

HOPE SERVICES

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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.



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Every year, National Down Syndrome Society reminds the world in a big way about the gifts that people with Down syndrome bring to their communities through a special video presentation on a jumbo screen in the heart of Times Square.

The Times Square Video presentation kicks off Down Syndrome Awareness Month on the morning of the NDSS Buddy Walk® in New York City. NDSS receives over 2,000 photo submissions for the Times Square Video contest. And each year it keeps growing! The featured photographs highlight children, teens and adults with Down syndrome working, playing and learning alongside friends and family. These collective images promote acceptance and inclusion, which is the foundation of NDSS and the National Buddy Walk® Program.

This year, Connor Cobb of Liberty Center was one of the individuals featured on the jumbo screen. Connor and his family traveled to New York City to witness his face light up Times Square!





Several of our staff members got into the spirit of things by dressing up for Halloween (shown above are Stephanie Jones, Christina Clark and Danielle Collins). We also wish Danielle all the best in her new position at Hancock County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

~ Music will be lead by Jessica Clapp ~
 Craft activity included.

**Come & Worship
 Every Month!**

COMMUNITY WORSHIP

With Filling Homes

Learn about the love that Jesus has for us through scripture readings, song and story!

This service, designed especially for people with disabilities and their families, welcomes everyone and all are encouraged to participate as they are able and as the Spirit moves them.



Join Us...

- First Wednesdays
 - 7:00 pm
 - Filling Homes Chapel
- N160 State Route 108, Napoleon

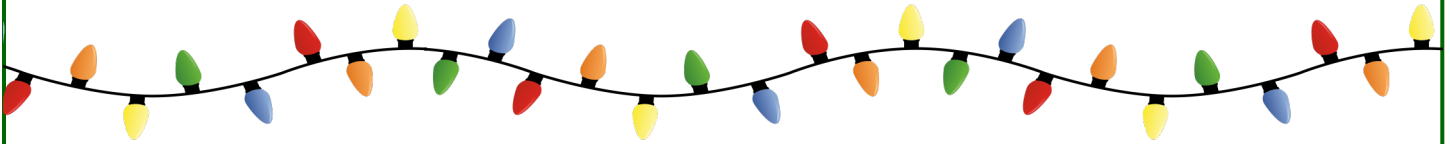


At the most recent Board meeting, we celebrated Dawn McBride as she is retiring after 37 years! Thank you Dawn for your dedication and compassion to the individuals we serve and their families! Congratulations!

VETERANS DAY!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



CHRISTMAS EXCHANGE STORE

Crossroads Church, 601 N. Bonaparte Drive, Napoleon, Ohio

Starting in November, the annual second-hand Christmas store will be open again for two weeks to collect and distribute trees, wreaths and a variety of holiday decorations to families in need.

The store will only be open Monday, December 2, through Saturday, December 14, 2019
 Monday through Friday—10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Saturdays—10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Closed Sunday

Community members are invited to **bring in** their used decorations and/or to shop, making a free-will monetary donation for others' items they may want. This is a community service project of Person Centered Services—Henry County with **all** proceeds earmarked for **PROJECT: We Care**, a program to assist low-income Henry County families at Christmas.

Questions? Call 419-599-2892, extension 232

We wanted to make you aware of an **Adult Social Group** that has been in existence for more than 11 years serving more independent young adults between the ages of 20-40, including those with autism as well as other disabilities. **The group is now expanding to include individuals who are 18 and 19 years of age.**

The group currently sponsors two **dances** a year. In the past activities have included the Sandpiper, Mud Hens games, bowling, go kart rides, pizza and game nights, miniature golf and the UT Recreation Center to name a few.

We're looking for new individuals who may be appropriate for this group which include **any young adults and their families who are interested in expanding social opportunities and meeting new friends.**

For information about upcoming events and **to be included on the email list, contact Linell Weinberg at lweinberg@bex.net. To offer ideas for activities or for other questions you can call or text group founder, Mary Hoyer, at 419-410-8088 or text Martha Kruez at 419-350-6262.**
 Martha is chair of the dance committee.

The first time a young adult attends an event, a parent or staff person is required to attend with them to keep a watchful eye and insure a good fit for the group.

This group was established by parent Mary Hoyer in July 2008 and is affiliated with the *Autism Society of Northwest Ohio*. **It is run by parent volunteers.** Parent involvement is strongly encouraged and welcome to suggest and chair activities other than the dances. Parents who attend have formed their own unofficial support group and made friends among themselves.

