

VOICES of HOPE

SELF ADVOCACY GROUP

Please join us
FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2016
4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.
HOPE Services Activity Center



Hot dogs and Hamburgers will be provided

Please bring a Potluck dish to share!

Suggestions— taco salad, macaroni salad, baked beans, cole slaw, desserts, veggies, fruit, cheese and crackers....

Agenda

Good food, fun games and friends celebrating
Self-Advocacy successes

Any questions? Call Tina at HOPE Services
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Seeing Potential ~ Inspiring Opportunities

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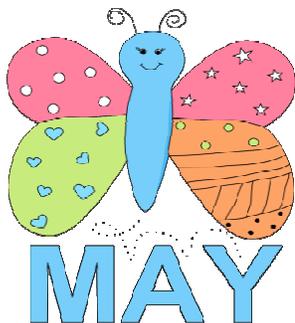
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CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



Thank you to the professionals of HOPE who participated in wearing blue in April in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month!

April has been a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse. The majority of child abuse cases stemmed from situations and conditions that can be preventable when community programs and systems are engaged and supportive. A community that cares about early childhood development, parental support, and maternal mental health, for instance, is more likely to foster nurturing families and healthy children.



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.

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

HOPE Services website:
www.henrydd.org

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

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

May 23, 2016
June 27, 2016
July 25, 2016

Henry County Special Olympics 28th Annual Awards Banquet

Thursday, May 19, 2016
6:00 p.m.



- potluck • bring a dish to pass • drinks supplied

Come enjoy an evening of fun, memories and awards.

HOPE'S HOT DOG & BRATWURST BASH



**FRIDAY,
JUNE 10, 2016**
11:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

**FREE WILL
DONATION**

**PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS
TO BENEFIT**
New Ag Hall Project
and
Relay for Life 2016

HOPE Services
135 E. Maumee, Napoleon
• eat in, drive through or carry out •

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This month we would like to recognize Becky Plummer. Becky has been employed at McDonald's for 3 years. You can find Becky working in almost any area at McDonald's. Becky's favorite part of work is getting to meet all the new people who come in to the restaurant. Becky commented, "The customers are the reason I come to work every day. I love meeting new people and being able to help them." Last year, Becky had a goal to become a crew trainer. A crew trainer is a person who assists with the training process for new employees coming in. With a lot of hard work and dedication, Becky successfully became a crew trainer. Becky states, "I love watching people learn. When you have a worker who is having a hard time with something and they finally get it, the feeling is priceless knowing you are the one who helped them." Becky's next goal is to become a Shift Manager. Good luck Becky and keep up the good work!

In The Spotlight



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Coping Skills in the work place was the topic for Job Club in April. The group used play dough and rocks to see the difference between problems that we can change (playdough problems), such as how we react to a situation, our own behavior and our words. They used the rock to represent problems that cannot be changed and what types of coping skills that we can use to avoid a negative result. Some of the problems that they decided they could not change and had to cope with were how other people behave, who they are related to, what hours they are scheduled to work, if the people that they work with are friendly or not. Some of the coping skills that the group came up with were walking away for a while, talking it out and even ignoring it. Other ideas were taking a deep breath, exercising, listening to music and reading. We also discussed some of the not so good coping skills that we sometimes use and how these can directly affect their jobs and relationships.

The group then used the playdough and a balloon to make a stress ball. Everyone enjoyed the activity of trying to get the playdough inside the balloon; different techniques were used to accomplish this

STRESSFUL task.



SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

A THANK YOU TO OUR AREA BUSINESSES

This month SES would like to send out a big Thank you to all of the employers in the area that have been so supportive of working with the individuals that Supported Employment serves. The employers that currently employ individuals that are working with SES and the job coaches are:



Big Boy* McDonald's* Big G's* Bob Evans* Chief Supermarket* Clubhouse Pizza* Holgate School* Holiday Inn Express* Lowe's* Meijer's* NOWAC* HOPE Services* Triple Diamond Plastics* Walmart (Napoleon, Defiance and Wauseon)* Northwest State Community College* Avina Specialties* Lutheran Home* Keller Packaging* Sodexo*

When we work with an individual that is seeking a community job, we discuss and discover their skills and likes to come up with the type of work that they want to seek. We look at what has been successful and what has not been successful in their past jobs. Sometimes what a person wants and what is available is a challenge. The individual's skill levels and maturity is an important factor in finding the right job. Some people will work on their skills during the job development process; others may want to try a new type of work and are open to learning as much as they can about a business. Many are unsure of the type of work that they want to pursue.

