

# THE PDI CHRONICLE

## JAY HAS SOMETHING TO SAY...

Where has the Summer gone?

It is hard to believe it is already over. August is here and the kids are ready to go back to school. But looking back PDI was full of activity this Summer with multiple outings for individuals we serve from vacations, Garth Brooks concerts, fishing trips and to visit the many Tennessee State Parks. I even had the opportunity to see some of these great activities myself when I ran into Keith Paige and his mother in Orange Beach, Georgia. This is the first time he had been out state on a vacation in a while and they were having a blast.



Other activities also took place in the last month; we were excited to have Buddy Ball Basketball back after a year of hiatus due to COVID. The athletes had a great time not only playing basketball but also visiting with friends they have not seen in a long time.

Speaking of COVID, PDI is back under heightened precautions. That means when we go out in public, we are wearing masks and social distancing. That does not mean we are not going in public; it just means we should be extra careful when we do go out. The other directions for protections should have been given to you by your supervisors. We just want to make sure as this new COVID variant comes through, we protect ourselves. Some of the staff have contracted COVID over the past week and we just want to make sure we don't have it spread to those we serve. So be diligent and report any positive cases to your supervisors.

I also want to congratulate Fred Lyle on his retirement from our Bridgestone enclave. Fred has worked at Bridgestone for 25 years. He has been a great part of the team and will be greatly missed. He looks forward to more relaxation time, family time, and friendly Buddy Ball competition.

Another big event that happened last month was most of the Administrative Team went through CQL training. CQL is an accreditation organization that PDI is pursuing to be accredited by this next year. It is an exciting organization that helps us think differently about what we do and truly put legs on our saying: "Those We Serve Come First". I look forward to sharing more about this with all of you in the coming months as we work on accreditation together.

That is about it for this month, I look forward to seeing all the exciting things the agency does this month. Thank you all again for doing what you do to serve those we have are blessed to serve. Have a Great August!



JAY, KEITH PAIGE, KEITH'S MOM, ORANGE BEACH, GA



BUDDY BALL BASKETBALL, JULY 2021

# AUGUST FUNTIVITIES!

## Emancipation Day Parade & Block Party

Friday, August 6 | Downtown Clarksville | 5:30pm parade, 7pm block party | Free

Parade starts on 8th and College St., Block party is 7-11pm at 1011 Franklin St. in front of Burt Cobb Community Center with DJ, dancing, food, vendors.

## Downtown @ Sundown Concert Series | Downtown Commons | 7-9:30 pm | Free

Friday, August 6 | Rubik's Groove

Friday, August 20 | Journey Tribute Band

## Wonder Kids Tradition | New Providence Pool @ New Providence MS | 7:45 pm | Sat., August 7

\$30/each (includes shirt and medal)

Swim, bike and run event for youth 3-12 years. Register by July 1 to guarantee shirt size.

## Movies in the Park | Liberty Park | Starts at sunset | Sat., Aug. 7 | Free

Showing: Remember the Titans

## Friday Night Live | Old Glory Distillery | 6-10 pm | \$5 each (12 & under free)

Friday, August 13 | The Young Fables performing

Friday, August 27 | Syd Hedrick & The Phalcons

## Southside Summer Music Festival | Historic Collinsville | Sat., Aug. 14

Details: [www.historiccollinsville.com](http://www.historiccollinsville.com)

## Movie Night | Downtown Commons | 7:30 pm | August 14 | Free

Showing: CoCo - There will be a mobile art studio and food trucks

## Hummingbird & Butterfly Festival | Wade Bourne Nature Ctr, Rotary Park | 9am-3pm | August 21 | Free

Details, call: 931.648.5732

## Heart in Hand | 475 Eastfork Leatherwood Rd, Stewart, TN | August 28 | \$10 suggested donation

This 6th annual concert fundraiser for Critter Hollow Ranch & Rescue features Legendary Shack Shakers, Bob Wayne, Dylan Walshe and more. With music, animals, raffles, food and free camping. For more info, go to: [www.heartinhandcreittersrescue.com](http://www.heartinhandcreittersrescue.com).

## Fun with Fido | Downtown Market, 1 Public Square | August 28 | 8am-1pm | Free

Games, prizes, music and on-leash fun. Dog-friendly businesses wishing to participate contact [parksrec@cityofclarksville.com](mailto:parksrec@cityofclarksville.com)

## Historic Collinsville 1800s How-To Day | 4711 Weakley Rd | August 28

Details, go to: [www.historiccollinsville.com](http://www.historiccollinsville.com)

## COME OUT TO CHEER OR VOLUNTEER



*Buddy Ball*

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Soccer: Saturdays in August at ACME Athletics, children at 10am, adults at 11am

Baseball: Sept. 10-Oct. 19, 5:30p and 6:30pm at Civitan Park





# Employee Spotlights

Our very own Rhonda Green (right) graduated from Leadership Maury, a personal development program designed to motivate participants to develop and enhance the quality of their leadership in addressing pertinent community needs.

