

HOPE SERVICES

OCTOBER 2015

Seeing Potential ~ Inspiring Opportunities

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Listen to WNDH 103.1 every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. for more

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 held their Fall Hot Dog and Brats Bash. A big thank you to Thrivent Financial, Chief Supermarkets and Front Street Signs for their financial assistance.

Because of the overwhelming community support, HOPE was able to raise over \$600.

THANK YOU!



Shown here are Theresa Peper, Tina Parsons and Dave Kleck.



Members of the Lanzer family enjoying their lunch.

Shout out to WNDH 103.1 for providing live remotes during the event.

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT NEWS

Job Club News

Job Club is a peer to peer based support group for individuals who have an interest in employment. Some of the members are currently employed, while others are seeking employment.

Every month, the groups meet to discuss job related topics such as completing applications, problem solving, good hygiene, and maintaining good work ethics. At times, the groups have the opportunity to take tours of local businesses which gives them a better understanding of the different types of jobs in the community.



This month, Job Club members met to discuss Positive Co-Worker Relationships. The group was asked to write down what they look for in a co-worker. Most of the answers were the same: someone who is helpful, honest, nice, caring, positive, etc. We discussed that not every co-worker you work with is going to have the same idea as you and THAT'S OK! In order to be successful, it's good to have different ideas tossed around. The group then completed a trust activity incorporating the words they had written down. Each member had to guide their blindfolded partner through a maze of mousetraps (fake, of course) without stepping on any. In order to successfully complete the maze, both partners needed to have good listening skills, communication, trust, and patience by using encouraging words.



CONGRATULATIONS!

To LaNae Thompson as she celebrated three years of employment at NOWAC on October 1.

To Mark Morris as he began working full time at Keller packaging on September 22.

Pizza Buffet and Fundraiser

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

AND

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

DINE IN
AND
CARRY OUT



132 N. Wilhelm
Holgate, OH

A PORTION OF THE
DAY'S PROFITS WILL
BENEFIT
HOPE SERVICES

PLEASE JOIN US AND HELP RAISE FUNDS

GOOD LIFE CONTINUES IN HENRY COUNTY

At a recent all-staff meeting at HOPE, the Good Life team facilitated an activity about Gentle Wind and Pink Bat Thinking. We discussed "being comfortable with the uncomfortable" and the role of a professional to strive toward improving a person's self-esteem while assisting them to experience an improved quality of life.



We got the staff involved by playing a game reinforcing the concept of Gentle Wind.



HOPE SERVICES BOARD SETS BENCHMARKS

For a few years, you have been hearing about several state and national issues driving significant change to the traditional ways services have been delivered for more than 40 years. Those issues include:

- Ohio Department of DD's (DODD) response to Gov. John Kasich's Employment First Initiative requiring every person served to be on the path of community employment.
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) 2014 rule eliminating funding for segregated services.
- The CMS requirement that a provider of services cannot also be a provider of case management.
- The Department of Justice's ongoing legal enforcement of the Supreme Court's Olmstead Decision of 1999 and ADA of 1990, which require services to be provided in community settings instead of segregated settings.

With those driving forces in mind, HOPE Services is continuing to move services toward integrated settings. Our efforts toward person centered services continue as we look to have everyone served included in their communities. Service and Support Administrators support individuals served in determining where they are on the path to community employment.

Regarding the CMS requirement that a provider of services cannot also be a provider of case management, the HOPE Services Board established benchmarks for 2016. According to rule, by 2024 HOPE can no longer provide direct services to individuals. This specifically means that we will no longer be able to provide the SASS program, supported employment services or transportation for waiver recipients. We will be encouraging those we serve to receive that service from private providers. HOPE will still be funding the services and monitoring for quality.

Our benchmarks for 2016 include the following:

- By December 31, 2016, we want to increase the number of private providers in our county by 20 percent. We currently have nine providers of both day services and transportation.
- By December 31, 2016, we want to decrease the number of individuals on waivers who receive direct services from the board by 20 percent. Currently we provide direct services to 58 individuals on waivers. This means that we want to decrease by 12 the number of individuals on waivers we provide direct services to.

