

# HOPE SERVICES

FEBRUARY 2017

Seeing Potential ~ Inspiring Opportunities

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*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.

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## HOPE SERVICES

# SOUP CHALLENGE

## 2017

### THURSDAY MARCH 9

### 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**LOCATION:**  
FILLING HOME GYM  
N-160 State Route 108  
Napoleon

**DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT HARC RECREATION**

**TEAMS WILL CONSIST OF PROVIDERS WHO SERVE INDIVIDUALS IN HENRY COUNTY**

## HOPE HOMECOMING

**BE SURE TO WEAR GREEN!**



**Friday, March 17, 2017  
St. Paul's Gymnasium  
6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

**ADMISSION:**  
Gentlemen: A bag of chips  
Ladies: A dozen cookies

## EARLY INTERVENTION



*Written directly from the mother's perspective . . .*

My name is Kelley Taormina. I have a son, Domanick, that is now four years old and is receiving services through HOPE Services. Domanick was almost two when he was diagnosed with autism.

At the time Domanick did not make eye contact with you, did not like to be touched, was a very picky eater, and did not talk. It was hard to find out that he had Autism; I was going into a world I knew nothing about.

With the assistance of Help Me Grow and HOPE Services and a lot of hard work, Domanick now talks and loves hugs. People who do not know him would never think he has autism. He goes to a preschool for kids with autism, but next year we are thinking of putting him in regular school. He still is a picky eater and has a hard time with big groups of people. Everyday it gets a little better. Domanick is funny and when he laughs it fills the room. Before he could talk, he was so unhappy all the time. It was because we didn't understand him; he knew what he wanted to say, but he just couldn't find the words. I'm so grateful for the help and support of Help Me Grow. They will always be a part of our family. I just want to say to any families that are just starting to deal with a child with autism to never give up. I would not change Domanick, he is the most kind and loving person I know. He is also very smart.

Sometimes it just take some extra work to get there. My husband and I are big believers in lots of speech and occupational therapy and the Play Project. The Play Project did wonders for Domanick. I'm not going to say there will not be set backs; the best thing I can say is stay strong and keep fighting.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

It's hard to believe that my first month here at HOPE Services has come and gone. Meeting so many new faces and learning the ropes has kept me pretty busy! I'm truly excited to be joining such a community dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families. The people I have met all express how impressed they are with HOPE Services. So be sure, the professionals of HOPE are devoted to providing the best services to individuals we serve! As the months unfold I look forward to getting to know everyone better and working together on accomplishing the Board's goals for 2017.

Steve Tucker

## Strong nurturing relationships help build healthy brains.

**These relationships buffer children from harmful stress and strengthen brain development in key areas that affect academic success.**



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Tuesday, February 14, 2017  
7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Invite your friends and come to the  
Old Time Valentine's Day Dance  
at the Filling Homes  
Community Center.  
Admission: \$2.00

SNACKS, MUSIC AND FUN!  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME.  
INVITE A FRIEND!



## NEW YORK CITY AND THE STATUE OF LIBERTY!!!

HARC, Inc. presents a trip of a lifetime  
to New York City including seven days,  
six nights of bright lights, tons of people  
and big buildings!

Join HARC as we travel to the Big Apple  
and experience life in the big city.



October 26 to November 1, 2017  
\$769 (\$75 deposit due by May 1, 2017)  
Full payment due August 19, 2017



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

HOPE Services appreciates the hard work and dedication of each of its professionals 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:

Kelly Verbeke	21 years
Rita Saneholtz	18 years
Chris Schultz	18 years
Kris Banister	3 years
Kathy Koppenhofer	7 years
JoAnn Dennie	1 year

**A huge thank you to staff and friends of HOPE for your participation in this year's Giving Tree. Your donations to The House of Ruth are very appreciated!**



## WON'T YOU BE OUR VALENTINE?

**C.A.P.S.**

### Children with Autism and Parent Support Group

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

HOPE Services

135 E. Maumee, Napoleon, Ohio



**Topic:**

Happy Valentine's Day

*We will be meeting in the Activity Center at HOPE. We will offer activities and ideas surrounding the theme of Valentine's Day.*

*R.S.V.P. by calling 419-592-0126*

## UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

**ALL HCBDD BOARD MEETINGS  
BEGIN AT 8:15 A.M. IN THE  
HOPE SERVICES' ACTIVITY CENTER**

February 28

March 28

April 25



HOPE Services will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2017, in observance of President's Day.