We don't walk into a business asking for special exceptions or use sympathy in the hiring process. We like to show the employers that this person has the ability to do the job. They might take a bit longer to train and may need an accommodation, therefore we provide a job coach for this. The process from hire to being successfully employed differs from individual to individual and business to business. The job coach typically goes into the business and learns the job with the individual and will work beside the individual to insure that they are doing the job correctly and are meeting the production standards until they are totally independent. They also work on other areas such as socialization skills and transportation if needed. They act as a liaison between supervisors and employee, families/providers and employee and, when needed, transportation and employee.

SES and the individuals that we assist finding success in a community job have been blessed with the support that we have received from the businesses and employers in the area. The success of those that we serve is the results of a community. Thank You!

CONGRATULATIONS

SES would like to congratulate the following individuals on their employment anniversaries:

Chad Fritz—15 years at Chief's

Bethany Mathers—10 years at Chief's

Chris Scarberry—4 years at McDonald's

Rebecca Plummer—3 years at McDonald's

Jody Farber—1 year at HOPE Services

Bobby Rosebrock—12 years at Big G's

Zach Kania—3 years at Walmart

Stephanie Jones—1 year at HOPE Services

Matt Flory—4 years at Meijer's

GOOD LIFE TRAINING CONTINUES IN HENRY COUNTY

The facilitators recently met with the professionals of HOPE to talk about Living in their Shoes.

We had a great discussion about how we need to be intentional about others' feelings, how we sometimes struggle to communicate with each other because of physical barriers and the importance of empathy.

"The Good Life" training is an outgrowth of the Positive Culture Initiative (PCI)—a way of intentionally supporting all people within our communities that focuses on creating healthy relationships, and acknowledging the unique gifts that each brings to those relationships. It is about making the shift in thinking away from power, control and coercion in language and actions, and toward affirmation, unconditional acceptance and encouragement.



HOPE Services will be closed Monday, May 30, 2016, in observance of Memorial Day.

The offices will also be closed on Monday, July 4, 2016, in observance of Independence Day.



If you are currently receiving your newsletter by mail, but would like to receive it by e-mail, please send your e-mail address to kbishop@henrydd.org.

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:

Cheryl Smith	28 years
Tim Bower	13 years
Theresa Myles	13 years
Rachael Woodby	3 years
Stephanie Jones	1 year
Jody Farber	1 year



May is Mental Health Month 1 in 5 Americans will be impacted by a mental health condition in their lifetime, along with their friends and family. We can all do something to help. During the month of May, mental health organizations and volunteers across the country work together to fight stigma, provide support, educate the public and advocate for care.



The number of children that have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) has remained fairly consistent over the last several years within the Early Intervention population. What has changed is the variety of programs available to help children with ASD. We can provide a screening assessment to children with concerns of Autism using the ADOS, Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule. After completion of the screening tool, we provide a write up and scoring to our partnering pediatric developmental physician and parents are given priority appointments. We also provide the PLAY Project which was developed by Dr. Richard Solomon. This is an evidenced-based program to help strengthen the social-emotional abilities of young children with Autism. PLAY Project consultants provide regular Home Visit sessions for up to a year coaching parents. The sessions are designed to help families identify their child's unique strengths, to build and strengthen relationships between family members and their children, and have a positive impact on their social development.

The program occurs in the family's home, with the people that the child has the most interaction. It focuses on building interactions with others using fun, playful, developmentally appropriate techniques. It's helping draw the child out and trying to get that relationship and those social connections going back and forth between the child and their family and peers. The program highlights "little things," such as getting down on a child's level while they play and sitting directly across from them to ensure they make eye contact. The PLAY Project teaches families that it's not what you play with your children, it's how you play. It's also designed to draw a response from a child, which can be difficult. The biggest thing is getting their child to interact. Getting them to do little things and drawing them out is definitely huge for any child on the autism spectrum.

PLAY consultants provide modeling, coaching, and video feedback of adult/child play interactions and teaching of the techniques, which parents are able to use through all their daily routines. The PLAY Project is free to families with a child who is enrolled in Henry County's Early Intervention Program and has delays in the areas of social and communication development.

