

HOPE Round Up

JUNE 2022

News from HOPE Services

Seeing Potential ~ Inspiring Opportunities



HOPE NEWS

Henry County Board of DD meeting will be held on June 15th at 4:00 p.m. at HOPE Services



We are excited to announce that Kelly Aldrich has been hired as the new Superintendent for The Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities!

Kent Beilharz, Board President shared, "We are excited to welcome Kelly to HOPE Services! We look forward to advancing our mission of serving individuals with disabilities alongside our new Superintendent!"

Kelly began her career at Genacross Family and Youth Services (formerly Lutheran Home Society) at the Maumee Youth Center in Liberty Center. She worked as a Direct Service Professional serving youth with mental health and developmental disabilities. After almost 20 years at Genacross in her position as the Supervisor of Developmental Disability Services, she will be leaving to lead the team of professionals at HOPE Services.

Kelly states, "I am excited to join the incredible team at HOPE Services. I've worked closely with several of HOPE's professionals over the years and I know I am joining a hardworking and dedicated County Board. I look forward to doing my part to benefit the individuals, families, providers and community we serve. I currently live in Defiance but after raising my children in Napoleon, Henry County is where my roots are."

Kelly is set to begin on June 22nd.

Congratulations Kelly!!

We Are Celebrating

June Birthdays

1st: Job Knepper

5th: Perry Davis

7th: Kyle Burditt

9th: Terri Jo Stover

10th: Matthew Wetzel

15th: Kris Banister

16th: Brooke Ward

22nd : Victoria Wilhelm

24th: Joseph Keuhner

24th: Bethany Mathers

24th: Bishop Nieto

24th: Lori Irving

25th: Brandon Shank

29th: Christine Rader

29th: Dominik Salinardo Neumeier



June Anniversaries

Derrick Maassel - 1 yr. at Colton & Liberty Center Post Office

Kellee Downard - 3 yrs. at HOPE Services

Beau Beech - 6 yrs. at KK Collision

Tyra Knepper- 6 yrs. at Sauder Woodworking

Robin Sinn - 20 yrs. at HOPE Services

Melinda Dachenhaus - 23 years at HOPE Services

Melinda Camp—29 years at HOPE Services



In April, both the Henry County Board of DD and Henry County Commissioners approved the HOPE Services Building Addition and Alterations project for our office building. We are excited to get to work with Mel Lanzer Company as they are set to break ground on June 27th. This project will take 8-10 months and includes a new addition that will have 10 office spaces, storage additions and alterations throughout the entire building.

We ask that you please be patient with us as we navigate and work around the construction phases. Staff will be shifting work spaces and also incorporating some remote work. Don't worry! Our main focus, as always, are the individuals we serve!! Our staff will continue to be available and don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions!

We'll provide frequent communication during the process to keep everyone updated!!

Soup Challenge

Pictured below is Tina Meyer from Trinity Lutheran Church in Malinta. Over 350 cans of soup along with some non-perishable food items, cereal and pasta were donated to local food pantries in Henry County. Thank you to everyone that participated in this event. Congratulations to CLASS, you received the most donations on your behalf.



Voices of HOPE

On April 29th the Voices of HOPE had a guest speaker, Jeff Mires, Henry County Commissioner. Jeff was employed by the U.S. Secret Service in Washington D.C from 1988-2010. He provided protection for five U.S. Presidents, Ronald Reagan, George HW Bush, Bill Clinton, George W Bush and Barack Obama. His assignments included the White House, Emergency Response Team, the Counter Sniper Unit and the Foreign Missions Branch. He Traveled to forty-nine U.S states and over twenty foreign countries.

Jeff Retired in 2010 and moved back to Napoleon in 2014. He is the father of three daughters ages 26,25,20. Jeff was inducted into the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame at Napoleon High School and also inducted into the Wall of Fame at Four County Career Center.

He is currently the president of Emanuel Lutheran Church. He serves on the boards of the Lutheran Ministries of Mercy and the Symphony of Trees. Jeff also volunteers his time for the Napoleon Lions Club, Napoleon Alive and the Gideons.

Submitted by: Christina Clark



June 2022

Henry County Early Intervention Playgroups



Open to anyone enrolled in Henry Early Intervention and their immediate family members.

