

## Deb Yenrick named Superintendent



*Deb Yenrick, a very familiar name to families served by the Lucas County Board of DD, was selected as the next Superintendent. She spent 26 years here before accepting the position of Superintendent for the Sandusky County Board of DD. Please read more about Deb on page 2.*

## Upcoming Events

- August 12 - Family & Advocate Forum; 9:30 a.m. at 1154 Larc Lane
- August 18 - Board of DD monthly meeting; 5:30 p.m. at 1154 Larc Lane
- September 1 - Labor Day; all Board facilities closed
- September 13 - Special Olympics State Softball Tournament; Coontz Recreation in Oregon
- September 13 - Dealin' for Dogs to support Assistance Dogs, a Program of the Ability Center, 7:00 p.m. at SeaGate Center

# Update

Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities  
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## Lucas County sends two athletes to the National Special Olympics Games! And they brought back the Gold!



*Jim Jackson and Kris Sanner pose for television before departing on their trip to the Special Olympics USA Games at Princeton. Jim played on the Team Ohio softball squad while Kris competed in cycling. More than 3,500 athletes participated in 16 different sports. There were more than 10,000 volunteers. Kris won three Gold Medals! Jim's team won Gold!*

## Urban garden certified by the National Wildlife Federation

*The National Wildlife Federation has recognized the Manos Urban Garden in Uptown Toledo as an Advanced Certified Wildlife Habitat. The certification recognizes the work done to protect and nurture birds and other wildlife. Pictured are gardeners (top-left to right) Joanne Sherock, Billy Randall, Tom Gwin (bottom-left to right) Chris Culler, Doug Robarge, and Dan Shepherd.*



## Board asks City of Toledo to focus on people with disabilities in its housing plan



The housing needs of individuals with developmental disabilities were conveyed to the City of Toledo as the city works to develop priorities for the use of federal funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

“On behalf of the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities we need to have those responsible for the preparation of Toledo’s Consolidated Planning Process include those citizens within Toledo who are income eligible and identified as having a substantial disability included in the waiting list’s highest priorities of unmet housing needs,” wrote Mary Anne Burns, Legal Counsel for the Lucas County Board of DD, in a letter to the Department of Neighborhoods.

## Get our new mobile app



Take key information from the Lucas County Board of DD with you wherever you go. To download our mobile app go to [www.lucasdd.org](http://www.lucasdd.org) and click on the download link. The mobile app will be another way the Board will use to get timely information to its staff and the families we serve, such as closings and transportation delays because of inclement weather.

## New Superintendent Deb Yenrick is no stranger

When the announcement was made on Facebook that Deb Yenrick was named the new Superintendent of the Lucas County Board of DD, the Board’s page was flooded with positive comments, such as:

“Wonderful news!!”

“Welcome home, Deb.”

“You are a fantastic leader and a fantastically awesome person!”

With a unanimous vote, the Lucas County Board of DD hired Deb Yenrick to succeed John Trunk. Mr. Trunk left in November 2013 to take the Superintendent position in Summit County.

“I am thrilled to be back,” she said. “I

look forward to working with families and staff as we move into the future.”

In her 26 years with the Lucas County Board of DD, Deb served as Director of Adult Options, Case Management Coordinator, and Facility Manager.

She left Lucas County in 2000 to accept the Superintendent’s position with the Sandusky County Board.

Deb has a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology from Mary Manse and a Master’s Degree in Special Education from the University of Toledo.

Deb will assume her new position on August 4 and will attend the Family and Advocate Forum on August 12, 9:30 a.m., at 1154 Larc Lane.