FREE COMMUNITY SPEECH SCREENS AT HENRY COUNTY HOSPITAL Now through May 31, 2016



- children currently aged 3-5 years old
- by appointment with our licensed Speech Pathologist on staff
 - receive immediate feedback, learn your child's strengths/weakness, options for further services
 - from this screening, your child may be eligible for our summer speech program
 - Call 419-591-3818 for details and to schedule a screening appointment

SUMMER SPEECH PROGRAM BY HENRY COUNTY HOSPITAL June 15 to July 22

Wednesday and Fridays only, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. each day

- located at our Help Center site at 589 E. Riverview (next to Northwest Signal)
 - cost is \$15 for the entire session
- waiting room is available, but please limit the number of persons, if possible
- weekly summary notes will be provided on your child's accomplishments
 - parent meetings will be held once during the session to provide you direct information on your child's strengths and areas to work on

Kent's Korner

May 2016

Upcoming events

May 2nd Power Lifting at Napoleon High School from 4:30pm to 5:30pm

May 2nd Horseback riding at Dusty Boots in Weston from 5:00pm to 8:30pm

May 3rd Volleyball practice at Filling Home from 4:30pm to 6:00pm

May 3rd Track 6:00pm to 7:00pm and Cycling 7:00pm to 8:00pm at Fairgrounds

May 4th Tennis at Napoleon High School from 6:00pm to 7:00pm

May 4th Power Lifting at Napoleon High school from 4:30pm to 6:00pm

May 5th Volleyball practice at Filling Home from 4:30pm to 6:00pm

May 5th Track 6:00pm to 7:00pm and Cycling 7:00pm to 8:00pm at Fairgrounds

May 6th Bocce at HOPE Services 6:00pm

May 7th Area 4 Spring games at Southview High School from 10:00am to 4:00pm

May 9th Horseback riding at Dusty Boots in Weston from 5:30pm to 8:30pm

May 9th Power Lifting at Napoleon High School from 4:30pm to 5:30pm

May 10th Volleyball Henry County vs Fremont at Filling Home at 6:00pm

May 10th Track 6:00pm to 7:00pm and Cycling 7:00pm to 8:00pm at Fairgrounds

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Homecoming 2016

Homecoming was held on April 1st at St. Paul's. The first game was against Fulton County. It was an exciting game with Fulton County scoring the first basket of the game. HOPE answered with the second basket of the game. It was a back and forth game with HOPE trailing at Halftime 18-12. They came back strong in second half. An amazing shot by Jeremiah almost catching up the Cougars. Perry shot to even the game to 20-20. Juan put the Cougars ahead at 22-20. Cougars won with a final score of 34-26. Game two was the School Age Team vs. Team 1 and Women's. The first quarter was 18-4 with Caroline being the MVP. School age continued to lead at the end of the second quarter 18-16 with Skylar being the MVP. Trent was the MVP for the third quarter. The final score was 24-28.



Upcoming events

May 11th Power Lifting at Napoleon High School from 4:30pm to 5:30pm

May 11th Tennis at Napoleon High School from 6:00pm to 7:00pm

May 12th Volleyball Practice at Filling Home from 4:30pm to 6:00pm

May 12th County Spring Track meet at Napoleon High School from 10:00am to 1:00pm

May 12th Track 6:00pm to 7:00pm and Cycling 7:00pm to 8:00pm at Fairgrounds

May 13th Bocce at HOPE Services 6:00pm

May 14th Young Athletes at from 10:00pm to 11:00pm

May 16th Power Lifting at Napoleon High School from 4:30pm to 5:30pm

May 16th Horseback riding at Dusty Boots in Weston from 5:30pm to 8:30pm

May 16th Volleyball Hancock County vs Henry County at Hancock County from 6:00pm to 9:00pm

May 17th Track 6:00pm to 7:00pm and Cycling 7:00pm to 8:00pm at Fairgrounds

May 18th Power Lifting at Napoleon High School from 4:30pm to 5:30pm

May 18th Tennis at Napoleon High School from 6:00pm to 7:00pm

May 18th Henry County vs Wood County Volleyball game at Filling Home 6:00pm

May 19th Special Olympics Sports Banquet at Filling Home from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

May 20th Bocce at HOPE Services 6:00pm

May 21st Young Athletes at Filling Home from 10:00 am to 11:00am

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2016 Homecoming MVP'S



This year I decided to pick MVP'S of the Homecoming game 2016. The First quarter MVP was Barb of the first game. The second quarter MVP was Matt of the first game. The third quarter was Jeremiah of the first game. The fourth quarter MVP was Virginia of the first game. The first quarter MVP was Caroline (not pictured) of the second game. The second quarter MVP was Skylar of the second game. The third quarter MVP was Trent.

