

HOPE SERVICES

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ENCORE! PERFORMS AT HOPE SERVICES



Patrick Henry's elite group of singers recently visited the SASS program to serenade them with Christmas carols. The Rhythm Band then had the opportunity to perform their Christmas music for the members of Encore! Santa even made an appearance!



Listen to WNDH 103.1 every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. for more information about HOPE Services.

HOPE Services is committed to creatively working in partnership with eligible individuals and their families to discover, pursue and achieve what is important to them.

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HOPE SERVICES GEARS UP FOR LEVY CAMPAIGN

HOPE Services will be on the ballot in March with a 1.5 mill levy. This will generate an additional 1.1 million dollars. The most significant reason for this ballot initiative is the loss of Tangible Personal Property Tax. We are experiencing the loss of over 1 million dollars annually due to the loss of Tangible Personal Property tax. Additionally, state funding continues to decrease each year.

This levy will allow us to continue the same level of service to those in the Henry County community that we support. This levy will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$52.50 per year. Henry County citizens are counting on us to continue to support them.

If you are part of an organization here in Henry County and have a meeting coming up in the next couple of months (December, January, February and beginning of March), we would love to hear from you. HOPE Services would appreciate the chance to come and present as a guest speaker at your meeting (we usually only need 10-15 minutes of your time). Please contact Tim Bower at 419-599-2892, ext. 234 to set up a date and time for this opportunity. The issue will be on the ballot on Tuesday, March 15, 2016. Any help would be greatly appreciated from you so we can share with you the wonderful things that we do here at HOPE Services.

Thanks for getting to the polls and voting for HOPE Services! Have a safe, warm and blessed holiday season!

Melinda Slusser, Superintendent

HOPE'S GIVING TREE

For the past several years staff at HOPE Services has extended the holiday spirit to assist others in need by participating in the "Giving Tree". The Henry County residents selected from a local agency benefits from the donations of the "Giving Tree". This year we have chosen the Henry County Senior Center and would like to extend participation to the individuals served, friends and family members.

The Henry County Senior Center is a welcoming and friendly community center which is open to all citizens, but primarily senior citizens 60 years of age or older and those accompanying them. The Center schedules activities, programs and bus trips. It also acts as an information and referral center, and offers services, assistance, and support programs for senior citizens. A Senior Center satellite is located in Deshler, Ohio, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Please consider donating any of the following items: puzzles, playing cards, coffee (regular and decaffeinated), tea, plates, napkins, Kleenex, paper towels, bathroom deodorizer, toilet paper, hot chocolate, envelopes (letter size), Cottonelle Feminine Wipes (refill), bingo prizes, craft items such as canvases, wood working kits, ceramics that need painted, etc. We plan to have the tree up by November 23 and will decorate through December 17. Items will be delivered on the 18th.

Items can be dropped off at either of our locations in Napoleon: 135 E. Maumee Street or 2254 N. Scott Street, Unit 2. If you have suggestions for next year we would love to hear from you, just contact someone in the SES department.

2014
Giving
Tree



Items were donated to Together
We Can Make A Difference

AN EARLY INTERVENTION SUCCESS STORY

Kenji was referred to HOPE's Early Intervention program when he was nine months old. At that time he was not sitting, crawling or moving. It was difficult for him to play with toys. He was noted to have very low muscle tone and his head was flat on one side. Parents began to work with a developmental specialist and a doctor prescribed a shaping helmet. Kenji is now running, jumping, and loves to climb. He enjoys writing and playing with his cars. He uses full sentences and joins the play of his big brother, Kai.



thank you!

Henry County public officials, board members and HOPE professionals were treated to a Thanksgiving dinner in November. This dinner was to thank everyone for their continuous contributions to HOPE Services.

INDIVIDUAL OF THE MONTH



We are featuring Gladys Rosenbush this month. Gladys lives in Napoleon and attends SASS five days a week. She enjoys looking at and reading books. She also likes to paint crafts while at the program. Her favorite games are UNO, Junk and Dice Bowling. Her favorite Ladies' Day activity is going to the salon to get her nails painted and then eating at a local restaurant. We all love Gladys's pleasant personality and smile and we're so happy to have her as a part of SASS!