**HOPE Services will be closed
 Thursday, November 28 and
 Friday, November 29, 2019, for
 the Thanksgiving holiday.**



Special Olympics Young Athletes

February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Filling Home Gym

Young Athletes ages 3-7, a play-based introduction to sports

Play-based introduction to basketball type activities, it will be an exploration of everything involved with basketball, geared to young children, allowing them to explore and learn through hands-on experiences with all the aspects of basketball and such. There is also singing and snacks at the end.

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 professional:

Zach Meister

1 year

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

The Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month beginning at 4:00 p.m.

November 20, 2019
December 18, 2019



HARC Recreation Events

October/November/December 2019

Contact Randy Barnes at 419-591-6798 or 419-599-2892 to sign up

SIGN UP AND TICKETS PAID ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE EVENT IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE

DATE	EVENT	TIME	COST	Sign up required	LOCATION
Friday, November 8, 2019	Hollywood Casino (you must be 21 or older)	5:00-10:00pm	\$ to gamble	yes	Toledo, OH
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019	"Price Is Right"	5:30-10:00pm	\$65.00	yes	Stranahan Theater
Wednesday, November 13, 2019	Cook Night	5:00-7:00	\$3.00	yes	HOPE Activity Center
Wednesday, November 20, 2019	BINGO	6:00-8:00pm	\$2.00	yes	HOPE Activity Center
Friday, November 22, 2019	Nite Lites Winter Wonderland	4:30-10:00pm	\$4.00	yes	Michigan International Speedway
Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019	Lights Before Christmas	5:00-9:30pm	\$19.00	yes	Toledo Zoo
Sunday, December 21, 2019	Disney on Ice "Dream Big"	9:15-2:00pm	\$41.00	yes	Huntington Center
Monday, December 31, 2019	Happy New Year!!!	7:00 12:30pm	\$5.00	yes	Filling Home Gym

Kent's Korner November 2019



Jessica Clapp



Upcoming Events

November 9th
Shoot-a-thon at Filling Home Gym
10:00am to 12:00pm

November 18th
Basketball Team 1 vs Lucas County
at Lucas 6:00pm

November 18th Basketball Team 2
vs Lucas County at Lucas 6:00pm

November 23rd The Paulding
Knights Columbus Basketball
Tournament all day

November 25th Basketball Team 1
at Ottawa County at 6:30pm

Jessica's favorite coaches are Randy Barnes and Zach Meister. Her much-loved sports are Softball and Cheerleading. Jessica participates in Softball, Cheerleading, Bowling, Track and Cycling. She has been involved for 12 years and her favorite college football team is The Ohio State Buckeyes.

Her choice of high school team is Liberty Center Tigers. Jessica's favorite Special Olympics memory is getting 1st place in backstroke. Her hobbies are working at the Filling Home, attending Soaring Arts and collecting Wizard Of Oz memorabilia. Jessica's pick of place to shop is Defiance Mall and her favorite place to eat is Azul Tequila. Her favorite movies are Titanic and Greatest Showman. Jessica's much-loved actress is Judy Garland. Her favorite singers are Kenny Chesney and Cyndi Lauper. Jessica's favorite TV show is Criminal Minds and choice of holiday is Christmas.



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





State Bowling 2019



October 20th Bowling team went to Columbus for State Bowling.

Below are the results.

Doubles competition – Caitlin McCafferty & Linda Baser took 5th place with a combined score of 318 for two games.

Kateena Spence & Abbie Hinkleman took 6th place with a combined score of 258 for two games Steve Queen & Maya Queen took 1st place with a combined score or 394 for two games.

Bob Rosebrock & Jerry Rettig took 5th place with a combined score of 411 for two games.

Team Competition – The bowling team of Chad Fritz, Derrik Maassel, Perry Davis, and Brayden Kuehner took 2nd place with a combined score of 810 for two games.

The bowling team of Shannon Allen, Jennifer Hartford, Terri Stover, and Jennifer Cordes took 3rd place with a combined score of 794 for two games.

Sports Quotes

- “It’s hard to beat a person who never gives up.”
 - Kent Spiess
 - Kenny Chesney
 - Babe Ruth
 - Kenny Lofton
- “Never say never because limits, like fears, often just an illusion.”
 - Ezekiel Elliott
 - Michael Jordan
 - Tiffany Swihart
 - Lebron James
- “You miss 100% the shots you don’t take.”
 - Wayne Gretzky
 - Gordie Howe
 - Dwayne Haskins
 - Urban Meyer
- “Winning isn’t everything, But wanting to win is.”
 - Ryan Day
 - Woody Hayes
 - Randy Barnes
 - Vince Lombardi
- “There may be people that have more talent than you, But there’s no excuse for anyone to work harder than you do.”
 - Derek Jeter
 - Heather Hogan
 - Jim Thome
 - Alex Rodríguez

Kent’s Korner





Several individuals enjoyed Cook Night sponsored by HARC in October. The next Cook Night is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, at 5:00 p.m. in HOPE's Activity Center. Please call HOPE Services at 419-599-2892 to sign up.