*side* BY *side*  
*hand* IN *hand*  
*heart* TO *heart*

**Developmental Disability  
Awareness & Advocacy Day**

**March 8, 2017 at the Ohio Statehouse**

March 8, 2017

**ESSAY  
CONTEST**



We are asking self-advocates who are interested in going on the day trip to Columbus on March 8 to answer the following questions and turn them in to HOPE Services NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 17. We will review the essays turned in and judge them based on response. Invitations will also be based on past attendance. Eight people will be invited on the trip to Columbus this year. You can ask your SSA, parent, provider, or friends for assistance if needed. We look forward to seeing your essay!

What does Self-Advocacy mean to you?

What question would you like to ask our State Representatives?

Tell us about a time you stood up for yourself or someone else.



# KENT'S KORNER

## JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017



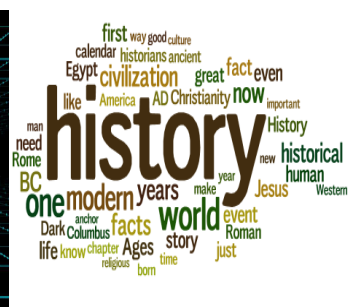
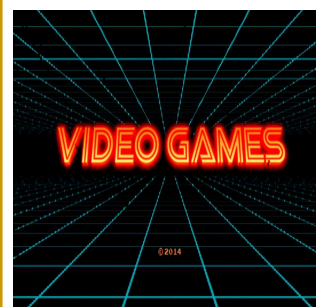
### Upcoming events

February 1st Women's Team vs Fremont at Filling Home 6:30  
 February 2nd Team 1 vs Sandusky County at Filling Home 6:30  
 February 2nd Team 2 vs Sandusky County at Filling Home 7:30  
 February 2nd Women's Team at Lucas 6:00  
 February 2nd School Age at Filling Home 3:30-4:30  
 February 3rd Team 2 at Filling Home 5:00-6:30  
 February 4th-5th West Section at Van Buren  
 February 6th School Age vs TPS at Filling Home 6:00  
 February 6th Women's Team vs Lucas County at Filling Home 7:15  
 February 7th Bowling at River City Bowl-A-Way 3:55-5:30  
 February 7th Team 1 at Fulton County 6:00  
 February 7th Women's Team at Fulton County 7:15  
 February 7th School Age at Good Sam 6:00  
 February 7th Team 2 at Good Sam 7:15  
 February 9th School Age at Filling Home 3:30-4:30  
 February 9th Team 1 vs Fulton County at Filling Home 6:00  
 February 9th Women's vs Fulton County at Filling Home 7:15  
 February 10th Team 2 at Filling Home 5:00-6:30  
 February 11th Hope basketball recognition at Napoleon High School at halftime  
 February 13th School Age at Filling Home 3:30-4:30  
 February 13th Women's Team at Filling Home 4:30-6:00  
 February 13th Team 1 vs Lucas County at Filling Home 6:00  
 February 13th Team 2 vs Lucas County at Filling Home 7:15  
 February 14th Bowling at River City Bowl-A-Way 3:55-5:30  
 February 15th Team 1 vs Wood County at Filling Home 6:30  
 February 15th Team 2 vs Wood County at Filling Home 7:30  
 February 16th Women's Team at Filling Home 4:30-6:00  
 February 16th School Age vs TPS at Toledo 6:00  
 February 17th Team 2 at Filling Home 5:00-6:30  
 February 20th School Age at Filling Home 3:30-4:30  
 February 20th- March 2nd Area Playoffs at BG  
 February 21st Bowling at River City Bowl-A-Way 3:55-5:30  
 February 28th Bowling at River City Bowl-A-Way 3:55-5:30

## Chris Buchhop



Chris has been involved with Special Olympics for 13 years. He is 33 years old and lives in Napoleon. Chris' biggest accomplishment is scoring 150 or higher while bowling. He participates in bowling on Tuesday nights. Chris' favorite hobbies are socializing with friends, watching TV and movies, playing video games and walking for exercise. He works at Defiance Walmart. The best advise Chris ever received is "nothing in life is free. You have to work hard for what you want out of life". Chris' favorite type of sports car is a Dodge Viper and his favorite food is pizza. He loves history and following world events.



