

# HOPE Round Up

June 2021

News from HOPE Services

Seeing Potential ~ Inspiring Opportunities



## HOPE News

### News From the Superintendent

Happy June everyone! This edition of the newsletter brings some very good news. Thanks to the many people out there doing their part to fight COVID we can finally return to in-person activities. While Zooming was fun, it will be great to get back together again. For those that have been fully vaccinated, a BIG THANK YOU! For those that are still unsure, I strongly encourage you to get vaccinated. It is not just about yourself, but for others who might not be able to get vaccinated. Let's get out and enjoy the summer, RESPONSIBLY.

### Henry County Board of DD

The board meeting is June 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 P.M (details on zoom link will be posted).

### Voices Of HOPE

We had a meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup> and discussed possible fund raisers for this year. We also will be participating in the Henry County Fair Parade on Sunday, August 15th.

As of Press Time the June meeting date had not been set. Please watch for the June meeting date on Facebook.

If you are interested in attending the Voices of HOPE meetings please contact Tiffany Swihart at 419-599-2892. Your presence and ideas are always welcome.

<https://www.facebook.com/HenryCountyBoardofDD>



Best wishes to Deb Butler on her retirement in March. Deb worked with the Early Intervention Department as Physical Therapist for over 30 years. She has impacted the lives of many and will be missed. Good Luck and Happy Retirement Deb!



## June birthdays

5th: Perry Davis

7th: Kyle Burditt

9th: Candida Cerrato

9th: Terri Jo Stover

10th: Matthew Wetzel

16th: Brooke Ward

24th: Lori Irving

24th: Joseph Kuehner

24th: Bethany Mathers

24th: Bishop Nieto

25th: Brandon Shank

29th: Christine Rader

29th: Dominik Slinardo Neumeier



## June Employment Anniversaries

Melinda Camp– 28 years at HOPE Services

Mel Dachenhaus– 22 years at HOPE Services

Robin Sinn– 19 years at HOPE Services

Beau Beech– 5 years at KK Collision

Kellee Downard– 2 years at HOPE Services



### *June 27– National Helen Keller Day*

*“Our eyes and ears provide vital ways of interacting with the world around us. The lilt of laughter, the beat of a brass band, the smile of a friend, and the poetry of a landscape are but a few of the life blessings that our senses of sight and hearing help us to enjoy. But for some 40,000 Americans who can neither see nor hear, the world can be a prison of darkness and silence.”*

*“On June 27 we commemorate the 104th anniversary of the birth of Helen Keller, America's most renowned and respected deaf-blind person. Her accomplishments serve as a beacon of courage and hope for our Nation, symbolizing what deaf-blind people can achieve.*

*“(Ronald Reagan’s proclamation on June 22, 1984)*

Submitted by: Stephanie Jones




Six months ago, Kenny accepted a position at Frozen Specialties Inc. in Archbold through Manpower temp agency as a production worker. His job coach Elsa with Partners in Employment assisted Kenny with learning his job responsibilities. Since Kenny did a great job, he was officially hired as a permanent employee by Frozen Specialties. When Kenny was asked what he likes about his position he responded that he likes helping others learn the job and sometimes enjoys getting to bring food home. Kenny also stated he loves his job and the money he makes. In the future he would like to learn additional positions within Frozen Specialties and maintain perfect attendance. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with friends and family. Kenny would like to relay that if you are looking for a job, Frozen Specialties is hiring through Manpower. Congratulations Kenny. Keep up the good work!

Congratulations Juan for being Employee of the Month at Wauseon McDonald's!! Juan has been employed for 2 years at McDonald's in Wauseon. He says his favorite part of his job is being on grill. Ruby, Manager, had this to say about him. "Juan has really stepped up in his position. He started in the lobby and is now one of our best grill guys. He is always willing to lend a hand and everyone loves him." Keep up the good work Juan!





## Art work on Display



Marissa is so excited to have her art on display at the Henry County Board of DD. She has over 50 pieces of art on display. Marissa held an open house on May 21st but you are welcome to stop in to view her pieces first hand or to see her exhibit virtually go to [www.soaringarts.org](http://www.soaringarts.org), click "Online Store" and then "Marissa's Art Exhibit".

