

Did you know...

The birthstone for December is turquoise. Turquoise is a blue-green mineral that has been prized for its beauty and spiritual significance for thousands of years. It is often associated with protection, healing, and good fortune.

There have been many significant historical events that took place in December. Some examples include the signing of the United States Bill of Rights in 1791, the Boston Tea Party in 1773, and the first successful human heart transplant in 1967. December is also the birth month of notable figures such as Ludwig van Beethoven, Jane Austen, and Walt Disney.

December originally had just 30 days, according to the ancient Roman calendar. When the calendar was changed for the Julian calendar, December gained a day, making it the seventh and last month in the year.



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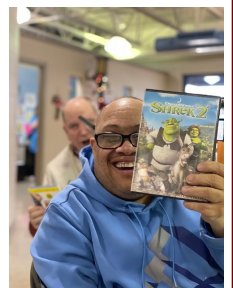
Willoughby Word

The Willoughby Branch Program Area

Deepwood Industries, Inc

Holiday Lunch

Our holiday lunch was provided by Baker Bands! Spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, pizza and desert was served. They also brought gifts! Baker-Bands Athletics provides you the ability to customize a unique variety of performance apparel. This is one of our vendors! They are amazing!



The Willoughby Branch of Deepwood Industries is located at 2100 Joseph Lloyd Parkway in Willoughby, Ohio 44094. To learn more, visit www.lakebdd.org or call (440) 269-2180. Follow us on social media to see timely information on our programs and services.



Sock Exchange! & Ugly Sweater Day!

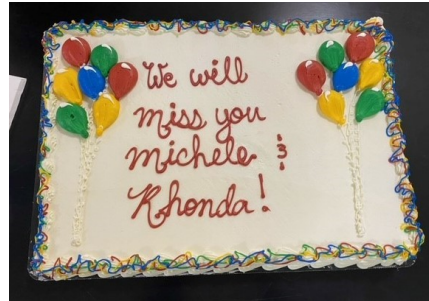


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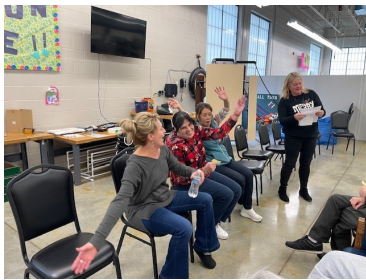
What's Happening

We will miss you Rhonda and Michelle. Congrats on your retirements!



Some Changes

Starting after shut down we have moved some things around. Some people moved groups, some stayed the same, the craft area and a group switched too. To help everyone get ready for the changes we played a game. Some of us were Betty's, some were wolves, and others were Popeye! We had movement and sounds to each. We all had fun and learned who was in the groups and what was going where!



It is with a heavy heart that we let you know Joy Marie Burnfield, age 45, passed away December 10, 2023 at her home with her parents by her side. After a tragic accident when Joy was five years old, she received services from the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities at Broadmoor School until the age of 22 years. As an adult, Joy continued to receive County Board services at the Vocational Guidance Center and then Deepwood Industries-Willoughby Branch Program.

Joy's presence over the course of her life touched many hearts in so many ways. Joy's family was always so appreciative of the supports she received and said that the County Board programs "continued to enhance Joy's life and provided a safe and social way for her to connect with others." As one of Joy's staff said, "she is now dancing with the angels."

Family will receive friends to celebrate Joy's life on Monday, December 18, 2023 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center located at 8466 Mentor Avenue in Mentor, Ohio from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 11:00 AM in Trinity Church located at 9225 Johnnycake Ridge Road in Mentor, Ohio. Friends and family will be received from 10:00 AM until the time of the service on Tuesday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to [Deepwood Foundation](https://www.deepwoodfoundation.org/). Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.



Community Integration Outing

Highlight

Next Chapter Book Club



The Next Chapter Book Club is a reading and discussion group that caters to adults with Down syndrome, autism and other developmental disabilities. We meet at the Willoughby Library or via zoom. Participants will read and/or listen to poetry and short stories each month. Sometimes we will create a craft that goes with our poem.



Contact Us

Please reach out to us for more information about our programs and services.

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Gingerbread Houses — We had fun making our gingerbread houses! What do you think?



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