

# HOPE SERVICES

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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.*

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## HOPE'S HOT DOG & BRATWURST BASH

FRIDAY,  
OCTOBER 13, 2017  
11:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

FREE WILL  
DONATION

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT  
Henry County  
Christmas Cheer

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

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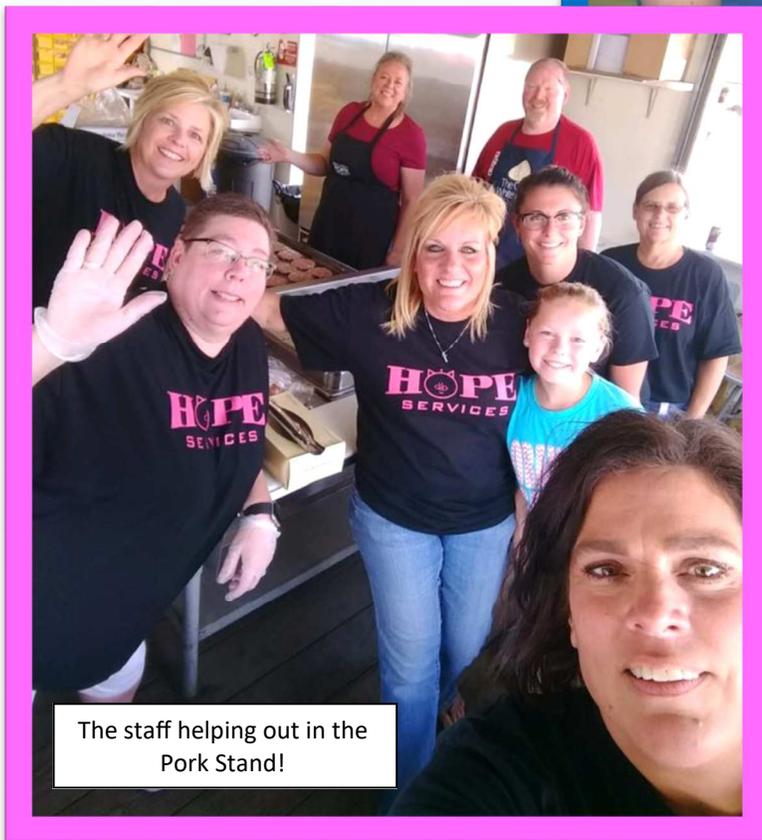
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# All About The YOUth At The Henry County Fair

HOPE professionals and individuals we serve helped out all week long at the fair celebrating our youth.

We participated in the Tomato Festival Parade as well as helping out in the HARC Popcorn Booth, the Pork Producers Booth and the Information Booth.

Thanks to all who helped out!



The staff helping out in the Pork Stand!





## All About The YOUTH At The Henry County Fair

The group always enjoys walking in the parade.

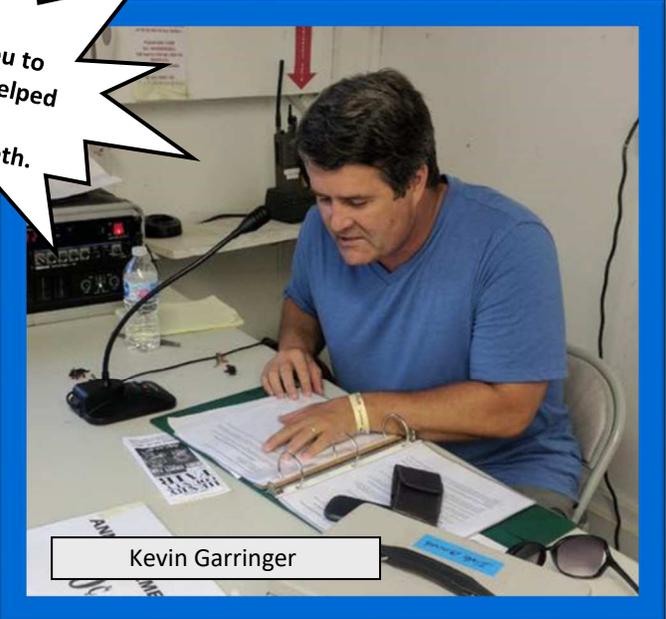


Mary Jo and Kent Beilharz

A big thank you to everyone who helped out in the Information Booth.