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



## Kent's Korner

# Flashback Picture *Sports Trivia*



1. What year did Tiger Woods become a professional golfer?
  - A. 1985
  - B. 1974
  - C. 1870
  - D. 1996
2. In What County did table tennis originate?
  - A. England
  - B. USA
  - C. Canada
  - D. France
3. What city hosted the 2012 summer Olympics?
  - A. Rome, Italy
  - B. London, England
  - C. Madrid, Spain
  - D. Sydney, Australia
4. How many super bowl rings did Troy Aikman win?
  - A. Two
  - B. Three
  - C. Four
  - D. One
5. Which team won the National Football League's first Super Bowl?
  - A. Packers Green Bay
  - B. Cleveland Browns
  - C. Dallas Cowboys
  - D. Chicago Bears

1. D 2. A 3. B 4. B 5. A

## STATE SWIMMING RESULTS

Area swimmer's traveled to Columbus on December 3rd and 4th for the 2016 State Swim meet held at McCorkle pool. Here are the results from the state swim meet.

Josh B 4<sup>th</sup> in the 25 free 5<sup>th</sup> in the 50 free

Jacob H 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 25 free and 1<sup>st</sup> in the 50 free

Caty K 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 25 back and 25 free

Lydia K 1<sup>st</sup> in the 25 breast

Ryan M 1<sup>st</sup> in the 25 free and 3<sup>rd</sup> 50 free

Heather S 2<sup>nd</sup> 50 free and 4<sup>th</sup> 25 free

## Basketball Results

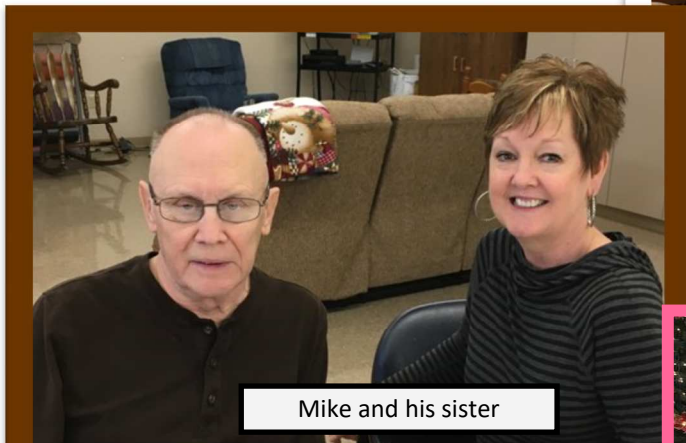
Hope Cougars had their first basketball games of the season at the K of C tournament in Paulding on January 7th. Team 1 played Lucas 5 and won 42-39 then lost to Paulding 53-48. Team 2 played Lucas 2 and lost 52-38 then lost to Allen County 58-52. The Lady Cougars vs Lucas County Wildcats lost 24-20 then played Lucas 5 and lost 36-30.