We will keep you informed as we move ahead with working toward these benchmarks, and as we set new benchmarks in the future.

Melinda Slusser, Superintendent



CHRISTMAS EXCHANGE STORE

In December, the SASS program will once again be managing the second-hand Christmas decoration store. These decorations and trees are then distributed to families in need.

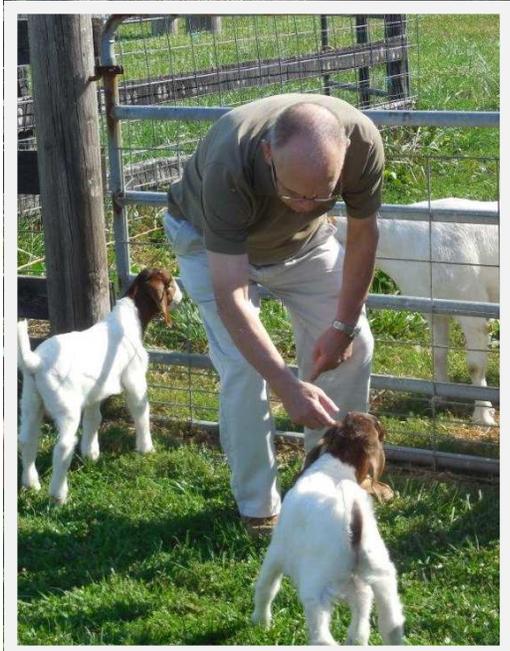
As you start to prepare for the holidays, used decorations will be accepted at the HOPE Services office at 135 E. Maumee, Napoleon.
The date and location of the Christmas Exchange Store has yet to be determined.

This is a community service project of the HOPE Senior and Adult Day Program with all proceeds earmarked for **PROJECT: We Care**, a program to assist low income Henry County families at Christmas.

Please call the HOPE Services office at 419-599-2892 for any questions.

SENIOR AND ADULT SUPPORT SERVICES

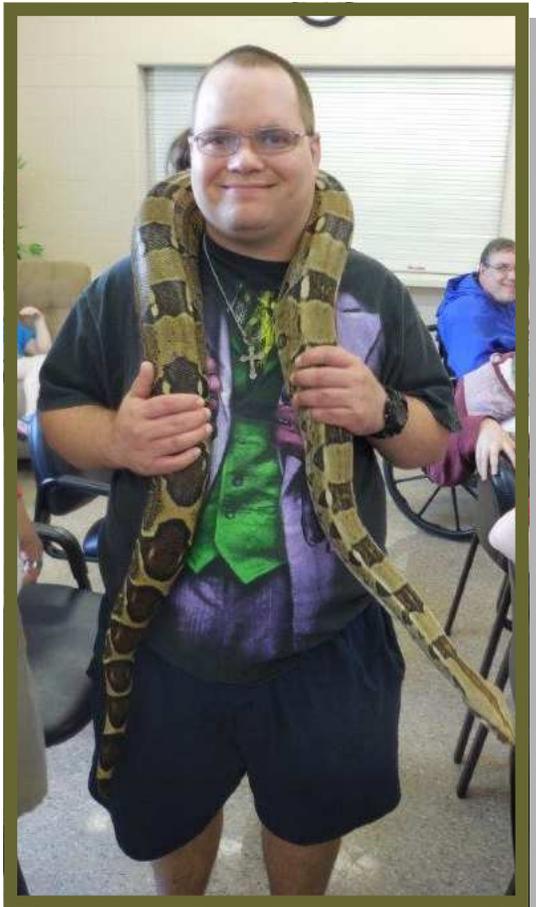
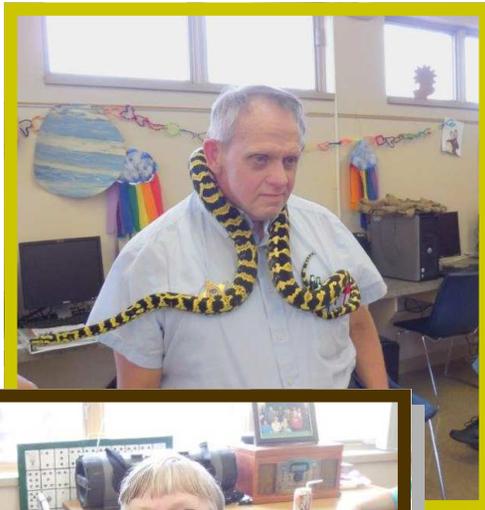
The individuals of the SASS Program were busy the month of September with a variety of activities. They worked hard on assembling, painting and stenciling wooden Americana flags. A group of seniors enjoyed a day at the Fulton County Fair. It was nice to get out and get some exercise as well as enjoy the great food and freebies the fair has to offer. We also discussed the tragedy of 9/11 and watched a few documentaries and videos in remembrance of the lives lost that day. A group of individuals traveled to Walker Farm where Julie Walker taught us a little about raising goats. The group tried their best at catching one to get in a few pets, but the young ones were pretty quick. Sue, training specialist, has been teaching us all about our solar system. She continued her monthly science series by teaching everyone a little about the planet Saturn. We also had groups travel to Filling Home for swimming and developmental sports games several times within the month. We also continue to volunteer our time each month assembling newsletters and mailings for community organizations.



