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BIG NEWS

By Jim Casey

How do I begin to tell you of some of the changes we have right now? I suppose it is always best to begin at the beginning! The Hospice House on High Street is no longer providing hospice services. The Hospice Board of Directors decided to give the building at 601 High Street to CCRSI and we are planning to put it to use for residential based respite services. Our plan is to move the current Capital Care Program over to High Street by July 1, 2009. The lower level of Tannerbridge (where Capital Care is now) will become a permanent part of Tannerbridge Group Home again and the home will support 9 people in full time residential supports. The home has always been licensed for 9, but several years ago we limited supports to 6 people plus the Capital Care services in the lower level. We will offer the additional supports at Tannerbridge to three men who currently rent a house in town. The Capital Care Program will be able to offer more respite opportunities for people as the house on High Street has 6 private bedrooms.

We are also developing a sensory room at High Street with grant money we received from the Jefferson City West Rotary, the Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary, Jefferson City Rotaract and Missouri Rotary District 6080. This sensory room will give an opportunity for people with Autism, ADHD, and other disabilities to have sensory experiences which are very calming. We hope to be able to offer use of this room to students from the school districts as well as residents of Capital Care.



Once Capital Care and the Rotary Sensory Room are established on High Street, we will be looking for ideas for how to best utilize the rest of the space at High Street to support people with developmental disabilities. The Capital Care Program and Rotary Sensory Room will utilize just under half of the available space. There is so much more we could do but need your ideas and support to make it happen. Soon we will host an "Open House" and tours with the hope people will come see what we are doing and offer suggestions for other supports we could offer from this tremendous gift.

By Jim Casey

FIRST AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP FOR COLE COUNTY

On February 26, 2009, the first Autism Support Group for Cole County was held at the CCRSI Administrative Building, 1908 Boggs Creek Road. There are 49 families who receive case management services in Cole County who struggle with autism. There is an obvious need and interest in having support for these families. This group was formed due to the motivation of parents. It was decided to continue meeting on the last Thursday of every month at 6 p.m., at the CCRSI Administrative Building. The members of the support group are also the leaders. They come to decisions about what it is they would like to discuss and if there is an interest in having guest speakers. At both of the previous meetings, a speaker was invited. Kit Glover, Coordinator of the Office of Autism Services, Missouri Department of Mental Health, Division of Developmental Disabilities, spoke at the first meeting. At the second meeting, Sharon Nachbar, the Mid Region Coordinator at MPACT, was invited and has been asked to provide training specifically for individuals with Autism who have IEP's at another time. If you, or someone you know would benefit from attending the Autism Support Group, feel free to attend the last Thursday of each month here at CCRSI.

*By Casey Alley
Case Management*



SPOTLIGHT ON BOARD MEMBER NEVA THURSTON

Neva Thurston was appointed to the Cole County Special Services Board (CCSS) by the Cole County Commissioners on April 20, 1994. Neva's current primary responsibility on the Board is chairing the Board's Property Committee. She also serves as Secretary of CCSS, CCRSI, and Alpha Homes, Inc.'s Boards. While serving on the Board, Neva promoted HUD, single bedrooms for residents, and an apartment-training program. She also promoted single bedrooms for everyone living in residential programs. She also organized the first art program for clients.

Neva Thurston graduated from St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing, in Quincy, Illinois.

Neva developed and managed the two Intensive Care Units and also the Cardiac Rehabilitation Unit at Memorial Community Hospital from 1975 – 1989. After Neva retired, she was a Contract Field Nurse for the US Department of Labor.

Neva's disability experience is as follows:

- Board Member of Cole County Special Services from 1994 to present.
- Delegate to the National Association of Developmental Disabilities Council from 1998 – 2000
- Selected as participant for National Project Leadership Training in Washington, D. C. in 2000
- Member of MOAID from 1995 – 2001.



Neva Thurston

- Member of the Missouri Planning Council from 1995 to 2003. She also served as chair from 1999 to 2001.
- Member of the Personal Independence Commission from 2002 to present.