Flash Back Of The Month



Homecoming 2010



If you have any Special Olympic news and or pictures that you would like to see included in the newsletter please contact me at:
 Kentdawg51@yahoo.com or kspiess@henrydd.org

Upcoming events

May 23rd Power Lifting at Napoleon High School from 4:30pm to 5:30pm

May 23rd Horseback riding at Dusty Boots in Weston from 5:30pm to 8:30pm

May 23rd Volleyball Henry County vs Fremont from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at Fremont

May 24th Volleyball Henry County vs Lucas County at Lucas from 4:45pm to 8:30pm

May 24th Track 6:00pm to 7:00pm and Cycling 7:00pm to 8:00pm at Fairgrounds

May 25th Power Lifting at Napoleon High School from 4:30pm to 5:30pm

May 25th Tennis at Napoleon High School from 6:00pm to 7:00pm

May 26th Volleyball at Wauseon Middle from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

May 26th Track 6:00pm to 7:00pm and Cycling 7:00pm to 8:00pm at Fairgrounds

May 27th Bocce at HOPE Services 6: 00pm

May 30th Horseback riding at Dusty Boots from 5:30pm to 8:30pm

May 30th Power Lifting at Napoleon High School from 4:30pm to 5:30pm

May 31st Volleyball practice at Filling Home From 4:30pm to 6:00pm

May 31st Track 6:00pm to 7:00pm and Cycling 7:00pm to 8:00pm at Fairgrounds



In Memory

Virgil was a participant in our SASS program. He enjoyed camping, fishing, spending time with HOPE Services, and loved Christmas. Virgil passed away after a brief battle with leukemia. We will miss his helping hands and smiling face.



Virgil Snyder

9/11/1952—4/18/2016

This month's
throwback
picture
features
TJ Stover
and
Tim Bower.



throwback



GERALD AWARD

Giraffes Can't Dance is a book about Gerald the giraffe, who wants nothing more than to dance. With crooked knees and thin legs, it's harder for a giraffe than you would think. Gerald is finally able to dance to his own tune when he gets some encouraging words from an unlikely friend.

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.

Most recently, the award was presented to Brad Booth. Brad is the Transportation Supervisor. Deb (last month's recipient) presented the award to Brad because he is the first person the individuals see in the morning and the last person they see in the afternoon. All the individuals look up to him (maybe because he is so tall). Brad just has a great ease with everyone.



Congratulations Brad and thank you for everything you do for the individuals of HOPE!

SENIOR AND ADULT SUPPORT SERVICES

Spring is finally in the air! But, because the weather isn't quite cooperating yet, the men of SASS got their exercise on by walking inside at the Woodland Mall and then grabbing a bite to eat in Bowling Green on Man Day. Later in the month, a few of the high school all-star athletes joined us for lunch, laughs and a few games. A large group of ladies from the Henry County Senior Center performed many of their line dances for us. We joined them on the dance floor for a few of them, including one titled the "Bunny Hop". Our friends from Fulton County hosted Networking Day this month. We gathered in Wauseon, along with Williams County, Filling Home and COREE to have lunch and listen to the music of "The Righteous Sisters". In honor of National Siblings Day, many of our SASS individuals brought in family photos. They took turns sharing stories and memories of growing up with brothers and/or sisters. A small group of SASS seniors traveled to Deshler for the annual Mini-Health Fair and Luncheon sponsored by the Henry County Senior Center. There were free blood pressure checks, information and goodie bags along with good food and entertainment. We are anticipating warmer weather and can't wait to get out into the community and get moving!



SIBLINGS!



Upcoming Events

- **CAP (Children with Autism/Parent Support Group)** will meet Monday, May 2, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.
- **Hardwired for Connection: Trauma Responsive Care for Youth of All Ages** will be held Wednesday, May 4, at Sauder Village Founder's Hall.
- **Henry County Board of DD Board Meeting**—The Board meeting will be held Monday, May 23, at 8:00 a.m. in the Activity Center.
- **HOPE Services** will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.
- **Voices of HOPE** will be held on Friday, June 3, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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.



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