SENIOR AND ADULT SUPPORT SERVICES



We hosted our monthly Networking Day which featured Frogtown Exotics. Jake, the owner, brought a few of his reptilian friends for a hands-on educational experience. He taught us a lot about several different species of frogs, lizards, turtles and snakes.





United Way

HOPE Services staff raised **\$3,048.88** to contribute to the United Way campaign. Several agencies serving Henry County residents will be provided funds. HARC is one of those agencies and each year they receive funds to assist with summer camp programs, outings and other giving opportunities. Thank you to the professionals of HOPE Services for your generous giving!



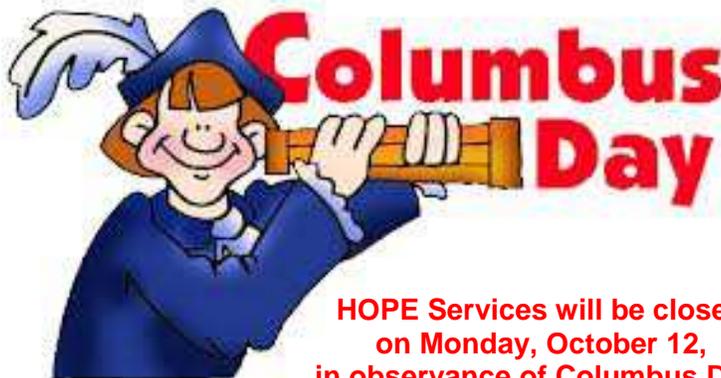
INDIVIDUAL OF THE MONTH

We are featuring Linda Baser this month. Linda was born in Napoleon and continues to live here with her husband Ed. She is a mother of 3 and grandmother of 4, with another grandbaby on the way! Linda enjoys a variety of activities while attending SASS. Some of these are roll-it-tic tac toe, junk card game, swimming and mini golf outings. She also participates in Special Olympics bowling and cheerleading. She likes the color green, eating pizza and going to Big Boy for other yummy food. Linda has been to Nashville, TN and would like to go to New York City. Thanks for attending SASS, Linda, and make sure you try the pizza when you get to the Big Apple someday!

IN APPRECIATION

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:

Joe Huffman	2 years of service
Pat Spengler	2 years of service
Amy Bressler	1 year of service



HOPE Services will be closed on Monday, October 12, in observance of Columbus Day.

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.

Melinda (last month's recipient) presented the award to Kelly Verbeke. Kelly is an SSA at HOPE Services. Kelly was chosen because she is creative and always full of ideas. Kelly always has a smile on her face and will take the time to speak to you.

THANK YOU KELLY FOR ALL YOU DO FOR THE INDIVIDUALS OF HOPE SERVICES!



