

HOPE Round Up

March 2022

News from HOPE Services

Seeing Potential ~ Inspiring Opportunities



Join us as we celebrate
Disability Awareness Month

**ACHIEVING MORE
TOGETHER**

March 2022



March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all areas of community life, as well as awareness to the barriers that people with disabilities still sometimes face in connecting to the communities in which they live.

HOPE News

The next Board meeting will be held on March 16th at 4:00p.m in the activity center at HOPE Services.

Voices Of HOPE

Voices of Hope helps people to speak up for them self and we are there to help if a person is unable to speak, we speak for them. We will also be doing reelection for Voices of Hope. There will be another Voices of Hope meeting on March 22 at 5:30 to 6:30 to reelect officers. The meeting will be held at HOPE Services in the activity center. Hope to see you all there.

Soup Drive 2022

HOPE Services will again be holding a Soup Drive in place of the annual soup challenge. A collection bin will be placed outside the side entrance doors for convenient drop off or you can bring your cans of soup into the office Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm. If you would like to donate the soup in recognition of a provider, please write the providers name on the can. The provider with the most cans will win a prize. All donations will be distributed to area food pantries.



March Birthdays:

1st: Andrew Lause
1st: Heather Stoner
3rd: Jean Cordes
5th: Sean Cushman
10th: Suzanne Dewese
14th: Christopher Buchhop
17th: Patricia Naveau
19th: Marco Delgado, Jr.
21st: Rockne Saunders
22nd: Melinda Camp
24th: Rebeccah Plummer
26th: Dalton Kidd
27th: Kent Spiess
31st: Heather Obermeyer



March Anniversaries:

Cody Steen - 1 year at Walmart
Jennifer Jenkins - 4 years at Sanoh
Kent Spiess - 8 years at HOPE Services
John Stout - 12 years at Walmart
Terri Jo Stover - 12 years at St. Augustine
Tiffany Swihart - 24 years at HOPE Services
Jennifer Cordes - 25 years at Northwest State
Kathy Bishop - 32 years at HOPE Services



BOARD NEWS

We would like to take a moment and thank our Board Members and Interim Superintendent for all that they do! Thank you for bringing your passion, insight, experience and resources to the table!

Pictured front row: Nelda Irving, Secretary; Monica Atkinson, Vice-President; Amy Rohdy, Interim Superintendent.

Back row: Nicky Tripp; Amy Rosebrock; Kent Beilharz, President; Tom Manahan; Greg Heath.

Listen to WNDH 103.1
every Thursday at 12:20
p.m. for more
information about
HOPE Services.



Superintendent
SEARCH



Our agency has extended the deadline for applications for our Superintendent position until March 25, 2022.

Application process and job description can be found by clicking the link below.

<https://www.henrydd.org/contact-hope.../job-opportunities/>

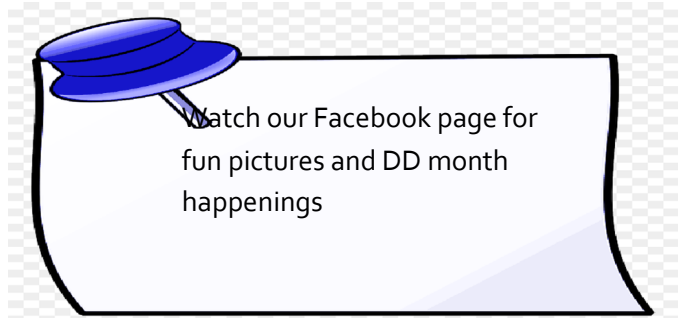


DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH:



HOPE Services is celebrating Developmental Disability Awareness Month. Look for these billboards as you travel through the County.

