Friday !**



**Pictured above—the virtual bowling is projected on the wall of the cafeteria at South while clients wait for the next “bowling ball “ to be thrown.**

**Our Loss - William ‘Eugene’ Lilly**

We will miss him. Our sympathies go to the family and friends of William ‘Eugene’ Lilly, 61 who passed away recently at the Hollander House, Salem.

Eugene was born July 3, 1945 in Morgantown, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife of six years, Norma Jean Sweet Lilly, whom he married August 24, 2001.

She will miss him dearly as will all of us at the Columbiana County Board of MR/DD and the workshops.

Eugene worked at EDI-Central in Lisbon. He was a very good worker and had many ideas for man-

agement. Eugene was a man of many talents. He cared about people and his sense of humor will be sorely missed by all.

Condolences may be sent to the family at

[www.familycareservices.com](http://www.familycareservices.com)

*He went home to be with the Lord!*

*11:15 pm Friday*

*April 27, 2007*

**Bill, Our Superintendent, Remembers Eugene**

When I started with the Columbiana County Board of MR/DD, Eugene was one of the first clients I met. He was doing afternoon janitorial at the Bycroft School.

Eugene had lots of life plans that he shared openly. He also liked playing jokes on people. When Eugene wanted to get married, I knew he would succeed. Eugene

has made lots of friends in his life travels and will be missed by all that knew him and loved him.

**Mother’s Day—A different kind of flower**

She had been depressed after the birth. Depressed and guilty and angry. She had been so good all through the pregnancy.

It just wasn't fair; her baby wasn't perfect. Her baby had a cleft. The front door closed in the other room. She knew her



From the website Special Child

husband was home. He was later today than usual. Looking up, she saw him come into the room. He held out to her a gorgeous bouquet of roses. But wait, among the roses was one lone orchid. It was a beautiful orchid. With splendid color and plump. Lush pet-

als, different from all the other flowers in the bouquet. She looked at the the roses her husband and given her and stroked the errant bloom. “What’s this?” she asked him. “Honey”, he said as he sat beside her, “this flower is our son. Every other baby in the nursery had rose-bud lips. But his lips were

## SPRING FLING 2007

The weather sunny, pleasant days and cool, comfortable nights, baseball games are going on, car washes and barbecue's plus High School proms are plentiful.

The Columbiana County Board of MR/DD had their own version of their prom. The Spring Fling 2007!

Employment Development, Incorporated, Client Council, Staff and Families sponsored the dance on April 28 at the Salem Little Quaker Hall. It was a hugely popular event, which was well attended. The only thing you saw more of than Papa John's Pizza and chips was smiling faces. Oh, and dancing! The dancing never seemed to stop. The D.J. kept the crowd dancing and the fun never stopped.

Bill Devon, CCBMRDD Superintendent, crowned the King and Queen.

The Spring Fling King was Steven Buckman, while the Queen was Gloria Freet.

After such a great event, we can hardly wait until next year!!



## Clarence Florence... A Success Story!

I would like to recommend Clarence Florence as a consumer of the Columbiana County Board of MR/DD who has been a success story since his placement here in Columbiana County. Clarence is originally from Cuyahoga County and moved to Columbiana County in September of 2004 to receive residential services from ABM. He was employed by EDI-South and later switched to day programming at Kaleidoscope when their doors opened.

When Clarence first arrived in Columbiana County, he was a difficult consumer to work with. He would demonstrate frequent behavioral outbursts that often required staff intervention. Prior to his move to Columbiana County, Clarence was limited to residing in a nursing facility as there were no family members able to address the level of care he

required nor could they properly address his behavioral issues. Through a collaboration of efforts involving ABM, behavior specialist Rick Fithian, and mental health professionals, coordinated through his SSA Robin Land, Clarence has completely evolved from his part self and now conducts himself as a role model consumer. He often mentors and advises other consumers at ABM when needed. Clarence has been able to reduce his number of incidents from weekly to almost non-existent.

Clarence's most obvious improvement may be his dedication to improving his health. Clarence was admittedly overweight and out of shape when he arrived in Columbiana County. He made an independent decision to start a low calorie, decreased portions diet. He also became very involved

with Special Olympics and is a key member of the Comets basketball team. Clarence has lost nearly seventy pounds since he started his regiment. Many people who see Clarence for the first time in a while do not recognize him.

Clarence has decided to make Columbiana County his permanent home. He loves the country setting here and feels very accepted in his community. He is very happy with the services he receives here and based on his track record the past three years will continue to flourish. The Columbiana County Board of MR/DD is happy to have Clarence as a member of our family, and plan to support him for as long as he wishes to stay here.

Submitted by Joshua Martin, Service & Support Administration

## A different kind of flower - continued

open, like the petals of this orchid. Everybody else had a rosebud, but we had the only orchid in the bunch. I just wanted you to see how beautiful an orchid is, even among the rosebuds." She smiled. The orchid was beautiful after all. How could she ever had missed the beauty of the orchid among the rosebuds?

*Happy  
Mother's  
Day!*



## “Shine your Smile Day” is Coming

We have invited Mobile Dentists/Smile Programs to EDI South on June 29. Mobile Dentists will bring its on-site preventive dental care program here, because we know how important good oral health is to our enrollee’s overall general health.

Mobile Dentists’ team will set up a mini-dental office in our building and will provide, as indicated, *dental examinations, cleanings, fluoride treatments, sealants and check up x-rays.* The enrollees who return completed permission forms may receive some or all of the above services.

Mobile Dentists provides grants to individuals who require full financial assistance and subsidizes fees for those who

need financial aid. No consumer is ever turned away by Mobile Dentists/Smile Programs because of financial need.

Mobile Dentists/Smile Programs meet any state’s dental examination requirements, if mandated.

The program is open to all enrollees at EDI South. Watch for a Mobile Dentists/Smile Programs permission form to come home. If you want your loved one to see the Mobile Dentists, please fill out the permission form completely and return it to EDI South.

You can learn more about Mobile Dentists/Smile Programs by going to its website: [www.mobiledentists.com](http://www.mobiledentists.com) and watching the short video that details its work.



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### CCBMRDD FOCUS

The Family Support Services Program (FSSP) of the Columbiana County Board of MR/DD will assist individuals with mental retardation and/or developmental disabilities to live in a stable home, enjoy membership in the family, have access to an array and quantity of supports needed to enable them to participate in the life of their communities to the degree they choose. It will assist them to experience enduring relationships with brothers, sisters, and other family members and friends committed to their welfare.

FSSP will provide services and supports tailored to the unique needs of individuals with mental retardation and/or other developmental disabilities and their families.

The Program will nurture partnerships between family members, other supportive people, and the professionals who serve them.

FSSP will focus on the unique strengths and characteristics of each family and utilize the resources in each family’s social network and home community while respecting the beliefs, values, and structure of each family.

Family Support Services

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## COLUMBIANA COUNTY BOARD OF MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Mission Statement of C.C.M.R.D.D:

Collaborating with the community to maintain a predictable support system for families, caregivers, and individuals with disabilities to help them pursue and achieve what is important to them.

### Board Members

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### Superintendent

Bill Devon