The Gerald Award

The Gerald Award is an award presented among the staff at HOPE Services on the basis of seeing beyond what others believe to be possible. This professional has demonstrated gentle inspiration and a vision based on possibilities, so that every person we serve might be able to reach his/her greatest potential.

Kelly (last month's recipient) presented the award to Stephanie Jones. Stephanie is the afternoon receptionist at the Maumee location. Kelly chose Stephanie as the recipient of the Gerald Award because we often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude. She feels that Stephanie gives to the staff and the individuals that enter our building a very special quality of kindness, compassion and of graciousness. She offers her beautiful personality and great contagious smile to each of us. It's nice to be important but it's more important to be nice and that is why she is so deserving of this award.



THANK YOU STEPHANIE FOR ALL YOU DO FOR HOPE SERVICES!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

HOPE Services appreciates the hard work and dedication of each of its employees which contribute to the overall success of the agency. As such, we would like to recognize the years of service given by the following employees:

Sally Roehl	20 years
Trisha Giesige	9 years
John Hoover	6 years
Tina Parsons	2 years

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

**ALL HCBDD BOARD MEETINGS BEGIN
AT 8:00 A.M. IN THE
HOPE SERVICES' ACTIVITY CENTER**

December 23, 2015 (Ethics starting at 7:55 a.m.)
January 25, 2016
February 22, 2016
March 28, 2016



Celebrate the NEW YEAR!

JOIN HARC, COREE AND HENRY COUNTY
SPECIAL OLYMPICS RING IN THE NEW YEAR!

Thursday, December 31, 2015
7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Filling Home Gym

MUSIC + GAMES + SWIMMING +
KARAOKE + DANCING + FOOD

**ADMISSION: SNACK ITEM (CHIPS, COOKIES, ETC.)
DRINKS AND PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED**

RSVP BELOW AND RESERVE YOUR SPOT

RANDY: 419-591-6798

ANGIE: 419-966-2713

NICOL: 419-906-2375

**PARENTS—THIS IS YOUR NIGHT TO HOWL AND
SPEND THE NIGHT DOING NEW YEAR'S YOUR WAY!**

SENIOR AND ADULT SUPPORT SERVICES

November marked the beginning of our holiday season. Sights, smells and sounds of turkey, dressing and pumpkin pie are quickly replaced by Christmas lights, wrapping paper and family laughter! We started November off with our first performance of our new Charlie Brown Christmas Rhythm Band Show at Fulton Manor in Wauseon. We spent the rest of the month polishing up our performance and making new props and costumes. As it got closer to Thanksgiving, the individuals mixed and baked homemade mini-pumpkin pies and delivered them throughout the Napoleon office to HOPE staff as a way of saying "Thanks for all you do!" Our friend, Wayne Carpenter, visited and talked about his travels to Ireland and his Pumpkin Farm in Michigan. He had many stories to tell and great slides to share. We also had a little fun on Crazy Hat Day! We competed in a Sequence tournament, assembled newsletters for Emanuel Lutheran Church, learned some interesting facts about our former planet Pluto, and hosted our friends from Country View Haven to a Thanksgiving feast.



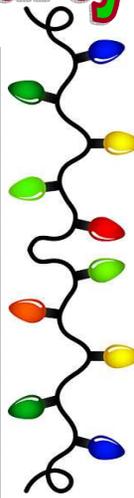
Christmas is in the air! The SASS seniors attended the Symphony of Trees luncheon held at the Henry County Senior Center. The food was delicious, the trees beautiful and BINGO prizes plentiful! We also held our own pre-game pre-tailgate OSU/Michigan party. It was a sea of scarlet and gray as far as the eyes could see! Fortunately, the Buckeyes backed up all of our words the following weekend and claimed victory over the Wolverines! We also started off the month by hosting a Christmas party for our third

grade pen pals from St. Paul. We made mason jar snowmen, decorated cookies, played Cardo and enjoyed some pizza. The games and activities are always fun, but it's the friendships we've built that makes Christmas and getting together each month so special. We've also been busy volunteering at the Christmas Exchange store every day from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. It's always nice to help spread holiday cheer to others in our community while raising money to help the needy. The SASS Rhythm Band is again in the middle of a busy performance schedule of their Christmas Show. We've already traveled to Wauseon, Deshler, Holgate and Williams County spreading Christmas classics and holiday joy. We've got several more community shows here in Napoleon and throughout Henry County. We'll end the month, and year, with our annual Christmas Party full of fun, games, presents and laughs.



SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Job Club Christmas Party



Presents!



Perfect Attendance Awards



Dancing to the Beat!

SES hosted the Job Club Annual Christmas Party on December 4. The group enjoyed a great meal and danced to music. The highlight of the evening was the gifts and honoring Perfect Attendance for the 2015 year. Tony Patterson and Dennis Tyson both received Perfect Attendance awards. SES extends their gratitude to the many merchants and businesses that helped make this evening a success.



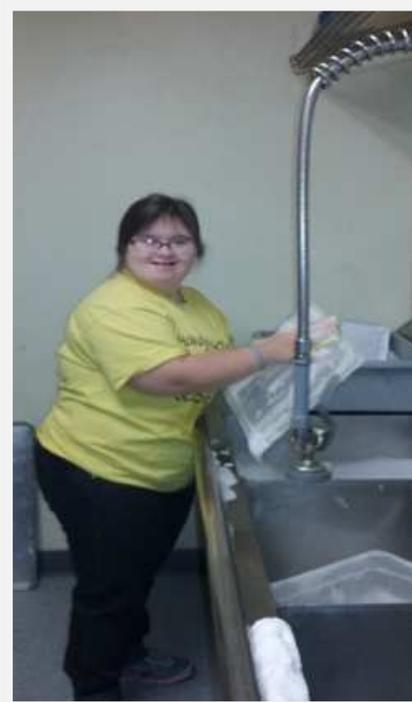
- Nathaniel Vogel song celebrates 1 year at Lowe's
- Theresa Baser is celebrating 12 years at McDonald's

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

This month Supported Employment would like to recognize Kelsey Wayne. Kelsey works at Clubhouse in Holgate. She has worked there for 1½ years. Kelsey washes dishes and busses tables. She enjoys her job very much. Kelsey said the things she likes about her job are doing dishes, her co-workers and Monica. Kelsey also loves being able to take pizza

home and socializing with customers. She knows almost everyone. Kelsey always has a smile on her face and a positive attitude. Some of Kelsey's favorite things to do when not working are going out to eat at Buffalo Wild Wings and eating parmesan garlic chicken and going to Defiance College basketball games. Great Job Kelsey . . . Keep up the good work!



This month's throwback picture is Kelsey Wayne when she attended HOPE Preschool.



throwback



This is the company that HOPE Services uses for all their embroidery and screen printing needs. They are able to embroider any items for you as needed. It would cost you approximately \$5 depending on the item. So if there is a sweatshirt, jacket, blanket or any item that you would like embroidered, please contact Kathy at HOPE Services at 419-599-2892, ext. 245. The logo used is seen below. They can change the colors of the lettering if needed.



The HOPE Services' offices will be closed for Holiday Break beginning Thursday, December 24, 2015, at noon. The offices will open again on Monday, January 4, 2016.



The Christmas Exchange Store was busy collecting and distributing Christmas decorations. The HOPE Senior and Adult Support Services operated the store with all proceeds earmarked for PROJECT: We Care. Shown above is Theresa Peper helping out at the store.

WELCOME!

Emily Helberg has recently been hired as an Intermittent Training Specialist. Emily and her husband, Eric, live in Wauseon and have two children, Christian and Caitlyn. In her spare time, Emily enjoys singing and crafting.



Emily Helberg



CHRISTMAS PARADE

HOPE Services participated in the Napoleon Holiday Parade in November. A big thank you to Brad, Tiffany, Brooke and Ashley Wachtman for sharing their horses and riding them in the parade. We had many elves join us, along with Frosty and Santa. Even though it was a little chilly, we had a great time!