Neva and her son Greg have made various presentations including National TASH Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, and "Quality of Life for Persons with Developmental Disabilities" in 1997. In May of 2000 they presented to the Aging & Developmental Disabilities Conference in St. Louis on "Road Map to Services/Supports." Neva and Greg have also presented "Developing and Implementing Micro-Boards" from 2000 to 2003 in Kansas City, Osage Beach, and Reno, Nevada.

When she is not doing Board business, she attends disability functions, committees, and attends church activities.

When asked why Neva volun-

teered to be a board member, she stated, "My husband, Jack Thurston, was a CCRSI Charter Board member, and I wanted to serve, and because of my son, Greg."

Neva states, "The most important lesson she has learned by serving on the board is watching CCRSI grow into an agency with outstanding values and helping promote community inclusion."

Neva believes the greatest needs facing the Board in the upcoming years are funding, staffing direct care, creative staffing and continue with promoting choice.

When asked what Neva would like to share with the readers of this newsletter, Neva stated, "There have been many great changes here at CCRSI. We are now serving 53 people, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. CCRSI also serves approximately 200 people in recreation and respite services. She also would like to stress the importance of parents and consumers to keep current with changes on the Federal, State and County levels." Neva would also like to thank Executive Director Jim Casey, the administrative staff and her fellow board members.

Thank you, Neva, for your years of service on the Board and your dedication to people who have developmental disabilities.

*By Selena Fuller
Senior Office Assistant*

Welcome Back, Doug



We are pleased to announce, after a two-year absence, the return of Doug Smentkowski to the Cole County Special Services Board on December 1, 2008. Doug's prior experience with the Board was from March 29, 1995 to February 28, 2006. He held the office of Treasurer, served on the Finance Committee, and Chaired the long range Planning Committee for most of his years on the Board.

Doug is married to Connie, and they have a daughter, Amy, who has developmental disabilities. Doug has been active with the Kirchner State School PTO, United Way Committees and the Board, and he presently serves on the United Cerebral Palsy Easter Seals Board of Missouri. He has worked many years to help our clients with developmental disabilities. He also volunteers for the Missouri Department of Conservation in several areas and is the State Chair for the Mule Deer Foundation. Doug works for the State of Missouri in the Office of Administration, Division of Personnel.

IT'S AN EVER-CHANGING WORLD!

By Jim Casey

These are words which are definitely a part of our lives at CCRSI. We have change all around us – some by our initiative and some exerted from outside the agency. When Kyle Ament left us, we looked at our structure and pondered replacing him and keeping the structure “as is” or redesigning our agency personnel structure with the intention of enhancing quality. We chose the latter. With our new management structure we expect to effect even better quality of the services and supports we deliver.

Tracy Hoover was our Director of Case Management. She stepped into a new position, Director of Client Services, in effect combining some of Kyle’s former duties and some of her own. With this authority and responsibility, she will bring a new direction to our quality assurance efforts and enhance the cooperation and mutual professional respect between Case Managers and residential staff.



Tracy Hoover

newly created position of Community Specialist to give greater assistance and support to our residential QDDP’s (Qualified Developmental Disabilities Professionals) who function as the lead staff for residential support teams. In this role, Melanie will give the direct assistance and support to Q’s that goes a long way to enhance lives for the people we support. As our residential clients age and change, the medical supports expected from Q’s have increased substantially. Client health and safety is always our highest concern and client needs have increased to the point that we have to provide additional supports. Melanie provides the support and direction to the QDDP’s ensuring our supports are given with quality as the highest principle.



Melanie Heseman

We also promoted Lauri Hollis to Case Manager III to take some of the day-to-day duties that Tracy had as Director of Case Management. Our client population continues to increase and our need for

additional Case Managers has increased with it, requiring Lauri to devote more of her time to the training and supervision of Case Managers and to ensure the effective delivery of Case Management services to all our clients.

These changes will keep us on the path to even higher quality of services and supports and ensure that Cole County citizens with developmental disabilities and their families will continue to have these services and supports available to them and delivered in a framework of the highest quality. But this is not the “end of the story.” These changes also give a boost to our staff allowing them to see possibilities for career advancement within our own agency. This, of course, leads to a more satisfied workforce and greater ability to handle change and growth by promoting valued employees. As we get ready to move to the 30th anniversary of CCRSI, we see even greater and more satisfied lives for everyone in the CCRSI “family.”