VOICES OF HOPE

The next meeting will be Friday, October 16, 2015.
4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of new officers and pizza party. \$2.00 for pizza.



OPEN HOUSE

Early Intervention is hosting an Open House

*Please join us at our new address:
2254 Scott Street Unit B
Napoleon, Ohio
Directly across from Wal-Mart*

*November 2
3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.*

*November 3
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

We will have munchies and a make-it/take-it.

We look forward to seeing you!



throwback

This month's throwback picture was taken at Quadco. Robert and Dwight are working hard as Lisa helps them out.

Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who helped out at the Henry County Fair. We were very busy in the Pork Producers Stand, the Information Booth and the Popcorn Booth. We couldn't have done it without everyone's generous donation of their time.

Kent's Korner

October 2015 BY: KENT SPIESS

Upcoming events

October 5th Horseback Riding at Dusty Boots from 5:00pm to 8:30pm

October 6th Bowling at River City Bowl-a-way from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

October 8th Area 4 Developmental games at the Filling Home from 10:00am to 12:30pm

October 12th Horseback Riding at Dusty Boots from 5:00pm to 8:30pm

October 13th Bowling at River City Bowl-A-Way from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

October 13th Swim Team practice at Napoleon High School pool from 6:30 to 7:30pm

October 15th Swim Team practice at Napoleon High School pool from 6:30 to 7:30pm

October 17th Young Athletes at Filling Home from 10:00am to 11:00am

October 19th Horseback Riding at Dusty Boots in Weston from 5:00pm to 8:30pm

October 20th Bowling at River City Bowl-A-Way from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

October 20th Swim Practice at Napoleon High School pool from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

October 22nd Swim Practice at Napoleon High School pool from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

October 24th Young Athletes at Filling Home from 10:00am to 11:00am

October 25th State Team Bowling at Sawmill Lanes in Columbus

October 26th Horseback Riding at Dusty Boots in Weston from 5:00pm to 8:30pm

October 27th Bowling at River City Bowl-A-Way from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

October 27th Swim Practice at Napoleon High School pool from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

October 29th Swim Practice at Napoleon High School pool from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

October 31st Young Athletes at Filling Home from 10:00am to 11:00am

throwback picture



Pictured are Front: Robert, Tony, & Gary
Back: Randy, Chad, Jamie, Beau, & Matt

Be A Fan

Follow Special Olympics Ohio on Face book,
Twitter and also on the web at sooh.org

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

- **Clubhouse Pizza in Holgate**—Join us at Clubhouse Pizza in Holgate on Thursday, October 22, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and/or 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The SASS program will have crafts to sell as well as a 50/50 drawing.
- **HOPE Pink Walk**—All professionals and friends of HOPE are invited to walk along with the individuals from adult programs on Thursday, October 29, at 10:00 a.m. No registration needed. We will leave from the SASS program, walk downtown and return. **WE INVITE EVERYONE TO WEAR PINK!** All proceeds will benefit United Way—Cancer Care. This provides direct financial assistance to cancer patients in Henry County. Please join us!
- **Deshler Halloween Parade**—HOPE Services will be participating in the Deshler Halloween Parade on October 31 at 4:00 p.m. We will feature our children from the Early Intervention Program.

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.



Address Correction Requested

135 E. Maumee
Napoleon, OH 43545

Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities



VOICES of HOPE

SELF ADVOCACY GROUP

PLEASE JOIN US

FRIDAY, October 16th

4:30 P.M. -6:00 P.M.

HOPE Services Activity Center

Bring your **\$2.00** for PIZZA & drink!

Agenda



1 Minute Mixer Ice Breaker

Meet the Elected Officers and Planning Committee

Make a bucket list



Lets talk about thankfulness

Thumbs up Thumbs down - How did we do?

