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## People First to host Valentine's Day dance

**NEWARK** -- The Licking County Chapter of People First is getting set to host a Valentine's Day Dance and fundraiser.

The event will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 10, at the VFW Hall, 469 Forry St., Newark. Music will be provided by DJ Nick Wayne. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Tickets for the dance are \$5 in advance, or \$7 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at the Licking County Board of DD's Service Coordination Office, 565 Industrial Parkway, Heath, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. People First members also are selling tickets, or call Diana Shannon at (740) 788-3708.

The money raised during the Valentine's Day dance will be used to offset costs associated with members attending various advocacy and training conferences throughout 2012.

People First of Licking County is a self-advocacy organization that is sponsored by the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The local chapter is run for and by people with developmental disabilities, and has about 50 members. There are more than 60 similar chapters of People First throughout Ohio.

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