Marissa's pieces are for sale! Stop soon as her pieces are selling fast.

## Henry County Special Olympics



### 2020-21 Bowling

Special Olympics has battled to get back live. We have jumped through every hoop that the State Office put in our way. Here is what we have been doing with bowling.

We did a restart in late March. We got everyone to sign a Covid Release form, we do temperature checks daily, Covid check sheet and then kept the groups to 10 or less. To make this work, we had a 3:00 and 4:00 groups on Monday and Tuesday, then a 3:30 group on Wednesday. We could've had a 3:30 group on Thursday, but it was not needed. We keep 2 to a lane (unless it is individuals that live together) and use every other lane. We sanitize bowling balls after use.

We now have 3:00 and 4:00 groups on Tuesday only. We continue to keep 2 to a lane (unless it is individuals that live together) and use every other lane. We are hoping to back to our regular bowling group soon. That is up to Special Olympics Ohio.

Overall, we probably have 80% of the people that usually come. The one group that we have not gotten completely back are the school age kids. They were transported right after school and the schools this year can't transport them. Some parents have had a difficult time finding a way to get their kids to bowling, so have not gotten back at this point.

### Jr. Adult League

Here is a story that will touch your heart! We recently helped a group of our athletes get started in League Bowling on Thursday nights at River City. It is called a Jr. Adult League and what this means is, the team of 3 can have 2 adults and 1 person under the age of 18 on it. They bowl Thursday nights at 7:00.

Our Team is made up of Skylar Miller, Jacob Heath and Tim Blanton. They have been bowling lights out!! They currently are tied for first place in the league. There are 23 teams. Not bad! We look to get other teams set up in the future.

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## Young Athletes

We recently completed our first session of 2021 of Young Athletes. Young Athletes is a program through Special Olympics specifically for ages 3-7. There is no requirement regarding having a developmental disability to join. What happens is, we have a very inclusive group of kids each week. Who knows if anyone has a developmental disability.

We have been involved with Young Athletes for 8 or 9 years (probably longer, as my memory is bad). It has been a one-hour session.

The sessions are set up with a sports theme, but we do everything in a play-based setting. If a ball is used, everyone gets to choose a ball. Instructions are kept brief and simple, drills are built in as part of the play time. We do the main activity, then stop about 15 minutes from the end to sing some songs.

To make Young Athletes work this year, we had to do 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 groups. We had 37 kids participate. It is held Saturday mornings and this first session we had to do in the Activity Center at HOPE. We held it 5 consecutive weeks. It worked out pretty well, as we were able to get outside for some of it.

Oh yeah, we had a pre-packaged snack available as you left.

We look forward to doing a summer session back at the Filling Home.





# Early Intervention

Thea is a very active and busy (almost) three year old! Thea graduated from the HOPE Services Early Intervention program on her third birthday the end of May. Thea and her family have been receiving coaching from one of HOPE's Developmental Specialist bi-weekly and a burst of coaching services monthly from HOPE's Occupational Therapist. Thea has only ever received virtual visits and virtual services from HOPE due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, but Thea is sure thriving. Thea was one of the first new families enrolled when the pandemic began; it was fun for the team and family to learn together. Although the Early Intervention Team is sad to see Thea go, they are so excited to watch her continue to grow and learn. Thea and her family have really enjoyed their time in EI; they are so thankful for the wonderful team to help Thea grow and learn, and are looking forward to Thea starting Preschool in the fall thanks to their EI team.

Here is Thea playing with some of her Sensory Equipment. Thea will use these items to help calm her when she is upset and to give her something positive she can do while she is bored.





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- Ohioans ages 19 and older with a disability
- A family member, friend, caregiver, or other person who is helping may respond on your behalf
- Transportation providers who provide services to Ohioans with disabilities

## Our Mission

*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.*

HOPE Services does not discriminate in provision of services or employment because of disability, race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age.

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