VOICES OF HOPE

NEW HORIZONS ACADEMY

Sara's Garden is pleased to announce that it will be expanding its special needs educational and intervention services to the Greater Toledo Area with the opening of its second regional special needs school—New Horizons Academy—Springfield. Just like its Wauseon campus, the Springfield campus is dedicated to providing the highest quality of educational programming available and to empowering children with disabilities to recognize and optimize their full potential.

New Horizons Academy is a chartered, nonpublic school, serving preschool children through young adults (up to age 21)—transitioning from school to the work environment. New Horizons Academy began in 2012 with two students and has grown in just seven years to 100. Superintendent Gene Rupp explains the key to the school's success, "Our special needs students are children first with all of the needs, desires, and feelings of children without disabilities. They are more like other children than different. Their disabilities are inconveniences that keep them from enjoying full lives, and therefore must be overcome or compensated for so that the children can grow and move out into the world. At New Horizons Academy, kids come first. We exist for our students; our students do not exist for the school. Students don't have to fit into the classes; the class and program are made to meet the individual student's needs."

The Voices of HOPE Self-Advocacy group met at the Filling Home in October.

Joey Kuehner opened up the meeting, the Good Life group talked about being a good ally and then we wrapped the meeting up with an ice cream bar.



EARLY INTERVENTION AND HELP ME GROW PLAYGROUP

HOPE's Early Intervention and Henry County Health Department's Help Me Grow Program coordinates their services and offers a playgroup each month at Crossroads Church in Napoleon. A speaker/topic is typically offered, a craft and a snack. Opportunities for families to meet other families and chances for children to play with and be around other young children are provided. Siblings are also welcome to attend.






October's playgroup focused on pumpkins. Families were allowed to play with a cut pumpkin, paint pumpkins and take part in a craft that included pumpkins. November's playgroup is scheduled for November 18 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will focus on dental care. December's playgroup will include a Christmas Program at Crossroads. There is a full dinner, crafts, a visit from Santa and gifts offered. This is scheduled for December 16 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Families with little ones enrolled in Early Intervention will soon be receiving a mailing with more information about this event! You won't want to miss it!



If you have a young child in your life, check out the CDC Milestone Tracker App! It is a great resource. This app offers a vast array of skills that address what your little one might be doing at a particular age. You can see activities you can try with the youngster and also get reminders for appointments such as well child checks and immunizations that might be needed.

Try CDC's FREE Milestone Tracker app today...

Because milestones matter!

-  Illustrated milestone checklists for 2 months through 5 years
-  Summary of your child's milestones to share
-  Activities to help your child's development
-  Tips for what to do if you become concerned
-  Reminders for appointments and developmental screening



Learn more at cdc.gov/MilestoneTracker

HOOPS for HOPE

Annual Fundraiser for HOPE Services Self-Advocacy Group

Saturday, November 9th 2019

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

@ Filling Home Gym

Shoot for Self-Advocacy

- 1st SIGN UP!** Stop at HOPE Services to sign up and pick up your pledge packet beginning 10/21/2019.
- 2nd GET SPONSORS!** Invite others to help support Self-Advocacy in Henry County by sponsoring you.
- 3rd SHOOT BASKETS!** Come to the Filling Home Gym Saturday, Nov. 9th @ 10:00 to support Self-Advocacy, eat some snacks and have a lot of FUN!

Prizes for the top 2 fundraisers

Contests throughout the morning

Community Event Open to ALL AGES!



**PARTICIPATION FORMS are available at
HOPE Services (419-599-2982)**

Upcoming Events

- November 9—Voices of HOPE Shoot-A-Thon at the Filling Home gym at 10:00 a.m.
- November 20—Henry County Board of DD Board Meeting at 4:00 p.m.
- November 28 and 29—HOPE Services will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving.
- December 2 to December 14—Christmas Exchange Store
- December 7—Henry County Christmas Parade in Napoleon at 4:00 p.m.
- December 18—Henry County Board of DD Board Meeting at 4:00 p.m.
- The Board of DD will be closed Tuesday, December 24 at noon to January 1. We will resume regular business hours on Thursday, January 2.

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