Logan Parker and Jose Sifuentes



Linda Baser and Emilee Schwiebert



Eve Bockelman and Rockne Saunders



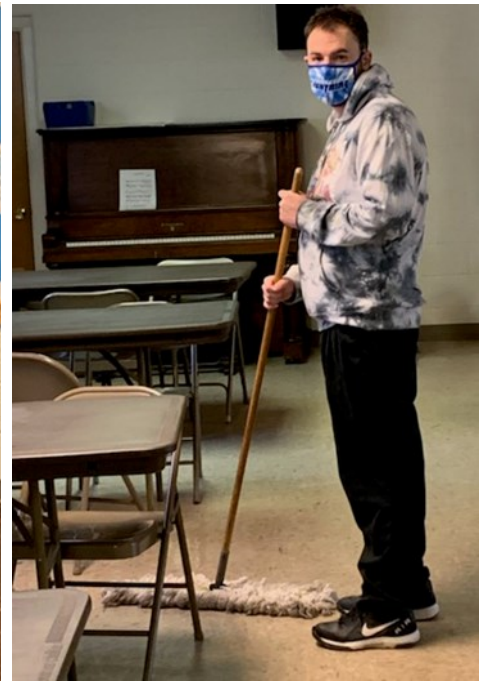
Alex Eis and Jennifer Cordes





Active Day of Defiance County

Individuals at Active Day of Defiance County (Formally known as Person Centered Services) have been volunteering at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Napoleon once a week to learn or increase their quality in the janitorial field. Pictured below are Chris B, Perry D, Linda B, and Robbie B. Members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church are very appreciative of their services. They have stated they do a great job! Keep up the good work everyone!



Just A Day in the Life



Participants attending COREe's World of Work have been busy learning new skills to prepare for work in the community. Above Maddy L, John I, and Rhett K assist with painting trim work for one of the residential homes. World of Work has been designed to focus on obtaining and improving skills for competitive employment. Both volunteer and paid work experience are offered in this setting.





HARC sponsored a Valentine Dance that was held on February 13th. The food was great as well as the music provided by Soundwave Mobile Sound. Thanks to everyone who came out and danced the night away!



Special Olympic News

March 2022 Special Olympics Article

Basketball has kept us busy for the month of February. We spent a lot of time with practices, games, and regional playoffs. The weather worked against us a little, but we still were able to play. Here are the results of our February Games:

Men's Team 1

2/1 – HC vs. Lucas County – HC win 37-27

2/9 – 1st Regional Playoff game – HC vs. Fulton County – HC win 68-46

2/13 – 2nd Regional Playoff game – HC vs. Lucas County – HC lost 46-68

2/16 – HC vs. Wood County – HC win 52-47

Lady Cougars

2/16 – HC vs. Wood County – HC win 52-28

Men's Team 2

2/1 – HC vs. Lucas County – HC win 49-22

2/7 – HC vs. Defiance County – HC win 63-39

2/12 – 1st Regional Playoff game – HC vs. Crawford County – HC win 54-29

Men's Team 1 ended their season 8-2. Men's Team 2 ended their season 7-1. The Lady Cougars will be playing at Winter State Games on 3/5 and 3/6. We will keep everyone updated on our Facebook page with their progress.

By the time you are reading this article, our 2022 Henry County Special Olympics Polar 5K/Athlete Walk will have taken place. We truly want to express our full appreciation for all of the support we have been shown by everyone at HOPE Services, the families of our athletes, caregivers, and our community. Your support will take us far!



Special Olympic News

On March 4-6, 2022, Ohio Special Olympics Winter Games will take place in Bowling Green at BGSU. This year we will be competing in Ladies basketball, swimming, and cheerleading.

Our Lady Cougars are Kathy Michael, Heather Stoner, Samantha Dorrington, Virginia Michael, Victoria Michael, Terri Jo Stover, Jessica Clapp, Amanda Laver, and Amber Lee.

Our Cheerleading Squad is Adrian Gerken, Carrie Fuller, Linda Baser, Lydia Kuehner, Caty Kuehner, Terry Jo Stover, Jenny Hartford, Jessica Clapp, Bishop Nieto, Emma Wymmer, Mia Ramirez, and Jordyn Beilharz

Our Cougar Swim Team is Lydia Knepper and Caty Kuehner.

Good Luck Cougars!!! All your hard work will pay off!!

It's hard to believe that Spring sports will be starting up soon!! It feels as if we just said we were having sign-ups for Winter sports. This upcoming spring, we will have volleyball, track, cycling, horseback, and tennis. If you want to participate in any of these sports, or try a new one out, contact Zach.