# SENIOR AND ADULT SUPPORT SERVICES

On the first Thursday of the month SASS individuals and a staff member travel to the Henry County Senior Center to have lunch and then call Bingo and award prizes. We continue to reach out into our community by way of our volunteer work each month. This usually includes assembling, folding, sealing and labeling monthly newsletters for organizations such as the Moose Lodge, United Way and Emanuel Lutheran Church. A small group of individuals traveled to St. Paul Lutheran Church to meet with our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade pen pals. We shared stories from Christmas and the New Year and played a game. Everyone parted with smiles and prizes! We also traveled to St. John Lutheran School to meet with our newest pen pals from the Kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes combined. Like we have with St. Paul, each month we take turns planning and engaging in an activity which then presents opportunities to both educate and build long-lasting positive relationships. A small group of SASS women went shopping and had lunch together on Ladies' Day and the guys of SASS traveled to Maumee on Man Day to have lunch and check out a movie at Fallen Timbers Cinemas. We traveled to the Filling Home gymnasium to participate in sports games led by Randy and Sarah and again to go swimming in their pool. To help remain healthy and active we also incorporated fun and fitness into our activities throughout the month here at SASS. We danced to music, participated in group chair exercises, parachute games, balloon volleyball and walking. Other activities this month included a snowball (marshmallow) fight, snowflake craft, cup baseball, trivia games, pine cone bird feeders, horse racing, Bingo and a casino day.

In December the individuals had an opportunity to invite their families to visit them. The Rhythm Band provided the entertainment.



Mike and his sister



Isaac with his grandparents



Donna with her sisters



# FAMILY



# ALWAYS THERE<sup>SM</sup>

## 50 YEARS OHIO COUNTY BOARDS OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

### *50 Years of High Quality Programming*

50 years ago, Ohio created our unique system of 88 county boards to support people with developmental disabilities.

#### **OHIO'S SYSTEM IS UNIQUE**

- Funds are raised and services are managed at the county level, not the state, to provide better program integration into the communities that we serve.
- It supports and serves more than 90,000 children and adults.
- Life-long support includes cost-effective funding of services such as: preschool, early intervention, and K-12 school-age services, residential support and employment, plus advocacy and education to support a person's integration into the community.

#### **CRITICAL NEEDS CONTINUE**

Despite federally-mandated changes in the way some services are provided, the mission and purpose of Ohio's county boards remains intact. County boards will continue to offer vital supports and resources to Ohioans with developmental disabilities and their families.

#### **WE REMAIN THE SOURCE OF FUNDING**

While county boards may no longer provide some direct services, we will continue to provide and allocate funding for services for people supported in our county.

#### **WE SHARE A COMMON GOAL**

Many of the significant changes to how the county boards support people with developmental disabilities have been driven by parents and families, who have been champions of change to ensure the fullest lives possible for their family members.



## Valentine's Day Fun Facts



- Valentine's Day was promoted by companies such as Hallmark to boost purchases in February—the time of year sales revenue was the lowest.
- \$13 billion are spent on Valentine's Day every year in the US alone. Average men spend about \$158 every Valentine's Day!
- The first box of chocolates was produced by Richard Cadbury for Valentine's Day in the late 1800s.
- Fifteen percent of U.S. women send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day.
- According to the Greeting Card Association, Valentine's Day forms the second largest card-sending holiday of the year.
- Apart from spouses, and sweethearts, the other people who receive the maximum number of flowers, cards and gifts on the day are mothers and teachers.

# SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

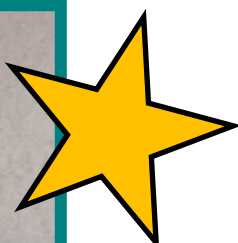
To Jacob Heath, Job Knepper, Jennifer Jenkins, Walter Walker and Matt Newell for becoming full-time permanent Keller Packaging employees.

To LauraLe Spangler for 17 years of employment at Comfort Inn and Suites, formerly Holiday Inn Express.

*Congratulations*



Matt was recently offered and accepted a position at Sauder Woodworking. Matt works at the Meyer's Road plant as a Pack Associate. Matt admits that he was a little hesitant about obtaining a job at a factory as he had never experienced this type of work before but has found he likes it very much. Matt has developed many friendships while working at Sauder's. The crews have been very welcoming and the training at Sauder's was very thorough. Matt's supervisor, Joni, commented, "We love having Matt here...he is a great asset to the team. He fits in very well." Keep up the good work Matt! We wish you all the best in the future!



Chris Buchhop works as a stockman at Defiance Walmart. Chris enjoys his job very much. He began his employment on March 22, 2016. Chris is a dedicated and dependable employee. Walmart employees have stated that he is one of their best stockmen. Chris recently was the second person to graduate from Pathways. Keep up the great work Chris!



## SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES



### JOB DEVELOPMENT TIP:

Social media is playing a larger part in how companies consider your employment. More hiring managers today are looking at applicants' social profile accounts like Facebook, Twitter and Linked In, before making hiring decisions. Employers aren't just looking for blatantly bad behavior, though. They also want to make sure you'll be a great addition to their team.

In today's competitive job market, it is important for you to stand out on paper, in person, and even online. In addition to impressive resumes and cover letters, you need to be aware of what you are sharing on these social networks. Besides avoiding negative behaviors, such as posting racy photos, there are things you can do to make yourself more appealing to potential employers.

- Do expect potential employers to scan your social profiles
- Do have a clean, professional photo
- Do show off a friendly personality
- Don't use offensive photos (anything containing nudity, alcohol, racial slurs, offensive language/signs, etc.)
- Don't speak negatively about your past or current employer
- Be selective of groups or sites that you follow

Remember when you post online you are sharing with everyone!!!!



## JOB CLUB

We started off the new year by reviewing and discussing the rules and regulations of Job Club. After reviewing these, we continued with playing a game of Jeopardy which included questions from the rules and regulations as well as past Job Club meetings. We ended the night with a small snack and group discussion.

# JOB CLUB

The annual Christmas Party was held December 9. The evening was filled with food, treats, games and gifts. Individuals that attended each of the scheduled meetings throughout the year were recognized for their perfect attendance. This included Linda Baser, LaNae Thompson and Joan Kerwin. SES extends their gratitude to the many merchants and businesses that helped make this evening a success. Also a huge thank you to Tim Bower for helping us out this year!



# Congratulations!

Congratulations to Keegan Schroeder on achieving his driver's permit. Keegan met with a Job Coach from the Supported Employment Department on a weekly basis to assist him with learning the basics of driving. Once Keegan felt comfortable with all the information he obtained, he took his test and PASSED!! We are all so excited for you! Drive safe!



# w e l c o m e

HOPE Services welcomed a new superintendent in 2017. Mr. Stephen Tucker is looking forward to becoming a member of the Henry County community along with his wife, Donna. They have a son, Kurt, daughter-in-law, Jessica, and two grandchildren, Karsyn and Kinsley. He and his family enjoy camping, fishing and hiking.

## BABIES NEED A SAFE PLACE TO SLEEP

- Are you WIC eligible?
- Do you live in Henry, Fulton or Williams county?
  - Does your baby need a safe place to sleep?



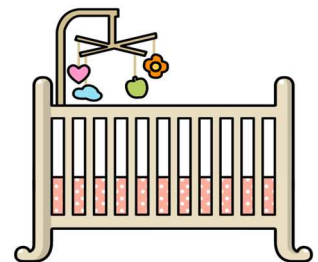
It'll take just 20 minutes and three simple steps to give your child a better start to life!

1. Watch a safe sleep educational video.
2. Answer a few basic questions.
3. You'll leave with a Pack 'n Play, sheet, cozy sleep sack, pacifier, information and a book to read to your baby each night.



Call 419-599-5545, ext. 1294  
To make an appointment

1843 Oakwood Avenue  
Napoleon, Ohio



# Upcoming Events

- **HOPE Services will be closed** in observance of President's Day on Monday, February 20.
- **Henry County Board of DD Board Meeting**—The Board meeting will be held Tuesday, February 28, at 8:15 a.m. in the Activity Center.
- **HARC Meeting**—The HARC meeting will be held Tuesday, February 28, at 5:45 p.m. in the Activity Center.
- **The HOPE Services Soup Challenge** will be held Thursday, March 9, at the Filling Home Gym.
- **HOPE Homecoming**—Homecoming on Friday, March 17, at St. Paul's Gym in Napoleon at 6:00 p.m.
- **HARC Meeting**—The HARC meeting will be held Tuesday, March 28, at 5:45 p.m. in the Activity Center.
- **Bryan Times All Star Cage Classic**—Basketball games at Bryan High School.

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.

50 YEARS OF  
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