

HOPE Round Up

June 2023

News from HOPE Services

Seeing Potential ~ Inspiring Opportunities



Hope News



HOPE Services Hot Dogs & Brats Bash

Friday June 9th, 2023

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

HOPE Services 135 East Maumee Ave. Napoleon

Eat in, Drive thru and Carryout

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HENRY COUNTY PORK PRODUCERS

Free will Donation

Proceeds go to Voices of HOPE Advocacy Group




STABLE ACCOUNT

2023 CONTRIBUTION AMOUNTS

- Accountholders can contribute up to **\$17,000** per year.
- If employed, they may contribute up to an additional **\$13,590** of income.

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ROBERT SPRAGUE
— OHIO TREASURER —



The Voices of HOPE will be holding a meeting about STABLE accounts. The meeting will be held on June 12th from 5pm-6:30 at HOPE Services. This is open to everyone. Light refreshments will be available. Hope to see you there, there will be a lot of valuable information.

The office will be closed on June 19th due to the Juneteenth holiday. The office will reopen on June 20th at 8:00AM.

The next Board meeting will be held on June 20th at 4:00P.M at



Senior Spotlight



Tracy Rose is graduating from Archbold High School and attended Four County Career Center in the Goods Services Program. Tracy will be entering the work force working at Sauder Manufacturing to build his resume. He would also like to attend college in the future.

Aaron Delgado is graduating from Napoleon High School and attended the Four County Career Center in the Goods and Services Program. Aaron would like to work and make money. He is unsure exactly what type of job he would like to do long term but is looking forward to joining the work force. Aaron would like to attend college in the future to pursue a career.



Hunter Rittenhouse is graduating from Archbold High School and attended the Four County Career Center in the Visual Arts Program. He will be entering the work force to save money to go to college. He would like to pursue a career in Visual Arts/Design.

Logan Parker is graduating from New Horizons Career Center in Wauseon, Ohio. He will be exploring his options through Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) and attending Active Day in Defiance.



Breckin Maas is graduating from Patrick Henry High School. Following graduation, she will be participating in the WOW program through the COREe provider agency learning vocational skills and exploring options for future employment.

Congratulations Graduates!

We Are Celebrating

Here are the people celebrating birthdays in June:

Job Knepper

Bethany Mathers

Cody Minnich

Bishop Nieto

Perry Davis

Brandon Shank

Kyle Burditt

Christine Rader

Terri Jo Stover

Domenik Salinardo-

Neumeier

Matthew Wetzel

Victoria Wilhelm

Lori Irving

Joseph Kuehner

Kris Banister



Here are the people celebrating anniversaries in June:

Kelly Aldrich - 1 year at HOPE Services

Kellee Downard - 4 years at HOPE Services

Beau Beech - 7 years at KK Collision

Tyra Knepper - 7 years at Sauder

Robin Sinn - 21 years at HOPE Services

Mel Dachenhaus - 24 years at HOPE Services

Melinda Camp - 30 years at HOPE Services

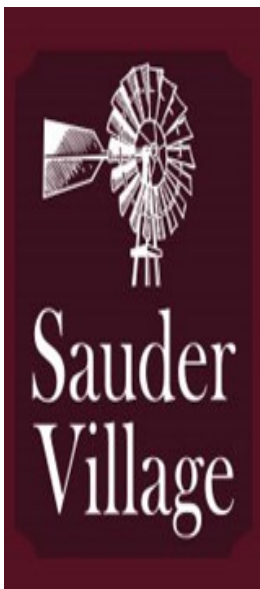


Congratulations

Congratulations Johnathon for becoming May's employee of the month at Goodwill Industries Napoleon Store. Johnathon began working at Goodwill in February with assistance from Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) and Partners in Employment. He enjoys his position and is well liked by his co-workers. Excellent job Johnathon, keep up the good work!



Hard at work



With supports through OOD and Quadco's Northwest Employment Services, Vinnie recently began working at Sauder Village as part of the maintenance crew. He has quickly bonded with his co-workers and likes the job tasks he is responsible for. When Vinnie is not working, he is an active participant in various Special Olympics sports. He also enjoys attending COREe's World of Work program and spending time with his family and friends. Congratulations Vinnie on your new position! If you are interested in obtaining a job in the community or discussing your options, contact your SSA or Melinda Camp at 419-599-2892.



Ryan's Restaurant Review

Hello, this is Ryan Moore with another restaurant review. This month's restaurant review features El Jarro Mexican Restaurant in Wauseon. They have a big menu of all my favorite Mexican foods. The restaurant is also close to the movie theater, in case you want to see a movie after lunch or dinner. That's one of my favorite things about the location of this new restaurant.