As always, we want to remind you to like our official Facebook page, **Henry County Special Olympics and Young Athletes**. We will keep you updated with practice/game dates & times, pictures of our athletes and what we are working on, fitness tips, and of course.... our Athlete of the Week post every Friday.

Coach Zach

Coach Renita



Cougar School age Team – From Left to right – Coach Zach, Logan Parker, Hannah Damman,

Luke Chambers, Alex Eis, Lydia Kuehner, Jordyn Beilharz, Caty Kuehner, Adrian Gerken, Kaydence Kunsman, Coach Renita

MORE..... Special Olympics News



Men's Team 1 – From Left to Right – Chad Fritz, Tito Martinez, Coach Renita, Juan Delgado, Matt Wright, Brayden Kuehner, Robbie Bauer, Joey Kuehner, Chris Scarberry, Jeremiah Srgo, Domenick Neumeier, Aaron Delgado, Coach Zach. On the floor – Tracy Rose

Horseback Riding



Team 2 warming up



CEREBRAL PALSY

The first documented history of Cerebral Palsy dates back to the 1860's, when an English surgeon named William Little came across a puzzling condition. He wrote the first medical descriptions, detailing a disorder that caused stiff, spastic muscles in their legs, as well as slightly in their arms. What was originally named Little's disease is now known as spastic diplegia cerebral palsy. According to cerebralpalsysource.com, it is caused when the brain damage occurs in the outer layer of the brain, the cerebral cortex. Spastic cerebral palsy is the most common form and affects 70 to 80% of patients. The symptoms include increased tone, or tension, in a muscle. Normal muscles work in pairs, but due to complications in brain-to-muscle communication, the normal degree of muscle tension is disrupted and effective movement is blocked. Today, spastic cerebral palsy is grouped along with other disorders due to developmental brain injury, known as cerebral palsy.

Little didn't have much evidence as to the cause. He found that most children, were born following premature or complicated deliveries and reasoned that extended time in the birth canal resulted in a lack of oxygen, causing their condition and that this oxygen shortage damaged sensitive brain tissue responsible for controlling movement.

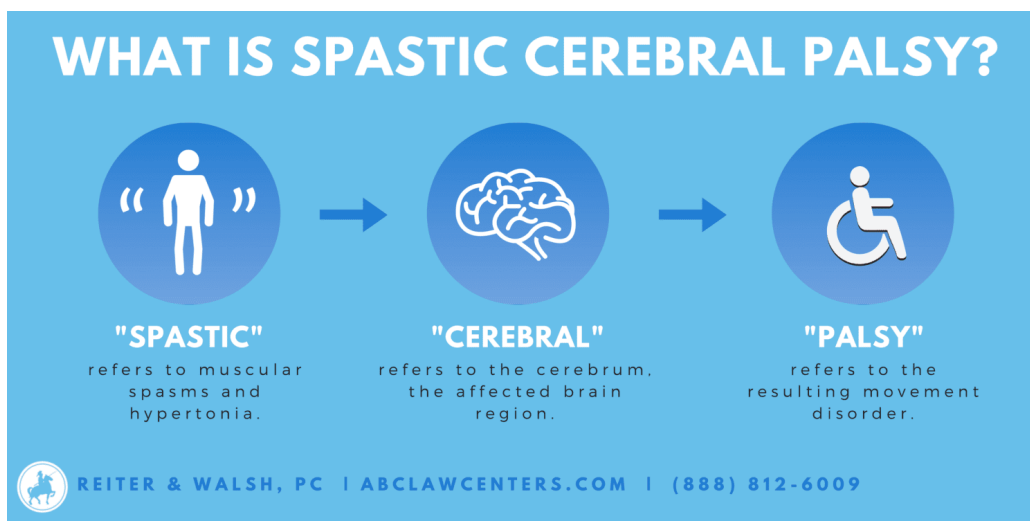
It wasn't until 1897 that Little's theory would be challenged. Sigmund Freud, world famous psychiatrist, disagreed, saying that children with cerebral palsy were subject to other problems, such as mental retardation, visual disturbances and seizures. Freud believed that the condition might stem back earlier in life, during the brain's development in the womb. Freud suggested that difficult birth was merely a symptom of deeper issues that influence fetal development.

