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## Superintendent Update

As we embark on the new year, the Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities (TCBDD) is excited about all of the possibilities, opportunities and even the challenges that we will surely face this year. 2019 brought a lot of changes to our Board and I am grateful for everyone who worked to make the transition go well. Your support throughout the transition has been greatly appreciated.



We recently completed the renovation of the Tony Tomaski Center and are looking forward to being able to present the updates to the public. **On Feb. 6, 2020, we will be having an open house at our new location at 45 North Road in Niles.** The Tony Tomaski Center is now the new home for our Service & Support Administration, Investigative Services and Community Employment departments. Please join us for tours of the facility and light refreshments.

I am also happy to share phase one of the pre-school playground at the Fairhaven School has been completed and planning for phase two will begin very soon. I'm sure our pre-school students are anxious to use the new equipment and are hoping for an early spring.

In March, we will celebrate National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is an opportunity to promote respect for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and to educate others on the spectrum of abilities people with disabilities possess. For the 6th year in a row the Fairhaven Foundation is partnering with The Encore Shop to host the Fashion Show on March 28th at the Metroplex in Girard. This has become the signature event during awareness month and highlights the abilities of all the models. Attending this event and our other events is a great way to help us spread awareness.

Finally, the Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities will go through a internationally recognized accreditation survey process on April 23-24 by the Council on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities better known simply as CARF. The accreditation survey will focus mainly on our community employment services but will also evaluate all our business practices. This process demonstrates the Board's commitment to service excellence and continuous quality improvement.

As I stated, the Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities (TCBDD) is excited about all of the possibilities and upcoming opportunities the new year will bring and look forward to sharing our success and challenges with you. Thank you for your continued support.

**Ed Stark**

**Superintendent**

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## Meet Driver Bob Kraynak

Bob has been with the transportation program since 2003, compassionately caring for and treating his riders with silly songs and his upbeat demeanor.

When Bob is not working, he serves his community in many ways. Bob has served as a past president and remains an active member of the Warren Civic Chorus. This choir performs the grand undertaking of Handel's Messiah each year during the Christmas season; put that on your calendar!

Bob has been married to his wife, Linda, for 26 years and has one step-daughter. You can find Bob at cross country meets and soccer games, supporting his two grandchildren.

Bob is also a tenor in the Stephen Foster Chorus, a barber shop ensemble that travels to perform at hospitals and nursing homes throughout the year. Bob is in charge of membership and also helps to write music scripts.

Blessed Sacrament Church choir is also proud to claim Bob as a 13-year member. Bob is cantor at the church and sings for weddings and at funerals.

Bob is a valuable member of the Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities transportation team. We are so lucky to have him on our team.



## Thank you to our wonderful Christmas carolers who spread joy with their signing!



## Save the Date for upcoming Fairhaven Foundation events

3/28 - Fashion Show, Metroplex in Girard

6/8 - Fairhaven Golf Outing, Squaw Creek Country Club

7/16 - Fairhaven Night with the Mahoning Valley Scrappers, Eastwood Field

8/1 - Journey of Hope Friendship Visit, Fairhaven School

10/14 - Giving Day

11/5 - Calendar Art Show, Ciminero's Banquet Centre

12/3 - Shop For a Cause, Simpson Gallery and Gifts, Warren

12/5 - Fairhaven Day at the Movies, Regal Cinema in Niles



# Happy New Year Bulldogs!

We had an awesome December at Fairhaven School! Santa Claus came to visit and the students put on two great preschool holiday programs. Both programs had a packed house, full of family members and friends of the students. Program visitors enjoyed going to the student's classroom for a time of fellowship and refreshments. Great job to all of our students and thank to all who came out to enjoy their hard work.



## PROVIDERS!

Join us on February  
13 at 10 a.m. for  
the next providers  
meeting in the (NEW)  
training room. Enter  
through the back of  
the building.



### Meeting location:

TCBDD Board office  
45 North Rd., Niles, OH



## COACH'S CORNER

DECEMBER EDITION

Another successful Kelly Jo Carlson Memorial Swim Meet is in the books! Thank you to everyone who participated in this event. From the athletes and coaches to the volunteers and spectators, it couldn't be done without you.

This was the 16th year that the Fairhaven Special Olympics has hosted the event, along with family and friends of Carlson, and it keeps getting better! About 100 swimmers competed this year. The athletes were from Ashtabula, Columbiana, Mahoning, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull and, for the first time this year, Tuscarawas counties.

The Bulldogs had about 30 swimmers in attendance and all did a great job. The teams are made up of both teenagers and adults and they compete to earn points to advance to other regional events. One of our swim teams really shined! The Bulldogs of Fairhaven School finished first place in the men's 25-meter relay and took home a gold medal. Congratulations to the team of Joey Bryant of Cortland, Gage Tichnor of Cortland, Sean Roberts of Niles and Paul Colla of Mineral Ridge. Adia Bury of Niles earned a first-place and second-place finish in the women's relays.

Paul and Lois Carlson started the event to honor their daughter, Kelly Jo, who passed away 16 years ago. She was a competitive swimmer and enjoyed coaching and volunteering for the Special Olympics. A number of Kelly Jo's former classmates and friends come back each year to volunteer at the regional swim meet. It is our honor to be able to remember Kelly Jo each year with this event. Our athletes did a great job and we look forward to the next regional event!

Thank you for all your support, and as always  
GOOOOOOOOOO BULLDOGS!!!

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For more information about these and other events, please contact  
Coach, Bo Greene at 330-652-5811.



**Make sure to visit our website;  
we are doing some updates!**

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**Lexie Cochran raised \$1,000 for  
the Fairhaven Special Olympics!  
Lexie raised the money by doing  
the Aces For Autism Volleyball  
Tournament. Way to go Lexie!**



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