Lauri Hollis

We promoted Melanie Heseman to the

DENTAL SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Elks Mobile Dental Program

is losing its contract with the Department of Health and Senior Services.

Who to Contact:

Margaret Donnelly, Director, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services; #573/526-6700

Dental care is healthcare

Cutting this program would significantly reduce access to, and in some cases eliminate access to, necessary oral health for a vulnerable population.

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The governor promised to restore the Medicaid cuts.

Since dental services were cut, people have gone without necessary oral health care, putting them at risk for infection and serious medical conditions.

Finding money for this program is an interim step the governor can take to restore access to oral healthcare for people with developmental disabilities.

Ask them to find funding for this essential resource

The Elks Mobile Dental Units have the capacity to go to areas of the state where there are NO other dental resources. They are one of the few programs with dentists trained and skilled specifically in providing dental services to people with developmental disabilities.

This year with only a \$270,000 investment through DHSS:

2,147 patients with developmental disabilities were served

Over \$400,000 worth of dental care was provided by 2 mobile units

Over the 5 yr. period 2002-2007

16,239 patients with developmental disabilities were served

\$2,902,103 worth of dental care was provided

State funding for that period: \$1,902,119.00

To run 3 units statewide and serve thousands of people, the Elks Mobile Dental Program would need only \$400,000 in state dollars.

The lack of dental care can lead to worse health conditions that cost more to treat. An oral infection can cause serious problems for people who have heart conditions. Certain medications that people with disabilities take can cause infections and other dental problems.

One-Time Economic Recovery Payment 2009

On February 17, 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This Law provides for a one-time economic recovery payment of \$250 to people who get certain types of Federal benefits.

Who will receive the one-time \$250 economic recovery payment?

The law provides for a one-time payment for certain individuals who receive Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Railroad Retirement and Veterans benefits. If you were eligible for one of these benefits at any time during the months of November 2008, December 2008 or January 2009, you may be eligible for the one-time payment.

If I am eligible for the one-time payment, when will I receive it?

You should receive your one-time payment by the end of May 2009. **You don't need to do anything** to receive this payment. Social Security does not need to contact you to request information. The [Department of the Treasury](#) will be sending payments throughout the month of May.

How will I receive my one-time payment?

We will deliver your one-time payment the same way we currently deliver your Social Security or SSI benefit.

We will send your one-time economic recovery payment **separately** from your Social Security or SSI benefit; it will not be included with your monthly benefit payment.

I receive both Social Security and SSI. Does this mean I'll receive two one-time economic recovery payments?

No, you can only get one \$250 payment, regardless of how many types of benefits you receive.

Are children who receive Social Security benefits eligible for the one-time economic recovery payment?

No, children under the age of 18 (19 if still in high school) who receive Social Security benefits are NOT eligible for the one-time payment. However, adult

children who receive disability benefits on a parent's record will receive a payment.

Are children who receive SSI benefits eligible for the one-time economic recovery payment?

Yes, children receiving SSI are eligible for the one-time payment.

I have a representative payee. Who will receive my one-time economic recovery payment?

If you have a representative payee, we will send your one-time payment to your representative payee. Your representative payee is required by law to use the payment for your personal benefit.

Will ALL Social Security and SSI beneficiaries receive a one-time economic recovery payment of \$250?

No. In most cases, the following individuals will **NOT** receive the one-time payment:

- Anyone living outside of the United States or its territories;
- Individuals who no longer are lawfully present in the United States;
- Individuals whose benefits have been suspended under the law for giving false or misleading statements;
- Social Security beneficiaries who are minor children*;
- SSI beneficiaries who receive benefits at a reduced rate of \$30 because they live in a medical treatment facility (such as a nursing home or hospital) and Medicaid pays over 50% of the cost of their care;
- Individuals only entitled to Medicare and not to Social Security or SSI benefits; and
- Prisoners, fugitive felons, and probation and parole violators.

Every situation is different, and there may be exceptions to these rules.

***Note: Disabled adult children receiving Social Security or children receiving SSI payments will receive the one-time payment.**

Will the one-time economic recovery payment count as income or resources when determining eligibility for SSI?