[Facts about Cerebral Palsy](#)

[Screening and Diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy](#)

[CDC's Tracking and Research on Cerebral Palsy](#)

[The Cerebral Palsy Toolkit for Parents](#) [external icon](#) (free download with subscription)



Meet Eve

Eve is almost 2 years old and enjoys many things including her dog, using her walker, roughhousing with her Daddy (Auston), sitting with Mommy (Megan) and playing with toys. Eve has been enrolled in HOPE Services Early Intervention Program shortly after she arrived home from the hospital. She is learning to use sounds, words and some sign language. She is taking steps around furniture and while pushing her walker. She is able to finger feed herself, likes to “draw”, and is starting to enjoy books.



Eve’s Mom notes that “with persistence and diligence of learning and practicing strategies given through Early Intervention, Eve’s skills continue to develop”. Megan also wanted others to know that “ by being educated along the way by Early Intervention staff, parents are able to better work with their children and help in their child’s progression and development”. Through Early Intervention families can receive resources, support and information to enhance their child’s development, to promote future success in school, to make learning fun and to improve their parenting skills. Early Intervention staff and parents partner with each other and share skills and observations to benefit each family.

Keep a lookout for Eve on the billboards

Let's get COOKING

Cook Night Sponsored by HARC Inc.



This month's menu consisted of Ham or Turkey Sliders, Green Beans and Dunkaroo Dip with Graham Crackers. The meal was prepared by Brayden, Heather, Kateena, LaNae and Linda. We added the new recipes to our cookbooks and discussed ideas for future meals. Hope to see everyone next month!



HARC Recreation Events

March/April 2022



Contact Randy Barnes at 419-591-6798 or 419-599-2892 to sign up **ONE WEEK prior to the event**

DATE	EVENT	TIME	COST	Sign up required	LOCATION
Thursday, March 3, 2022	Game Night	6-8:00pm	\$5.00	yes	HOPE Activity Center
Friday, March 4, 2022	BGSU vs. Toledo	5:00-10:00pm	\$24.00	yes	BGSU
Friday, March 11, 2022	Craft Night	6-8:00pm	\$5.00	yes	HOPE Activity Center
Friday, March 18, 2022	Movie Night (GhostBusters, new)	6:00-8:30pm	\$5.00	yes	Filling Home Community Center
Saturday, March 19, 2022	Monster Jam	11:30am-4:00pm	\$35.00	yes	Huntington Center
Monday, March 21, 2022	Cook Night	5-7:00pm	\$5.00	yes	HOPE Activity Center
Wednesday, March 23, 2022	BINGO	6-8:00pm	\$5.00	yes	HOPE Activity Center
Friday, March 25, 2022	HOPE Homecoming game and dance	4:30-9:30pm		yes	St. Paul's Gym
Friday, April 1, 2022	April Fools Day BINGO	6-8:00pm	\$5.00	yes	HOPE Activity Center
Saturday, April 2, 2022	Walleye game	4:00-9:00pm	\$21.00	yes	Huntington Center
Friday, April 8, 2022	Craft Night	6:00-8:00pm	\$5.00	yes	HOPE Activity Center
Thursday, April 21, 2022	OSU Stridium Tour	7:30am-4:00pm	\$20.00	yes	Columbus, OH OSU
Friday, April 22, 2022	Art Night	6-8:00pm	\$5.00	yes	HOPE Activity Center
Monday, April 25, 2022	Cook Night	5-7:00pm	\$5.00	yes	HOPE Activity Center
Saturday, April 30, 2022	Imagination Station Fun	9:00am-2:00pm	\$20.00	yes	Imagination Station, Toledo

HOPE SERVICES SOUP DRIVE 2022

Bring your cans of soup to:

HOPE Services—135 E. Maumee Avenue, Napoleon

For contactless drop off, a bin will be placed outside the side entrance door.

We will be collecting soup
March 1st through March 31st

DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT
Local Food Pantries

KICK OFF EVENT
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Questions contact 419-599-2892 Ext. 250

Contact Us

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Employment Services	419-599-2892
Family Support Services	419-599-2892
Transportation	419-592-8726
Special Olympics	419-260-2176
HARC Recreation	419-591-6798
Volunteer Opportunities	419-599-2892



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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.



Napoleon, OH 43545

135 E. Maumee