Highlights of the program are to focus on:

- Identify existing and potential leaders in business, government, and community to help them prepare for volunteer responsibilities in the community;
- To provide leaders with a practical and sophisticated understanding of the major problems and opportunities facing Maury County
- To facilitate access between emerging leaders and current community leaders
- To improve the communications network among leaders with disparate backgrounds and interests
- To create a setting for persons of demonstrated commitment to the community to meet and exchange ideas
- To stimulate increased participation and commitment in the community



## NEW EMPLOYEES (JUNE)

Joyce Asiuwhu, Residential Specialist  
Angela Booth, Personal Assistant  
Suleatha Brooks, Kids Depot Teacher  
Briana Gruton, Personal Assistant  
Patience Buck, Kids Depot Teacher  
Elizabeth Capps, Kids Depot Teacher  
Andrea Cooper, Residential Specialist  
Alexius Curry, Kids Depot Teacher  
Kimberly Gooch, Residential Specialist  
Emily Holt, Kids Depot Teacher  
Lauren Holt, Kids Depot Teacher  
Isaiah Jones, Janitorial Technician  
Alison Livengood, Kids Depot Teacher  
Michelle McGinnis, Residential Specialist  
Tanner Osborn, Direct Support Specialist  
Sean Reynolds, Assistant Crew Chief  
Christine Smith, RN  
Mitsuko Telsese, Residential Specialist  
Jessica Wallace, Kids Depot Teacher  
Kenneth Wells, Janitorial Technician



**ERIKA WEAVER RECRUITING AT  
COLUMBIA CAREER CENTER  
JOB FAIR**



# Employees of the Month

*we see you!*

May



“Everything I do is for the individuals we support. I love what I do at PDI and I don't want to do anything else but work with the people we help.”

→ ● **Nicole Saunders**

Assistant Director, Supported Employment

May



“I am very surprised and honored to win Employee of the Month. I have worked in this field for many years and I love my job.”

→ ● **Amanda Hunter**

Residential Manager

June



“I truly enjoy serving the people we support and knowing that I make a difference in their life. Getting the Employee of the month award makes me feel appreciated and that the job I do is recognized by my peers.”

→ ● **Pat Lair**

Maury County Representative Payee Clerk

July



“I'm blessed to work with and support some amazing people. They bring balance to my world.”

→ ● **Stacie Vazquez**

Senior Community Employment Specialist

# August classes

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	<b>CPR/ FIRST AID</b>	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	<b>CPR REFRESHER</b>	14
15	16	<b>CPR/ FIRST AID</b>	18	19	20	21
22	<b>MEDICATION CLASS</b>	<b>MEDICATION CLASS</b>	25	26	<b>MEDICATION CLASS CPR REFRESHER</b>	28
29	30	<b>CPR/ FIRST AID</b>				

# Happy Birthdays!!!

Dorothy Booth 8/1  
 Patricia Jenkins 8/2  
 Nell Kent 8/2  
 Angela Carter 8/5  
 Gabrielle Reynolds 8/5  
 Christiana Gabrielle Clark 8/5  
 Lysa Green 8/6  
 Diane King 8/6  
 Alexander Rafael 8/6  
 Amanda Hunter 8/7  
 Taylor Vanmatre 8/7  
 Eula Smith 8/7  
 Jackie Robertson 8/7  
 Mary Ann Powell 8/9

Jessica Castro 8/10  
 Stephanie Todora 8/10  
 Charles Halstead 8/10  
 Haley Word 8/13  
 Kelly Schafer 8/14  
 LeAnn Byrd 8/17  
 Amanda Martin 8/17  
 Jo Helen Vagnetti 8/18  
 Madeleine Kimbrough 8/20  
 Melissa Page 8/20  
 Diana Tucker 8/21  
 Stacie Lynn Vazquez 8/21

Myrtle Lymon 8/22  
 Donna Cozart 8/22  
 Tonya Jack 8/23  
 Michelle McGinnis 8/24  
 Alicia Ogunti 8/24  
 Laurie Moss 8/25  
 Natalie Kazsuk 8/25  
 Adria Lewis 8/25  
 Christopher Nickerson 8/25  
 Patricia Richardson 8/27  
 Gwendolyn Till 8/29  
 Melanie Deskin 8/31



# EXTRA EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT!



## PROTECTION FROM HARM

Remember... DIDD requires you to report any suspected incidents of abuse, neglect or exploitation to DIDD's Protection from Harm Unit at 888-633-1313 within 4 hours of observation or discovery. If you fail to report and the incident results in a substantiated case, you may be subject to disciplinary action along with the person(s) responsible for the abuse, neglect or exploitation.

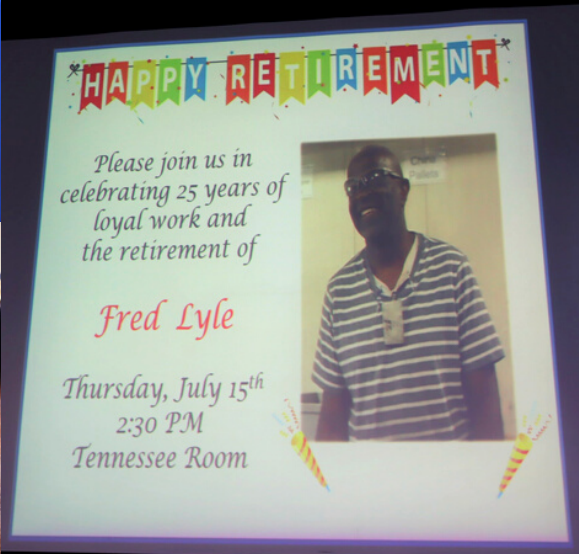
## WE ARE THE WORLD

We are currently working toward recertification as a Green Certified organization from the Clarksville-Montgomery County Green Certification Program. As we continue to demonstrate our commitment to sustainability, the agency is working on a large scale, but there are things each of us can do to help achieve this goal. Here are some tips to reduce waste, improve efficiency, and help overall here at work, as well as at home:

- Turn off lights and electronics when not in use
- Recycle most paper, cardboard, plastic, metal and glass
- Adjust thermostat when away
- Upgrade to energy efficient bulbs and appliances
- Consider carpooling to work

If you are interested in learning more about recycling, resource conservation and sustainable living, check out this website for guides on money-saving tips and a better future for our kids. <https://mcgtn.org/green/sustain/resource-conservation>.





FRED LYLE'S RETIREMENT FROM BRIDGESTONE METALPHA