The one-time payment will **not** count as income for SSI. In addition, it will not count as a resource in the month you receive it or the following nine months. If you still have this money in March 2010, it will count as a resource starting that month and may affect your eligibility for SSI.

Will the one-time economic recovery payment count as earnings when determining eligibility for Social Security disability benefits?

No. The one-time economic recovery payment will not count as income or earnings for Social Security disability benefits.

If I don't receive my one-time economic recovery payment by June 4, what should I do?

After June 4, 2009, you can call our toll-free number, **1-800-772-1213** (TTY **1-800-325-0778**) or contact your local Social Security office to tell us your payment has not arrived. Please wait until then to ask about your payment because the [Department of the Treasury](#) will be sending payments until the end of May.

What should I do if someone calls or E-mails me asking for personal information to process my payment?

Do not provide your personal information to anyone requesting it to process your payment. If you are unsure about the identity of someone claiming to be a Social Security employee, call **1-800-772-1213** (TTY **1-800-325-0778**) to verify the call. You may report suspicious activity involving Social Security programs and operations to the [Social Security Fraud Hotline website](#) or call **1-800-269-0271** (TTY **1-866-501-2101**).

How can I get more information about the one-time economic recovery payment?

If you are a Social Security or SSI beneficiary, visit [our website](#).

If you are not a Social Security or SSI beneficiary and receive only Railroad Retirement or Veterans benefits:

- You can visit the [Railroad Retirement Board \(RRB\) website](#) or call **1-877-772-5772** (**1-877-RRB-5RRB**; TTY **1-312-751-4701**) for more information. NOTE: You will receive your one-time payment from RRB. You do not have to do anything in order to receive your payment.
- You can visit the [Department of Veterans Affairs \(VA\) website](#) or contact your local VA facility for more information. NOTE: You will receive your one-time payment from VA. You do not have to do anything in order to receive your payment.

Recreation Department News

We are taking a break for a couple of weeks to catch everyone up on what and where we have been since the last time you heard from us. Wow! We have been around some and have had a great time making new friends, having new experiences and enjoying being together with our old and new friends.

We have been to the Cardinal baseball games and watched them win a few and lose a few but still enjoyed the day! On one of the trips to St. Louis, we went on the Lock N Dam Cruise that left from the riverfront which consisted of a 5½ hour boat trip, including a buffet. We learned a lot about the Mississippi River and the lock and dam process. The food was great! On another trip to St. Louis, we went to the Fox Theatre to see the New York Rock-



ettes in The Christmas Spectacular Musical. We have been to the hockey games watching the St. Louis Blues win towards their big conference which we are hoping they will win. We had an exciting time at the Super Cross Races at the Scottstrade Center. These are a few of the events in St. Louis to which we have been. We have seen other events in



Kansas City as well.

We have seen the Kansas City Royals play baseball and they won! We have taken the Amtrak train to Kansas City's Mystic Pumpkin Festival. We've also been to the Kansas City Union Station. We have gone to Springfield, MO, to shop at the Battlefield Mall. We have driven thru Animal Safari Park where the camel, water buffalo, deer, Texas Long Horn cattle, and the ostrich come to the van windows for us to feed them. We purchased the food at the



souvenir shop! We had great fun and laughed a lot on that trip! We went to the Lake Ozark Speedway where we saw the Sprint Car Nationals. We enjoyed going to the Eagle Days in January at Osage Beach. This past January, the St. Louis Bird Sanctuary released an Eagle that had been hurt and was returned to the Lake area after being rescued.

We have been to some awesome events in Columbia, MO also. We received tickets to see Spencer's Illusion Theatre in Jesse Hall, at the University of Columbia. The illusions kept us on the edge of our seats! We have seen MU Basketball Team playing games on the way to their winning the Big 12. We have had our arms full of shopping bags filled with our purchases from shopping at the Mall. Have you seen us at Capi-

tal 4 and Capital 8 in Jefferson City? We love eating out and going to the movies. We have been to Turkey Creek to play miniature golf on the sunny, warm days. We enjoyed Charlotte's Web at the Stained Glass Theatre. We have enjoyed a picnic and swimming this last summer at Memorial Pool. This past spring we got rid of the winter blues by joining ceramic classes at Unique Ceramics. Many of us have picked out an item from a selection of statues to bowls, painted them, and had the green ware fired in a kiln. We are very proud and pleased with our finished products.