For the month of June, we will have two playgroups:

Wednesday, June 8th @ 10:30am

Wednesday, June 22nd @ 10:30am

We will be meeting at East Riverdowns Park in Napoleon (formerly Goosetown Park)

Please text your Service Coordinator (Jessica or Kellee) the morning of if there is questionable weather.

Early Intervention

Sensory Processing and Early Childhood Development

Sue Leopold, OTR/L, Occupational Therapist

Children learn about their environment through their senses. We are familiar with the five senses—taste, touch, smell, hearing, and sight, but there are actually two other senses that are very important to a child's development. Those senses are proprioception (muscle-joint awareness) and vestibular (movement awareness). All of these senses are critical in the development of motor skills, eye-hand coordination, language development, social skills, play skills, feeding skills, attention span and behavior.

When a child's touch system is not working properly, he may show signs of being overly-sensitive to touch. This can lead a child to not wanting hugs or being held, being a picky eater, struggling with wearing specific clothing textures, or having difficulty sleeping. A child can be under-responsive to touch, which may be seen in a child who craves touching people/objects, doesn't seem to notice if someone touches him, or may play roughly with toys or his peers.

If a child's vestibular system is over-sensitive, she may dislike swinging, having her head positioned at an angle or upside down when being moved, or riding in a vehicle can be upsetting to her. If the vestibular system is under-aroused, a child may constantly be moving, climbing, and/or jumping off of furniture in order to meet her body's need for increased movement sensation.

Oversensitivity to sounds and visual input can cause a child to want to hide or seek out a quiet area, especially during social gatherings or community outings. Under-reaction to this input may be seen as a child ignoring you or seeking out loud sounds or a lot of visual stimulation from fast-paced TV shows.

Motor skills development and coordination are affected by a child's visual, touch, vestibular, and proprioceptive system. This can impact a child's gross motor skills of sitting, crawling, walking as well as fine motor skills of finger feeding and using utensils, and picking up and manipulating toys.

A child's language development is impacted not only his hearing and sight, but also by the vestibular, touch, and movement systems. All of these systems work together to allow a child to hear sounds and words, as well as to see and feel how the mouth and lips move to form sounds and words.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's sensory processing and development, please contact Early Intervention locally at 419-599-2892. If you would like to refer your child for Early Intervention services, please call Early Intervention Central Referral at 1-800-755-4769.



HOPE 's Hot Dogs & Brats

Friday June 10th, 2022

11:00A.M. to 1:00P.M.

135 East Maumee Ave. Napoleon

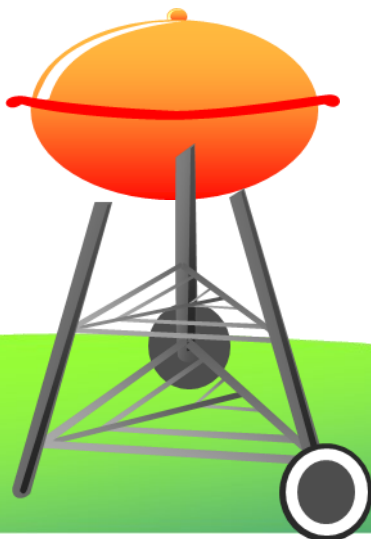
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Summer Camps

Let's get cooking

Cook Night sponsored by HARC Inc.



This month we had some new faces and another great meal! Cowboy casserole, cole slaw and no bake peanut butter bars were prepared by Andy, Joe, Kateena, Matt, Linda, Derrick and Brayden. We also added the new recipes to our cookbooks. Hope to see everyone next month!



Special Olympic News

June 2022 Special Olympics Newsletter Information

We started out May with a trip to Special Olympics Ohio Regional Spring Qualifier. Twenty athletes and coaches traveled to Findlay High School to participate in Volleyball tournaments, bocce games, and track/field events. The modified volleyball team placed 3rd in their division. The Cougars Bocce team placed 2nd (Josh Babcock and Brayden Kuehner). Kathy Michael earned 1st in javelin throw and 2nd in shot put. Victoria Michael placed 3rd in 100m run and 4th in shot put. Virginia Michael placed 2nd in softball throw and 2nd place in 25m run. Heather Stoner placed 1st in softball throw and 1st in 50m walk. Shelby Meyer placed 1st in 100 m and 1st in 200 m run. The Traditional Volleyball team, the bocce team, track & field team, as well as a few bowlers look forward to Special Olympics Ohio Summer Games at the end of June in Columbus, Ohio.