PROJECT STIR: STEPS TOWARD INDEPENDENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY



Congratulations to Bishop Nieto and Randy Barnes for completing the Project STIR training held at Maumee Bay State Park in November. Bishop graduated STIR training and is now an Ohio leader along with Irma Tovar, Theresa Peper, Matt Hines, Amanda Laver and Gary Cody. Randy is Bishop's sponsor and went through the training with him. Bishop states, "the STIR training was fantastic and I can't wait for my return visit!" Randy is honored to be Bishop's support person. He states that Project STIR is the wave of the future for people with developmental disabilities. It will give them a voice and teach them about their responsibilities for the community. Project STIR training provides the practical "how to" tools necessary for anyone who is interested in being a self-advocate and leader



in making choices and decisions about how they live their lives. It is designed to empower people with developmental disabilities, their families, friends and their professional associates through the development of leadership skills. It is also designed to support the development and strengthening of local self-advocacy groups by establishing structure and purpose.



DON'T TOSS 'EM, RECYCLE THEM!

Supported Employment Services is the collection site for used ink cartridges. This project is an ongoing fund raiser to benefit individuals receiving SES services.



FUNDRAISER

ARE YOU FEELING LUCKY?

Supported Employment Services will be having a raffle to win a lottery tree with the winner being guaranteed no less than \$10. Proceeds from the raffle will go to support Job Club activities. Tickets for a chance to win can be purchased from any SES professional November 16 through December 17. There is no limit on the amount of tickets you can purchase. Prices will be \$1.00 for one or 6 for \$5.00. Winner will be selected and announced on December 18. Let the fun begin and try your luck at winning BIG!!!



Kent's Korner

December 2015/ January 2016 BY: KENT SPIESS

Upcoming events

December 1st Bowling at River City Bowl-A-Way from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

December 1st Swim team practice at Napoleon High School pool from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

December 2nd Basketball practice at Filling Home from 4:00pm to 7:30pm

December 3rd Basketball practice at Filling Home from 3:30pm to 6:00pm

December 3rd Swim team practice at Napoleon High School pool from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

December 4th Team 2 Basketball practice at Filling Home from 5:00pm to 6:30pm

December 5th and 6th State Swim Meet in Columbus

December 7th Basketball starts at the Filling Home from 3:30pm to 6:00pm

December 8th Bowling at River City Bowl-A-Way from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

December 9th Basketball practice at Filling from 4:00pm to 7:30pm

December 10th Basketball practice at Filling Home from 3:30pm to 6:00pm

December 14th Basketball practice at Filling Home from 3:30pm to 6:00pm

December 15th Bowling at River City Bowl-A-Way from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

December 16th Basketball practice at Filling Home from 4:00pm to 7:30pm

December 17th Basketball practice at Filling Home from 3:30pm to 6:00pm

Flash Back Of The Month



Chris Scarberry

Chris has been in Special Olympics for many years. His preferred coach is Randy and Jeff. His choice of Special Olympics sport is Basketball and he enjoys Horseback Riding. Chris' much loved Special Olympics memory is winning State Basketball in 2004. His pick of College football teams is Ohio State Buckeyes. In Chris's spare time he likes playing on the computer, watching TV and volunteering for bowling. His choice of movie is Star Trek. His preference of music is Christian bands and Mannheim Steamrollers.



Upcoming events

December 18th Team 2 Basketball practice at Filling Home from 5:00pm to 6:30pm

December 21st Basketball Starts at Filling Home from 3:30pm to 6:00pm

December 22nd Bowling at River City Bowl-A-Way from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

December 23rd Basketball practice at Filling Home from 4:00pm to 7:30pm

December 24th Basketball practice at Filling Home from 3:30pm to 6:00pm

December 25th Team 2 Basketball practice at Filling Home from 5:00pm to 6:00pm

December 28th Basketball Starts at Filling Home from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

December 29th Bowling at River City Bowl-A-Way from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

December 30th Basketball Practice at Filling Home from 4:00pm to 7:30pm

December 31st Basketball practice at Filling Home from 3:30pm to 6:00pm

January 4th Basketball practice for school Age is from 3:30 to 4:30

January 4th Basketball practice for Women is from 4:30pm to 6:00pm

January 5th Bowling at River City Bowl-A-Way from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

January 6th Basketball practice from 4:00pm to 7:30pm

January 7th Basketball practice for School Age is from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

January 7th Basketball practice for Women from 4:30 to 6:00pm

January 8th Basketball practice for team 2 from 5:00pm to 6:30pm

January 10th

January 11th Basketball practice for School Age from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Kent's Korner