## Self-Advocate invited to sing the National Anthem at Toledo City Council meeting



*Bianca Roberts, honored by the Lucas County Board of DD as the Self-Advocate of the Year, displays a Resolution from the Toledo City Council recognizing her “very impressive accomplishments.” Bianca is shown with City Council members Paula Hicks-Hudson (left) and Sandy Spang. Bianca was invited to the Council session to sing the National Anthem. She recently became the youngest member of the Clarence Smith Community Choir. Bianca is also one of the artists featured at the Shared Lives Studio, 20 North St. Clair in downtown Toledo.*

**Girl Scouts receive sensitivity training during Summer Day Camp at Sidecut Metropark**



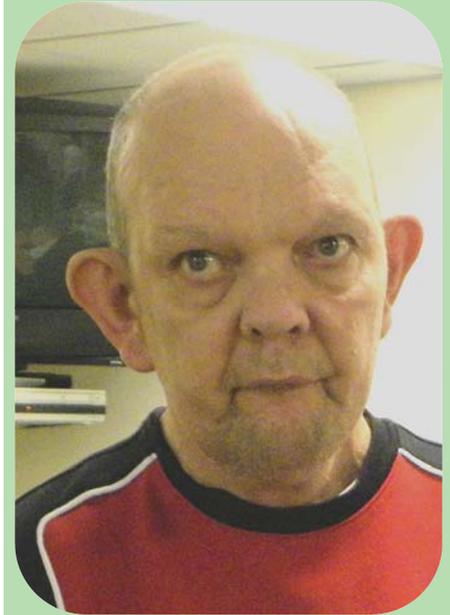
*Deetra Mitchell, Community Inclusion Trainer, gives instructions for an exercise in simulating someone who is blind to Girl Scouts attending summer day camp. Adult Leader Angela Bailey said the exercises will help the girls “see people with disabilities as ‘people’ first and foremost...” Other activities, in which the girls experienced how individuals contend with developmental disabilities, were conducted by Kelly Watson and Steve Mentrek. The activities helped the girls earn their “Fair Play” badge by putting a focus on “including everyone.”*

**It’s team spirit as the *Paddlin’ Possibilities* squad competes in Dragon Boat Races on the Maumee**



*For the third consecutive year the Friends of the Lucas County Board of DD competed in the dragon boat races, a fundraiser for Partners in Education. Here we see the rowers poised for action outside the team’s award winning pagoda . The team was composed of staff, managers, and persons served. The event was held along the downtown Toledo waterfront off International Park. Boats used are 40 feet long and hold up to 20 paddlers, plus a steersman and a drummer. These Hong Kong style crafts are modeled after the ancient Chinese design, complete with dragon’s head and tail.*

**Jimmy Beard known for taking pride in his work**



The Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities is pleased to recognize Jimmy Beard with the monthly Special Recognition Award.

Jimmy has significantly improved his social interaction with both peers and Larc Lane support staff and is honored to be chosen for this award. He is a great guy with whom to work. Jimmy takes pride in his work as he helps to maintain a clean environment at the Larc Lane Center by clearing and cleaning tables when the need arises.

He has demonstrated the ability to socialize with others appropriately and respectfully while in the community. He treats new people he meets in the manner that he appreciates others engaging with him.

Jimmy has also been involved in numerous activities, including assisting staff in delivering food through Mobile Meals; volunteering at the Kitchen of the Poor and providing positive morale to those in need at the Hospice of Maumee.

Congratulations, Jimmy!

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- The Board's website is a repository of information on current programs and services, plus our complete video library—[www.lucasdd.org](http://www.lucasdd.org)
- The Friday Update email newsletter is free and provides information weekly on activities of interest to the developmental disabilities community—subscribe by sending an email to [comments@lucasdd.org](mailto:comments@lucasdd.org)
- The monthly Family & Advocate Forums are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Board's Administration Building

**Pam Werner and Kathy Nail  
honored as Staff Persons of the Month**



Pam Werner has worked for the Board for over 16 years and is currently a Secretary at Larc Lane Center.

Pam does a wonderful job with tracking tasks as well as any computer applications. She has excellent customer service skills and willingly provides assistance as needed.

Her friendly demeanor makes the individuals she comes in contact with feel right at home. Pam's positive personality, hard work and caring attitude make her the perfect recipient of this award.

Pam is an integral part of the Larc Lane Center staff team and the Adult Options Department.



Kathy Nail, Administrative Assistant, is a hard-working, conscientious individual who consistently shares her time and talents, not only during normal work hours, but also during

personal time as well.

She handles a significant volume of work and works long hours to ensure she gets the job done. Even when the workload becomes demanding, she willingly provides assistance to others and does so with enthusiasm and always a positive attitude...she truly is a team player.

Throughout her tenure, Kathy has been an avid supporter of the Board's mission and programs.