Henry County Special Olympics hosted a School Age track meet on Thursday May 12. Students from the four-county area came to Napoleon City School track to compete in various track and field events. Student volunteers from the Four County Career Center BPA program came out to help run this event. Athletes were able to compete in tennis ball, softball, shot put, soccer kick, walking and running races. We want to thank all the volunteers from that day. The smiles and the shrieks of delight were felt by all who were there. Can't wait for next year!

Volleyball season is underway. On May 4th the Cougars went up against the Wood County Special Olympics. Modified team lost their set, but Traditional team won theirs. On Saturday May 14th the Cougars played against the Sandusky County Raptors. The Modified and Traditional teams both won their sets. The next games were against the Lucas County Lightning on May 17th. The Modified and Traditional teams lost their sets but fought hard. At each game, the athletes are seeing what improvements and areas we need to continue working on. Go Cougars!!

Volleyball and track/cycling have been popular sports this season, but I want to take a few moments and highlight a few of our other sports teams. We have a growing golf team this season. They have been faithfully hitting the driving range weekly in sun, rain, and cold! This year our golf team consists of Jenny Hartford, Jacob Heath, Rozzilyn Lawrence, Nate Vogelsong, Jessica Clapp, and Caty Kuehner. The Bocce team members have been practicing this year every other Friday. Our bocce players are Josh Babcock, Linda Baser, Brayden Kuehner, Abbie Hinkleman, Emma Wymer, Jen Cordes, TJ Stover, Jenny Hartford, Anthony Delgado, Tyra Knepper, Kateena Spence, and Derrick Maassel.

Special Olympic News

On May 14th, several of our Equestrian team rode in the Dusty Boots Spring Horse Show. Rockne Saunders earned a 2nd and 4th place. Carrie Fuller earned a 2nd and 1st place. Elizabeth Helberg earned a 3rd and 1st place. Lydia Kuehner earned two 4th place ribbons. Way to go Cougars!!

On May 14th, Henry County Special Olympics was part of the Hawks Pizza Community Days. We want to thank everyone for their kindness and the giving spirit of Hawks Pizza for our athletes.

We are truly grateful for all the support we receive from our community. We want to give back and help others. We are going to have a team at the Henry County Relay 4 Life this year. The Relay 4 Life will be held at the Henry County Fairgrounds on Friday, June 17, 2022, from 5 pm – 11 pm. We are encouraging athletes and their families to come and walk, and if they can raise money for the American Cancer Society. Make sure to stop at our campsite and say hi! If you are interested in walking with our team, please contact Zach (419-260-2176) or Renita (419-601-2372). As always, please contact us with questions.

As always, we want to remind you to Like our Facebook page, Henry County Special Olympics & Young Athletes. We keep all current information for events, practices, and games on there. If you hit Like, you will see all that the Cougars are up to. @HenryCountySOCougars

Everyone have a great start to their summers!!

Coach Zach and Coach Renita



Photo courtesy of Janet Knierim

As part of Four County Career Center's Business Professionals of America (BPA) chapter awards day, the chapter presented a check to Special Olympics organizations in the four-county area. A \$1,000 check was presented to Renita Kuehner (right), Special Olympics assistant coordinator for Henry County, by Brendan Degryse, BPA president.





NOWAC

Northwest Ohio Waiver Administration Council



Medication Administration Classes

Category 1

Cost: Free*

Where: NOWAC Office
When: Classes to be held on consistent basis, please see NOWAC website for schedule

Need a Category 2 or 3 Class?

Please contact us!

*Free to DSPs who provide services to individuals any of the following counties: Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert. \$10 for recertification class and \$25 for an initial class in the certification 1 category for DSPs who do not provide services to Individuals in member counties.



To Register:

Contact Brandi

Email: brandi@nowac.com

Phone: (419) 782-4011 ext. 6005



WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF DD AND BGSU FOOTBALL CLINIC



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All individuals ages 8 and up served by any Northwest Ohio Board of DD are invited to join current BGSU football players, coaches, and support staff for a fun afternoon learning all about football!

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2022 | 4:30PM - 6:30 PM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 21, 2022.

THE CLINIC WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE BGSU PRACTICE FIELDS, BYTHE DOYT STADIUM. IF IT RAINS, WE WILL HAVE THE EVENT INTHE PERRY FIELD HOUSE.

There is no cost to participate

If you have questions, please call the Wood County Board of DD at 419-352-5115 .