Did You Know

- Special Olympics is an international organization and competition held every two years. They alternate between Summer and Winter Games.
- These Olympics are for people who have intellectual disabilities. There are also local, national and regional competitions in over 150 countries worldwide.
- In June of 1962, Eunice Kennedy Shriver started a summer camp for children and adults with intellectual disabilities at her home in Maryland to explore their capabilities in a variety of sports and physical activities.
- The 1st International Special Olympics Summer Games were held at Soldier Field in Chicago, Illinois, USA, on July 19 – 20, 1968. One thousand individuals with intellectual disabilities from 26 U.S. states and Canada competed in track and field and swimming.
- Anne McGlone Burke, a physical education teacher with the Chicago Park District, began with the idea for a one-time Olympic-style athletic competition for people with special needs. She then approached Eunice Kennedy Shriver. Both women are considered to be the founders of the Special Olympics.
- In December 1971, the U.S. Olympic Committee gave the Special Olympics official approval as one of only two organizations authorized to use the name "Olympics" in the United States.
- Athletes from 150 countries train and participate in the Special Olympics.
- Three million athletes participate around the world.
- The Special Olympics motto is "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."
- Special Olympics offers over 30 Olympic-type individual and team sports that provide meaningful training and competition opportunities for persons with intellectual disabilities.



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Swimming Results

Kent's Korner

On November 8th a swim meet was held at Oak Harbor High School .Here are results : Anthony took 1st place in 25 free and 2nd place in 50 free. Selena grabbed 2nd in 25 and 50 free. Tracey received 2nd place in the 25 and 50 free . Derrick and Bethany robbed 3rd place in 25 and 50 free. Heather and Ryan captured 3rd in 50 free and 4th in 25 free. Jacob and Josh won 2nd place in 25 free .Josh seized 4th place in 50 free and Jacob took 3rd place in 50 free. Abbie secured 4th place in 50 and 25 free. The 4x50 Relay team of Jacob, Josh, Ryan and Anthony conquered 1st place. The 4x25 Relay team of Tracey, Bethany, Heather and Jacob received 2nd place. 4x25 Relay team of Selena, Abbie, Derrick and Ryan was disqualified.

Upcoming events

January 13th Basketball practice from 4:00pm to 7:30pm

January 14th Basketball practice for School Age from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

January 14th Basketball practice for Women from 4:30pm to 6:00pm

January 15th Basketball for team 2 from 5:00pm to 6:30pm

January 18th Basketball practice for School Age from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

January 18th Basketball practice for Women from 4:30pm to 6:00pm

January 19th Bowling at River City Bowl-A-Way from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

January 21st Basketball practice for School Age from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

January 21st Basketball Practice for Women from 4:30pm to 6:00pm

January 25th Basketball practice for School Age from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

January 25th Basketball practice for Women from 4:30pm to 6:00pm

January 26th Bowling at River Bowl-A-Way from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

January 27th Basketball practice from 4:00pm to 7:30pm

January 28th Basketball practice for School Age from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

January 28th Basketball practice for Women from



Here are the results from the State Swim Meet held on December 5th in Columbus . Jacob H seized 1st in 50 free and 2nd in 25 free. Ryan M placed 1st in 50 free and 3rd in 25free. Heather S received 2nd in the 50 free and 4th in 25 free. Selena H took 3rd in 50 free and 25. Anthony swallowed 5th in the 50 free and 3rd in 25free. Josh B took 6th in 50 free and 4th in 25free. The 4X50 Relay team of Jacob , Ryan , Josh and Anthony grabbed 2nd place. Congratulations to all the Swimmers.



Upcoming Events

- **Henry County Board of DD Board Meeting**—The Board meeting will be held Wednesday, December 23, at 8:00 a.m. in the Activity Center.
- **HOPE Services Levy Committee Meeting**—The next levy meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 22, at 4:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. January meetings are scheduled for the 5th and 19th.
- **HOPE Services Soup Challenge**—The Annual Soup Challenge will be held Thursday, March 3, at the Filling Home Gym.
- **HOPE Services will be closed** in observance of the Christmas holiday beginning December 24 at noon. We will re-open on January 4.

HOPE Services does not discriminate in provision of services or employment because of disability, race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age. Send news stories and items of interest to Kathy Bishop or Kent Spiess.

Happy
New Year!

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