You may have seen us in Washington Park. We are involved with the Adopt-a-Park program thru the Jefferson City Parks and Recreation. We have adopted Washington Park -- this is our second year of a three year commitment. This is our way of being involved citizens in helping to clean up our neighborhood and to say thank you to the community and the Park Department for your support. We are now looking forward to our future summer activities. We hope you will say hi when you see us out and about!

We hope you have a safe and wonderful summer!

*By Sandy Donelin
Recreation Coordinator*



It would be beneficial for the office of Cole County Residential Services, Inc. to have email addresses for our contacts. If you are willing to share your email address with us, please do so by giving us a call or sending us an email to: ccrsi@ccrsi.org

Thank you!

Trusts Important for Special Needs Kids

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The parenting role of caring for special needs children never really ends. Even after a parent's life ends, special needs children will still need financial resources that will enable them to continue enjoying life.

Special needs is an umbrella term to include children who need extra care, whether they have a learning disability, mental retardation, terminal illnesses, developmental delays and a myriad of other complications.

"At age 18 special needs children may depend upon cash benefits from Supplemental Security Income and medical coverage from Medicaid whether living independently, with a family or in a group housing arrangement. These essential benefits do not allow for many extras and there are strict income and resource limitations to maintain eligibility," said Claire Watson, Heartland Down Syndrome Association president.

Facing the fact that their special needs child will someday be left alone is not easy, but parents who believe they've done all they can to assure the best future possible for their children have a good chance at relief.

Special needs trusts can provide long-term financial security and a responsible disbursement of assets through the drafting of wills.

"Individuals with disabilities, their families and the professionals who represent them face a host of distinguished legal issues and other challenges unfamiliar to most of their peers," Watson said.

"For instance, making sure a special needs child does not lose needed benefits like Medicaid, SSI or subsidized housing does not affect parents of children who are healthy and have no special needs," she said. "Setting up a special needs trust or choosing a trustee to manage the trust is another issue those parents don't face."

Heartland Down Syn-



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drome Association vice president Theresa Essner, also the mother of a child with Down syndrome, said that she's been thinking of setting up a trust for her 7-year-old son Adam for a couple of years.

Essner has an older daughter and sister who are aware of Adam's needs, but she doesn't want them to have the extra burden of having to worry about him when she's gone.

"When I die I want things to roll smoothly," she said.

Essner said that if she set up a regular trust for her son the government could demand back payment for therapies he's received with their assistance, diminishing or eliminating a fund she worked hard to create. Her other fear is that with a regular trust the government may be able to determine what his needs are, changing his quality of life.

To see that Adam's needs are met, Essner works with him when he gets home from school with material from the National Association for Child Development.

He's high functioning and I want to keep it that way," she said. "They test him regularly and write up programs after he's evaluated. He's a really good reader."

Essner said she discovered there were no local attorneys who dealt specifically with special needs trusts. This resulted in digging a little deeper to find the Special Needs Alliance, a not-for-profit organization comprised of attorneys who specialize in public benefits

and disability. Many of them are parents and siblings of children with disabilities.

Janet Hume, a paraprofessional in the Jackson School District, works with special needs children and has a son, Landon Hume, 19, who has Fragile X syndrome, a genetic abnormality of the X chromosome resulting in varying degrees of learning problems to mental retardation.

Landon, a senior at Jackson High School, will attend high school another year. Landon receives job training through a school program and has worked and volunteered at local businesses for years. His mother is happy for the experience he's getting and hopes that when he graduates he will be able to find employment locally.

Landon also bowls on a Special Olympics team. His mother attends as many programs as she can that pertain to planning for Landon's future or about programs he could be involved in.

Hume has been looking into trusts for Landon, too.

"When he was smaller, it was always in the back of my mind," she said. "Being busy with doctor visits and therapies, it was something I didn't concentrate on at the time."

Hume said she is still learning about trusts in general and finds the topic complex and overwhelming.

"Sometimes you need to hear things over and over again before you understand them."