TO REGISTER: Complete the participant form below and submit.

PRIOR TO PARTICIPATION, EACH PARTICIPANT MUST SUBMIT A COMPLETED RELEASE OF LIABILITY.

Football Clinic - PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM:

Participant Name: required

Participant Age: required

Email for confirmation: required

Additional Email:

Does the participant need Wheelchair Accessibility?

Yes No

RELEASE OF LIABILITY:

By signing below, I agree to hold harmless & release The Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green State University Athletics, Bowling Green State University Football, all coaches, all directors, all players, officials, sponsors, and other participants from any & all liability related to this clinic. The Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities reserves the right to use photographs for any promotional materials including Social Media.

Participant Signature: required

****Required for any adult with capacity to sign legal documents.***

Parent/ Guardian Signature: required

****Required for anyone who is a minor or lacks capacity to sign legal documents.***

Parent/ Guardian Printed Name:

****Required when Parent/ Guardian is signing.***

- OR -

PLEASE CHECK THE BOX BELOW IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SIGN ONLINE AND NEED TO DOWNLOAD A COPY TO SIGN AND RETURN:

I am unable to sign online and will need to download a copy to sign and return required

Participants must have a completed waiver on June 30, 2022 to participate.

WCBDD AND BGSU FOOTBALL CLINIC Release of Liability: By signing below, I agree to hold harmless & release The Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green State University Athletics, Bowling Green State University Football, all coaches, all directors, all players, officials, sponsors, and other participants from any & all liability related to this clinic. The Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities reserves the right to use photographs for any promotional materials including social media. Print Participant Name: _____ Participant Signature:

_____ Print Guardian Name: _____ Guardian Signature: ****Required for all minor participants and adults with guardians.*** _____

Participants must have a waiver on June 30, 2022 to participate.



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Tuesday, August 16, 2022 - 6 pm

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SHOWMAN APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE MAY 1
MENTOR/SHOWMAN PAIRINGS ANNOUNCED JUNE 15**

FOR MORE DETAILS :

**HENRY COUNTY FARM BUREAU
419-445-0723**

**BAILEY.ELCHINGER@GMAIL.COM
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Post-traumatic Stress Awareness

Post-traumatic stress disorder is a mental illness that causes flashbacks of a traumatic event, such as wars, the death of a loved one, or any other traumatic event that a person may have experienced in their life where the sadness does not go away, years or months after the initial event. The United States Senate designated June 27th as National PTSD Awareness Day and The National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder has designated June as PTSD awareness month.

American Psychological Association

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

APA provides news articles, books and other timely resources for individuals and families coping with PTSD

The Waking Wounded

Addressing injured soldiers' sleep issues helps improve their rehabilitation, psychologists find (*Monitor on Psychology*, January 2013)

More PTSD among homeless vets

Homeless Iraq and Afghanistan veterans are more likely to be haunted by PTSD than homeless vets of previous era's (*Monitor on Psychology*, June 2013)

Helping veterans and their families

Government agencies and community organizations must build bridges to assist service members, veterans, and their families, said APA members at a congressional hearing (*Monitor on Psychology*, May 2012)

The National Center for PTSD is a VA center that promotes awareness of PTSD and effective treatments throughout the year. The organization provides mobile apps, videos, printed materials, and online tools to educate and assist veterans, the general public and professionals about PTSD

Lisa French, PsyD, outlines the many organizations that help educate both professionals and the general public about PTSD

submitted by Stephanie Jones

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

HARC SUMMER CAMP

CAMP PALMER

Who: School age 6-15

When: Aug. 1-3

Cost: \$150 (scholarships available)

Come for just the day \$30

Swimming

Camp Fires, singing

Nature Hikes

Crafts

Canoeing

Animal Study

Tall Tales

Games



August 1-3

3 days/2 nights

\$150 per person

(Scholarships available)

Camp Palmer Fayette,
Ohio

Sign up by calling:

Randy at:

419-591-6798

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HARC SUMMER CAMP

CAMP PALMER

Who: Adults 16 & up

When: Aug. 4-7

Cost: \$150 (scholarships available)

Day Rate \$30

Swimming

Camp Fires, S'mores, singing

Games

Nature hikes

Canoeing

Animal Study

Tall Tales

Arts and Crafts



August 4-7

4 days/3 nights

\$150 per person

Day Rate \$30

(Scholarships available)

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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.

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