For my dinner there last weekend, I ordered Enchiladas Chipotle. There were three enchiladas: one chicken, one shredded beef, and one had ground beef. All three meats were very tender and juicy. The sauce on the enchiladas was smokey and slightly spicy, but not too spicy, so they were perfect. I give the dish 5 stars.

My Mom and my brother ordered Arroz con Pollo, also known as chicken and rice. My Dad ordered the OMG nachos! He would highly recommend these awesome nachos that were topped with cheese, jalapeños, pork, guacamole, and sour cream. YUM!

Our waitress was very nice, too. She was very good at her job and always stayed on top of things. I would recommend coming to try out this place. Go hang out for a while and enjoy a fun time with great food!

Thanks for staying tuned in to all my restaurant reviews!

Your writer and friend, Ryan Moore!





May brings forth spring/summer regional events and tournaments. On April 30, the Cougars traveled to Findlay High School for Northwest Ohio Regional games. We had 28 athletes participate in volleyball, track/field, and powerlifting. We revealed our new parade banner with our colors during the Athlete Parade. The Cougars brought home a lot of medals for their performances. Their hard work and dedication showed.



Cougars Placings:

Jaeson Donnett – 1st in mini javelin and 3rd in shot put

Virginia Michael – 3rd in Shot put, and 1st in 100 m dash

Victoria Michael – 2nd in Shot put, and 2nd in 100 m dash

Alex Eis – 3rd in Softball throw and 2nd in 50 m dash

Scott Michael – 2nd in shot put and 1st in 100m walk

Kathy Michael – 1st in shot put and 1st in mini-javelin

Bob Rosebrock – 1st in Softball throw and 1st in 100m walk

David Rose – 2nd in 100 m dash, 3rd in mini-javelin

Kristen Moehle – 1st in 25m walk, 2nd in shot put

Savannah Rose – 1st in Mini-javelin throw and 1st in 100 m dash

Tyra Knepper – Powerlifting – Gold in her weight class

Job Knepper – Powerlifting – gold in his weight class

Linda Baser/Caty Kuehner – Bocce – 2nd in their division

Modified Volleyball team – 3rd in their division

Both of our volleyball teams have been busy with their weekly practices and traveling to and hosting games. The Modified team traveled to Seneca County on May 3. They won their set. On May 10, we hosted the Sandusky County Raptors. Modified won their set and Traditional had a close loss.



Tradition Volleyball – Back Row (L to R) – Domenik Neumeier, Jacob Heath, Skylar Miller, Chad Fritz, Tito Martinez. Front Row (L to R) Lydia Knepper, Tyra Knepper

Modified Volleyball – Back Row (L to R) – Sammi Adkins, Logan Parker, Josh Babcock, Vinnie Simon, Juan Delgado. Front Row (L to R) – Caitlin McCafferty, Adrienne Gerken, Lydia Kuehner, Jordyn Beilharz

Our bocce team meets weekly to practice. We purchased materials to create portable courts so that we can move inside for weather issues. This is such a fun and laid back sport.



Young Athletes

May was the wrap up for our Spring Young Athletes program. Young Athletes is a program offered by Special Olympics that is open to children of all abilities between the ages of 2-7. Young Athletes provides children of all abilities the same opportunities to advance in core developmental milestones through creative play. Children learn how to play with others and develop important skills for learning. Children also learn to share, take turns and follow directions. These skills help children in family, community and school activities. We offer this program at no charge. This session we had 28 children enrolled. Watch our Facebook page in August for the sign-up dates for the fall session. We meet on Saturday mornings at the Filling Home Gym.



On May 11, we hosted the Four County Career Center Business Professionals of America area track meet at Napoleon High School. 180 School age athletes from the four-county area traveled to Napoleon High School to compete in running and walking events and field events such as softball throw, soccer kick, shot put, and tennis ball throw. The FCCC Business Professionals of America students fundraised through their school year to raise the money to host this event as well as a bowling tournament, which was held in March. Thanks so much for all the hard work of the students and faculty. Lots of smiles and hugs of gratitude said it all.

We are very excited to bring back Flag football to the list of sports that Henry County Special Olympics offers. We had a football clinic with Defiance College on Saturday, May 27th teaching us the ins and outs of flag football.

We want to invite everyone to come to Henry County Relay for Life event on June 16th 5 pm – 11 pm at the Henry County Fairgrounds. This year we will have a kid's obstacle course, mini golf, and a bocce tournament at our campsite. We are very excited to be doing this for our second year in a row. Our athletes are very excited to be out and support such a great cause to help Crush Cancer!

Fall Sports 2023 sign-ups are now open. If you would like to participate in Softball, Flag Football, Esports, or bowling, please text/call Zach (419-260-2176) or Renita (419-601-2372).