She believes a trust is a safeguard so that a child can still be eligible for benefits. She has attended a seminar on the topic at a Fragile X conference.

"I hope the trust can ensure his quality of life," she said. "Who will take care of him? He may be able to live in a group home but will need help managing money and things like that. I don't think he can live totally on his own."

"And I want to be sure it will last throughout his life," she said. "If I do this I will feel better that I've done my best to take care of him."

Another duty Hume deems important is to write a letter of intent with her son's likes, dislikes, medications, dreams, aspirations, education and future living plans. She said that parents should create a trust but even grandparents who may leave something for the child should make provisions for the money to be channeled into a trust.



EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the staff members pictured below for being selected as Employees of the Month. Our sincere thanks to each of them for their service and dedication to those we serve.

March 2008



Tamiko Stewart, Support Staff, (left), pictured with Mike Deeken.

April 2008



Janet Woemmel, Technical Support Specialist, (left), pictured with Rose Chappell.

May 2008



Casey Alley, Casemanager, (left) pictured with Audrey Dick.

June 2008



Judy Stacey, QDDP, (right), pictured with Glenn Strickland.



July 2008



Paula Eddy, Qualified Developmental Disabilities Professional, (top left) pictured with Chad Ward, Janice and Judy Dudenhoeffer.

August 2008



Mark Miloro, Maintenance Worker (right) pictured with Stanley Lueckenotte.

September 2008



Nathan Suttentfield, Casemanager (right) pictured with Larry Schetzler.

October 2008



Kim Feltrop, Registered Nurse (right) pictured with Jimmie Sikes.



November 2008



Fidelia Okocha, Support Staff (left) pictured with Raymond Suerig.

December 2008



Ryan Evans, Support Staff (right) pictured with Darrell Rehagen (left) and Eldred Harrison (center).

January 2009



Susan Beahan, Account Clerk (left), pictured with Mike Deeken.

February 2009



Laraine "Rainey" Forth, Support Staff (right) pictured with Mark Lancaster.

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***** IMPORTANT EVENTS *****

Recreation—Travel

- Saturday, May 16** - Art Festival/Civil War Reenactment, JC, MO
- Sunday, May 17** — Shop/Lunch, Lake of the Ozarks, MO, Trip #2
- Sunday, May 24**— Cardinals vs. KC Royals Baseball Game, St. Louis, MO
- Sunday, June 7** —Grant's Farm, St. Louis, MO, Trip #1
- Saturday, June 13**—3rd Annual Dragon Boat Festival, KC, MO
- Sunday, June 14**—Shop/Lunch, Columbia Mall, Columbia, MO, Trip #2
- Wednesday, June 17**—Grants Farm, St. Louis, MO, Grip #2
- Saturday, June 27**—Cardinals vs. Minnesota Twins Baseball Game, St. Louis, MO
- Thursday, July 2**—Cardinals vs. San Francisco Baseball Game, St. Louis, MO
- Saturday, July 11**—National Tiger

- Sanctuary, Bloomsdale, MO
- Saturday, July 18**—Dinner and Cruise, Lake of the Ozarks, MO, Trip #1
- Sunday, July 19**— KC Royals vs. Tampa Bay, KC, MO
- Saturday, July 25** —Dinner and Cruise, Lake of the Ozarks, MO, Trip #2
- Sunday, July 26**—Grant's Farm, St. Louis, MO, Trip #3
- Tuesday, July 28** — Jonas Brothers World Tour Concert, St. Louis, MO
- Sunday, Aug. 2** — Cardinals vs. Houston Baseball Game, St. Louis, MO
- Saturday, Aug. 15**—Amtrak to St. Louis Zoo, St. Louis, MO
- Sunday, Aug. 23** — KC Royals vs. Minnesota Twins Baseball Game, KC, MO
- Saturday, Aug. 29** —Fantastic Caverns, Springfield, MO



Board Meeting Dates*

- May 26, 2009
- June 23, 2009
- July 28, 2009
- August 25, 2009
- September 22, 2009
- October 27, 2009
- November 24, 2009

***Board meetings are held at the Administrative Office located at 1908 Boggs Creek Road, and begin at 6:30 P.M.**

For additional information, please call 573-634-4555.