Terri Jo Stover



Kevin Garringer

# Kent's Korner

## September 2017

### The Torch Run 2017

## Who said It

1. "You can't put a limit on anything..... The more you dream, the further you get."
  - A. Mark Spitz
  - B. Michael Phelps
  - C. Matt Biondi
2. "Always make a total effort, even when the odds are against you."
  - A. Tiger Wood
  - B. Jack Nicklaus
  - C. Arnold Palmer
3. "If you aren't going all the way, why go at all?"
  - A. Joe Namath
  - B. Emmitt Smith
  - C. Brett Favre
4. "I can accept failure, but I can't accept not trying."
  - A. Larry Brid
  - B. Michael Jordan
  - C. Magic Johnson
5. "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."
  - A. Bobby Orr
  - B. Joe Thornton
  - C. Wayne Gretzky

The Torch Run was held on June 20th. There were 35 participants that consisted of Special Olympic athletes and law enforcement. Sam Meece, who was a double state champion in track, led the Torch Run. Sam Hornish was at HOPE Services giving out pictures and autographs. This is first time the Torch Run has been in Henry County.



Send answers to [kspiess@henrydd.org](mailto:kspiess@henrydd.org) for a chance of winning a candy bar.



**Thank you to the Friends of HOPE Services.....you made lots of children very happy.**



**We met our goal for our Community Service Project! 100 BACKPACKS!!!**  
Thank you to everyone that donated! Backpacks have been delivered to United Way of Henry County for Stuff the Bus!



# HOPE'S Helping Hands

HOPE Services is available to help at your community event. If you need an extra set of hands, just give Tina a call at HOPE Services at 419-599-2892.



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 professionals:

- |                |                     |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Dawn McBride   | 35 years of service |
| Greg Gray      | 24 years of service |
| Bob Kieffer    | 22 years of service |
| Cheryl Lewis   | 5 years of service  |
| Shirley Walker | 5 years of service  |

# In Memory

August 25, 1990 to  
August 27, 2017



**Travis Weirauch**

Travis was a friend of HOPE Services who worked at the Filling Home. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends and always had a smile on his face. He will be missed by all who knew him.

## UPCOMING HARC RECREATION EVENTS

- ◆ Game Night                      Wednesday, September 6              6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Bingo                                      Tuesday, September 12              6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Friends and Family Picnic              Friday, September 22              6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- ◆ Haunted Prison                      Saturday, September 30              5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- ◆ Cook Night                              Wednesday, October 4              5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Leaders Corn Maze/ Scream Acres              Saturday, October 7              6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- ◆ Bocce Night/Potluck              Friday, October 13              6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Craft Night                              Thursday, October 19              6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Halloween Party                      Tuesday, October 24              6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Contact Randy Barnes at  
419-591-6798 or 419-599-2892  
to sign up  
**ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE  
EVENT**



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.

See Randy today if you'd like to join in the fun!



## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

HOPE Services will be closed on Monday, October 9, in observance of Columbus Day.

The offices will also be closed on Friday, November 10, in observance of Veteran's Day.

HOPE Services will be closed on November 23 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

I would like to take a moment to bring everyone up to speed on where HOPE Services (Henry County Board of DD) is regarding the transition away from providing direct care services.

Most of you are aware that County Boards of Developmental Disabilities have been told, by Medicaid, that they cannot be both the Service and Support Administrator (SSA) and the provider of direct care services, such as, the Senior and Adult Services (SASS) and Supported Employment Services (SES) Programs. While Ohio has been given until 2024 to comply with this order, it is in everyone's best interest to come into compliance as soon as possible to ensure an orderly transition.

