BEI and Pencil Country Classic

The Bedford County Child Development Center held its annual Pencil Country Classic golf tournament on Monday, September 25th at the Riverbend Country Club in Shelbyville. Teams, sponsors, and volunteers were given commemorative drink cups. Local businesses generously donated water, sports drinks, and breakfast for all teams and volunteers. Donations were also received for the Silent Auction, which was a huge hit, with all items bid on and sold that same day. Peoples Bank took first place in the Championship Flight category.

The Pencil Country Classic was again a wonderful success for the mission of the CDC. Neither sun, wind, nor dead golf cart batteries could dampen spirits. The participants, sponsors, and volunteers had a wonderful time!

Kathy Bogle, second from the left, received the Jim Grider/Gayle Carter award given to the person who played a significant role in the success of the golf tournament through the many commitments of time and energy.

Teresa Winnette, CDC’s Early Childhood Director, received the Bo Melson award in sportsmanship given to the person who embodies “Reaching Out To Fulfill Dreams.”

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A big THANK YOU for the many Silent Auction donations.

Community Development Center’s Mission Statement
Providing supports and services to children, families and individuals with disabilities while addressing the health and well-being of all persons in the communities in which we serve.
Amazing Race Event at In-Service

The amazing winners of the Amazing Race!
L to R: Vonda Berry, Tori Bowman, Bob Jacobi, and Renee Reed

Is this called Business Casual?

Race Day

Penny Challenge: Finding a Specific Date

I don’t see a 1972, do you see a 1972?

No, but I think I have the year Jaws was released!
The Many Happy Faces of CDC!

Independent Support Coordination Staff

Above, ISC QA Manager is having a blast!
Below, the Marshmallow Partner Challenge.

Lunch is Served!

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The Children’s Center for Autism (CCA) hosted a Water Day on August 9th for the children and family members involved in CCA’s clinical therapy program. This fun day allowed the children to work on specific social goals, such as turn-taking and interacting with peers. They also practiced changes in their routines and self-help skills by changing clothing and putting on sunscreen.

Water is always an enjoyable activity which encourages extra peer interaction and appropriate play. Families had the opportunity to take pictures and discover how to encourage their child to bond with peers and follow directions during a day of stimulating and fun activities.

Participants (and staff) had a great time! Due to the wonderful success of Water Day and the positive and encouraging feedback from families, CCA plans to make this an annual event.

The Children’s Center for Autism wants to extend a huge Thank You to S.T.E.P. (Supports and Training for Exceptional Parents) for providing a great training event for our families. STEP conducted a training focused on how to ensure that each child has an instructionally appropriate Individual Education Plan (IEP) and how they may navigate the IEP process. Parents often don’t know what the IEP process is and what their role is supposed to be during these meetings. STEP was able to give the parents the training that builds confidence in advocating for their children’s success in the upcoming school year.

The parents that attended the meeting gave great feedback, and are looking forward to other STEP trainings in the future.

Awesome CCA Staff

The awesome staff of the Children’s Center for Autism, from left to right: RBT Tehah Obeidalla, RBT Melinda Black, RBT Jennifer Perryman, Early Childhood Director, Teresa Winnette, Clinical Coordinator Rachel Rudolf, MEI Center Manager and RBT Becky Jamison, and Fundraising and Administrative Assistant Lori Wade.
Congratulations!

Annie-Grace Jensen, daughter of CDC Family Support Coordinator, was crowned Homecoming Queen, October 13th at Shelbyville Central High School’s Homecoming game.

This Family Ramped It Up!

When it comes to our children, we as parents will bend over backwards to give them what they need, or in the case of the Christie family, will build whatever is needed. Jackie and Johnny Christie realized it was time to add a ramp to their home, and knew they needed one immediately. Their son Joey has Cerebral Palsy and it was becoming harder for him to manipulate steps. “He has begun to fall a lot, and we needed a safe way to get him out of the house for (his) doctor appointments,” said Jackie. Thank goodness, Johnny can do just about anything and building the ramp himself was not a question of if he would do it, but how soon he could get it done. The cost was the first hurdle, but Johnny does a lot of odd jobs for family and friends, so he was able to secure half the cost with payment for some work for his brother in law and the rest of the dollars needed was covered by Joey’s Family Support allocation. In just a weekend Johnny had it built, with reinforced supports of 2x4 railings along the sides (Johnny explained “Up and down spindles could easily be knocked out.”), and stained green to match their home. Jackie and Johnny are proud of this addition to their home, and we are proud for them.

CDC Anniversaries!

Melinda Black, CCA 2 years
Rhonda Green, ISC-C 2 years
Robert Jacobi, Adm 2 years
Amanda Bratton, ISC-C 3 years
Jennifer Williams, ISC-S 3 years
Renee Reed, ISC-C 7 years
Sue Long, MEI 9 years
Christy Jensen, FS 12 years
Sandra Markley, ISC-C 18 years
Glenda Griffin, ISC-S 24 years
Mark your calendar!
The Lincoln County Child Development Center is hosting *Breakfast with Santa* on Saturday, December 2, 2017 beginning at 8:00 am and concluding at 11:00 am. Tickets are $5.00 at the door, which includes breakfast and entertainment. Special events include a silent auction, games, and a picture with Santa.

**Location:** Lincoln County High School
1233 Huntsville Highway, Fayetteville, TN

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### SERVING TENNESSEE’S SENIORS

Are you in need of medical equipment?  
The Community Development Center’s Senior Equipment Loan Program is able to loan medical equipment to seniors who are Medicare eligible. Some of the available equipment includes, but is not limited to: Wheelchairs, Scooters, Rollators, Bath benches, and Lift chairs.

There is no charge for the use of the equipment.

*** Please note: Delivery & Assembly, if applicable, are not provided.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call: 931-684-8681 (Serving the Counties of South Central Tennessee)

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**Becky Jamison, MEI/CCA** Oct 3

**Shay King, QAM** Oct 17

**Heather Brown, ISC-S** Nov 15

**Lori Wade, MEI** Nov 17

**Teah Obeidalla, CCA** Nov 30

**Anita Teague, ED** Dec 14

**Christy Jensen, FS** Dec 16

**Amanda Bratton, ISC-C** Dec 20

**Kathy Chapman, ISC Mgr** Dec 30

**Leslie Throneberry, BEI** Dec 30

**Amanda McCall, Adm** Dec 31