Any questions? Call Tina at HOPE Services

419-599-2892

Please complete the survey below and return to Tim Bower at HOPE Services by Friday, October 16.
2015 HCBDD Annual Plan Survey

Please check one (or more) of the following:

- | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent or guardian | <i>If parent or guardian, age of child:</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> 0 to 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 to 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 to 22 | <input type="checkbox"/> 22+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Served | <i>If individual served, age:</i> | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 to 22 | <input type="checkbox"/> 22+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Member | | <input type="checkbox"/> County Board Staff | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member | | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Day Provider | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Residential Provider | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | | |

If appropriate, please check which program(s) you (or your family member) are receiving from HCBDD.

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> SASS | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Service and Support Administration (SSA) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SES | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Olympics | <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Support Services (FSS) | |

Please answer the following questions:

1. Generally speaking, do you feel that we are meeting the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities in our community?

- Great Good Okay Poor NA
Comments:

2. What kind of job do you feel that we are doing in spending tax dollars wisely?

- Excellent Good Okay Poor NA
Comments:

3. How do you feel that we do with collaborating with other community agencies?

- Great Good Okay Poor NA
Comments:

4. What is your impression of how staff treat people with developmental disabilities and family members?

- Excellent Good Okay Poor NA
Comments:

5. How do you think our communication is with the public?

- Excellent Good Okay Poor NA
Comments:

6. How do you feel that we are doing overall in providing quality services to the community?

- Great Good Okay Poor
Comments:

7. To what extent do you think that we are making progress? (Circle one)

- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Poor Progress **Great Progress**

What things do you think that we are doing well?

How could we improve what we do?

We will be placing an order for HOPE Walk t-shirts and sweatshirts. You will need to have your order to the HOPE Services Office **NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015**. T-shirts and sweatshirts are available for all sizes. Be very sure of the size before you order—**NO EXCHANGES OR RETURNS**.

Your payment must accompany the order. Make checks payable to HOPE Services. **NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED**. We will accept orders until Thursday, October 15, 2015.

T-SHIRTS WILL BE BLACK WITH PINK LETTERING.



FRONT

Please return order form with payment by Thursday, October 15.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

Short-Sleeved T-Shirt

Long-Sleeved T-Shirt

Crewneck Sweatshirt

Hooded Sweatshirt

	<u># of Shirts</u>		<u># of Shirts</u>		<u># of Crews</u>		<u># of Hoodies</u>
Youth 2-4 (\$9.00)	_____	Youth 2-4 (\$11.00)	_____	Youth 2-4 (\$15.00)	_____	Youth 2-4 (\$21.00)	_____
Youth 6-8 (\$9.00)	_____	Youth 6-8 (\$11.00)	_____	Youth 6-8 (\$15.00)	_____	Youth 6-8 (\$21.00)	_____
Youth 10-12 (\$9.00)	_____	Youth 10-12 (\$11.00)	_____	Youth 10-12 (\$15.00)	_____	Youth 10-12 (\$21.00)	_____
Youth 14-16 (\$9.00)	_____	Youth 14-16 (\$11.00)	_____	Youth 14-16 (\$15.00)	_____	Youth 14-16 (\$21.00)	_____
Adult Small (\$9.00)	_____	Adult Small (\$11.00)	_____	Adult Small (\$15.00)	_____	Adult Small (\$21.00)	_____
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Adult X-Large (\$9.00)	_____	Adult X-Large (\$11.00)	_____	Adult X-Large (\$15.00)	_____	Adult X-Large (\$21.00)	_____
Adult 2XL (\$10.00)	_____	Adult 2XL (\$12.00)	_____	Adult 2XL (\$16.00)	_____	Adult 2XL (\$22.00)	_____
Adult 3XL (\$11.00)	_____	Adult 3XL (\$13.00)	_____	Adult 3XL (\$17.00)	_____	Adult 3XL (\$23.00)	_____
Adult 4XL (\$12.00)	_____	Adult 4XL (\$14.00)	_____	Adult 4XL (\$18.00)	_____	Adult 4XL (\$24.00)	_____

Total Number of Items Ordered: _____

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

**PAYMENT MUST
ACCOMPANY ORDER.
(Checks payable to HOPE Services)**