HOPE Services has a tradition of providing quality direct care services to residents of Henry County. Henry County is also fortunate to have a substantial number of qualified private, agency and independent, providers. This is not the case in every county. The lack of providers is the biggest obstacle county boards face in transitioning away from providing direct care services. HOPE Services works alongside private providers to ensure that individuals receive the highest quality services available.

HOPE Services plans to publish a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in September. The purpose of the RFQ is to see which providers might be interested in assuming operation of the SASS and SES Programs. Individuals, parents, guardians, staff and other interested stakeholders will have the opportunity to meet with providers to address concerns that are most important to them. The goal would be to select a provider, or providers, that best meets the needs of all parties involved.

It has been made clear to us the importance that services continue to be available at the HOPE Services building. It is our intention to allow a provider the opportunity to use our facility for as long as it remains feasible to do so.

We will provide more information as soon as it becomes available. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the transition process please feel free to contact me.



### HARC Recreation Family and Friends Picnic!

When: Friday, September 22

Where: Oberhaus Park

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$2.00

Potluck (bring a dish to pass)

Call Randy at 419-599-2892 to reserve your spot.



**SPECIAL OLYMPICS  
BOWLING STARTS ON  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.**



In August, Nathaniel V. received an award called the Customer Focused Pin at Lowe's. This award was presented to Nate during a morning staff meeting. Nate received this award for having a customer express to management how clean their restrooms are and the gentleman that cleans them is very pleasant.

Way to Go Nate!!!! Keep up the awesome work!!!!



TOPSoccer is a program of the Toledo Football Academy (TFA), offering athletes facing special emotional and/or physical challenges the opportunity to participate in a soccer program along with other players in their peer group. TOPSoccer is a nationwide organization run under the US Youth Soccer banner. Participants of TOPSoccer may include but are not limited to children/adults who are blind, amputees, confined to a wheelchair, emotionally and/or mentally challenged, children/adults with autism, as well as children/adults with Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, or other conditions that impair mobility, strength, and/or comprehension. The TFA TOPSoccer teams are balanced like any other recreational soccer team, with players rated by size, agility, mobility, the ability to follow directions, and lastly by age. TOPSoccer has no upper age limit and players may register as young as five years old. A typical volunteer is assigned to each player with special needs to be a "buddy" to help with activities on and off the field.

**2017/2018 Soccer Sunday Dates:**

September 10 and 24, 2017  
 October 22, 2017  
 November 5 and 19, 2017  
 December 3 and 17, 2017  
 January 14 and 28, 2018  
 February 11 and 25, 2018  
 March 11 and 25, 2018  
 April 8 and 22, 2018  
 May 6, 2018

**Time:**

2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Location:**

Maumee Soccer Center  
 1620 Market Pl Drive #2,  
 Maumee, OH 43537

**Six Week Series Dates:**

Mondays, starting September 11, 2017 - October, 23,

**Time:** 4:30 - 5:15 pm

**Location:**

Cricket West, 3145 West Central Avenue, Toledo, OH

**Cost:** \$60 for the series



PEAC (the Program to Educate All Cyclists) is partnering with Lucas County Special Olympics to offer three days of Community Rides. PEAC works with individuals of ALL abilities and is committed to help people connect with the community through cycling. PEAC will provide support based on each rider's assessed skills. No bike or helmet is needed; all equipment will be provided at NO CHARGE! So if you like to ride, but are not sure if you can; you need more practice; or you are interested in joining Special Olympics cycling, call to reserve a spot.

**Dates:**

Tuesdays, September 5, 12, and 19, 2017

**Time:**

6 - 8 pm

**Location:**

Swan Creek Metropark  
 Airport Highway entrance  
 4659 Airport Highway  
 Toledo, OH 43615

**If interested, contact:**

Mary Beth Olender 419-380-5141

# LIVING FIT

Living Fit is a program designed to provide a variety of community-based exercise experiences in a comfortable, sensory-friendly setting for individuals with autism and related challenges.

This adaptive yoga class is offered for high functioning students with autism and related challenges in a safe, non-judgmental environment.

## SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

### RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Simple acts of kindness are all around us and are never too expensive. A random act of kindness is a selfless act performed by a person or a group wishing to either assist or to cheer up an individual. While working on the mowing crew, Keegan S. did just that. Keegan and his job coaches, Lisa and Trisha, were unloading debris at the yard waste site when they noticed an elderly couple struggling to unload a trailer full of brush. Together they decided that they could easily help the couple and possibly brighten their day. Keegan and the job coaches unloaded the couple's trailer and wished them a good day. The couple was grateful for the help and Keegan, Trisha and Lisa were left with a feeling of happiness. How great is it that a simple random act of kindness can make someone's entire day and make such a positive change!

## Congratulations!

SES wants to congratulate the following professionals on their employment anniversaries:

Kenny VanPelt—3 years at Keller Packaging  
 Ryan Johnson—2 years at Walmart/Napoleon  
 Mark Morris—2 years at Keller Packaging  
 Mary Ellen Ochoa—1 year at Burger King



Supported Employment has helped eight individuals obtain employment in the past eight months. We continue to work with individuals seeking work in a variety of occupations including housekeeping, laundry, food service, factory, warehousing and stocking just to name a few.

Hiring an individual with a disability is not a heroic thing to do, but a smart thing to do. Individuals with a developmental disabilities not only have proven to be dedicated and reliable, but they also have unique benefits for employers. People with disabilities spend their lives ignoring discouragement, persisting through setbacks, solving problems and finding creative routes around obstacles. They are a rich supply of talent, ready to be tapped, at a time when talent is at a premium. Businesses who do hire from this pool consistently rank employees with disabilities among their best, most dedicated workers, with some of the lowest rates of turnover. Furthermore, research has shown that the vast majority of consumers prefer to buy from companies who hire people with disabilities, and Americans with disabilities and their friends and families constitute a huge and growing consumer segment with over \$3.9 trillion in disposable income.

If you are an employer looking for dependable workers please contact Support Employment Services (S.E.S.) at 419-592-0126

# SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

## In the Spotlight

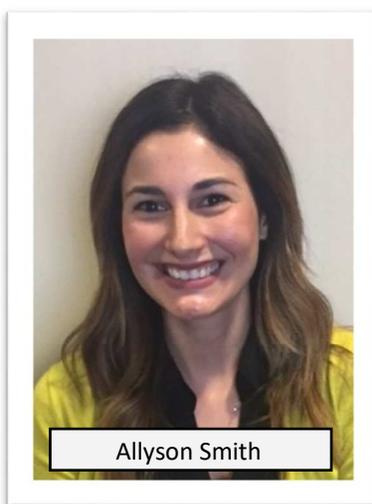


This month, Supported Employment Services would like to recognize Matt Flory. Matt has worked at Meijer in Defiance for five years as a courtesy team member. When Matt was asked what motivates him to go to work he said "making money to pay my car payment". He gets along very well with his supervisor, Barb, and stated that she is easy to get along with. Matt's favorite part about his job is when the weather is nice and cooperates. He does not care for the rainy cold days or the 95 degree days. Barb had this to say about Matt, "He is dedicated and does not call off. He is always willing to help; he just received a customer compliment. He assisted a customer out and they made a point to find Barb the next time they were in to tell her how courteous he was."

Great Job Matt! Keep up the fantastic work!



Christina Clark



Allyson Smith



Tamara Segrist

We'd like to welcome several new professionals to HOPE. **Christina Clark** is our morning receptionist. She lives in Napoleon and enjoys football, baseball and basketball. We have also welcomed two new Service Coordinators in our Early Intervention department. **Tamara Segrist** resides in Wauseon. She enjoys camping and gardening with her husband, Russell, and their children, Kyle, Taryn Rachana, Liana, Kaylin and Avery. **Allyson Smith** lives in Napoleon with her husband, Dustin, and their son, Landon. She enjoys spending time with her family and reading.

During the next few months, the Ohio County Boards of Developmental Disabilities will be celebrating 50 years! To join in this celebration we will be sharing some history and old pictures.

# ALWAYS THERE

50 YEARS OHIO COUNTY BOARDS OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

The attendance at school climbed and the building at Westhope saw its first major expansion and renovation in 1984. This renovation was to accommodate the transition of the school to an Early Childhood Center. It was during this time that school age students were transferred to public school settings. The need for space continued to grow as did the services and the school was again renovated in 1998 and housed twelve early childhood classes (serving children 3-5), two early intervention classes (serving children 0-2) and two Head Start classes operated by NOCAC.



The HOPE Foundation was formed in 1999 to provide a tax deduction 501 c(3) charity that would assist in enriching the quality of life of children, youth and adults who are served by the Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The Board is comprised of a diverse group of caring community and business members who volunteer their time to make a difference in the lives of individuals who experience disabilities.

HARC (originally known as Henry County Association for Retarded Citizens) was changed to Henry County Abilities Resource Council. This organization functions as a 501 (c) (3) public non-profit agency with the goal of providing activities and supports to improve the quality of life for adults and children with disabilities. Through grants from the State of Ohio, HARC, Inc. provides housing, support for special projects, employment of people with disabilities, camp and recreational activities. Therapeutic recreation, in partnership with HARC, Inc., is offered on evenings and weekends for individuals to explore and enhance their leisure interests.

In 2002, Joe Frederick was employed as superintendent upon Gary Donaldson's retirement. Mr. Frederick remained for the next five years until 2007.

As the residential and adult services programs expanded, so did the need for additional programming and office space. The Board rented space at several locations until they decided to purchase the former Sun Drug building on East Maumee. The renovation of this building took place in 2003, and presently serves as the administration office of the Board. The Senior and Adult Support Services program which provides day programming options for adults is also housed in this location.



# SENIOR AND ADULT SUPPORT SERVICES

The men of SASS traveled to Oak Openings Metropark on Man Day this month. The skies were overcast with rain clouds, but rain held off and the temperature was perfect for walking the trails around Mallard Lake. The ducks were swimming and fish jumping as we enjoyed our packed lunches in the picnic area. On their day, the ladies of SASS traveled to Wauseon where they did a little thrift store shopping and had lunch at Arby's. Let's not forget the Henry County Fair! The periodic rain and constant humidity couldn't keep us from our sausage sandwiches, chocolate milkshakes and bags of freebies collected from the merchant's buildings. We also spent an afternoon fishing. After several hours of bobbers bobbing, reeling in twigs and going through a whole box of worms, we managed to end the day with three fish caught! We also traveled to Stryker for Networking Day hosted by QRC. We listened to a guest speaker on the effects of algae in the Great Lakes, played games with our friends from neighboring counties and providers, and enjoyed an amazing sundae bar before returning home. We also completed volunteer work for Emanuel Lutheran and the Moose, created an awesome wreath and butterflies out of coffee filters and worked on a few ceramic pieces that were donated. We're looking forward to some cooler weather and the changing colors of fall.



# VOICES of HOPE

## Self-Advocacy Group

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

**SELF-DEFENSE AND PERSONAL SAFETY**

PRESENTED BY

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*Please RSVP to Tina  
by September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
419-599-2892*

Friday, September 29th

HOPE Services Activity Center

4:30 - 6:30 PM

**Pizza and Pop will be available for \$2.00.**

**NACHOS will be available for \$2.50**

# Upcoming Events

- **HARC Recreation Bowling**—Bowling starts Tuesday, September 12.
- **Henry County Board of DD Board Meeting**—The Board meeting will be held Tuesday, September 19, at 4:00 p.m. in the Activity Center.
- **HOPE Services Foundation Chicken Dinner**—The dinner will be Friday, September 15, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at 135 E. Maumee, Napoleon.
- **Voices of HOPE**—The Self-Advocacy Group will meet on Friday, September 29, at 4:30 p.m.
- **Columbus Day**—HOPE Services will be closed Monday, October 9, in observance of Columbus Day.
- **HOPE's Hot Dog and Brats Bash**—The next Brats Bash will be Friday, October 13.

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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