Be sure to follow our Facebook page – Henry County Special Olympics & Young Athletes to stay on top of all the Cougars adventures! To our athletes and supporters, have a great June...and keep living your best life!

Coach Zach and Coach Renita

Dental Excellence and Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Hope Services are buddying up to encourage you to “Be a Buddy”! This outreach initiative supports Buddy Baskets, gift baskets presented to families in the Northwest Ohio area upon the arrival of their babies diagnosed with Down Syndrome. These baskets are a way to shower these families with love, hope, joy, and comfort - and to welcome them into an amazing community of support! See the list below for requested items, which can be dropped off at any Dental Excellence location or Hope Services during June. Cash donations are welcome as well.

Items you could donate include:

- Small baby toys
- Baby books (preferably board books)
- Gas cards
- Amazon, Babies R Us or Target gift cards
- Fuzzy or fun socks
- Slippers
- Scarves
- Nail Polish
- Lotion or essential oils
- Lip gloss/chapstick
- Travel mugs, reusable water bottles, coffee mugs
- Bags of coffee
- Gum and/or healthy snacks
- Gift certificate for newborn photo session
- Lularoe (or other direct sale) items



SUMMER/FALL SPORTS 2023

It is time to get signed up for the Spring Sport season. So, look over the list below and get signed up.

Flag Football – Tuesdays/Wednesday 6:30-8:30 @ Oakwood Park – starting July 11

Softball – Tuesdays/Wednesdays 4:30-6:30 @ Oakwood Park – starting July 11

Esports – Fridays 4-5:30, Napoleon High School

Bowling – Tuesdays 4-5:30 starting September 12 @ River City Bowl A Way

If you would like to sign up to do any of these things, please do so on the attached sign-up sheet.

Also Follow us on our Facebook page for daily updates on practices, games, and events

Henry County Special Olympics & Young Athletes: **@HenryCountySOCougars**

_____ (name) would like to sign up for: _____ Good Contact Number for updates)

___, yes, I want to do bowling this year.

___, yes, I want to do flag football this year.

___, yes, I want to do softball this year.

___, yes, I want to do esports this year.

Text: Zach 419-260-2176 or Renita 419-601-2372 - or drop off at HOPE Services, 135 E. Maumee St. Napoleon, OH 43545



HENRY COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS

CHEERS TO END CANCER SHOWCASE

WHEN: SATURDAY, JULY 22

TIME: WARM-UPS START AT 11:30

SHOWCASE STARTS - 1 PM

WHERE: NAPOLEON HIGH GYM

701 BRIARHEATH DRIVE, NAPOLEON, OHIO

WHO: OPEN TO ALL CHEER/DANCE SQUADS/ALL AGES

JUDGES AVAILABLE

ADMISSION: FREE WILL DONATION

**Bake
sale**

COST: \$20.00 PER TEAM/DIVISION

****ALL PROCEEDS TO RELAY FOR LIFE**

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

RENITA KUEHNER: 419-601-2372

RKUEHNER@HENRYDD.ORG

AMANDA SEILER: 419-654-3235

AMANDA.BARNES2017@GMAIL.COM





Kelly's Column

I'm pleased to share with you some exciting updates from the Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities / HOPE Services. Our Board members attended training facilitated through NOWAC to learn more about Major Unusual Incidents, Multi-System Youth and Early Intervention. It was a nice evening spent with our colleagues from area county boards. Our staff recently completed a training program that will help us better support each other, individuals, and families in the community. We're proud to offer a range of support services, and we're committed to helping people with developmental disabilities lead fulfilling lives.

In other news, I'm thrilled to announce that our staff have officially moved back into the building and construction is near complete. This would not have been possible without the support of our community. Thank you to everyone who has helped us along the way!

As always, we're here to help. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're dedicated to serving our community and we look forward to continuing to do so in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Kelly Aldrich



Look who was spotted at Top Dog; the work transition classroom from Four County Career Center. They stated the food was delicious!!



Congratulations Lydia for your part time position at Top Dog. If you have not checked them out yet, please do so! It is awesome!



What is Early Intervention

What is Ohio Early Intervention?

A statewide system that provides coordinated services to parents of infants and toddlers (birth – three years) with disabilities or developmental delays in Ohio.

Who qualifies?

Any child who is under the age of three and has a State-confirmed cognitive (problem solving), social-emotional (feelings and emotions), physical (gross and fine motor), adaptive (self-help), and/or communication disability or established developmental delay is eligible for government-funded early intervention services.

What do Early Intervention Services do?

The purpose of early intervention is to lessen the effects of the disability or delay. Services are designed to identify and meet a child's needs in five developmental areas, including: physical development, cognitive development, communication, social or emotional development, and adaptive development.

What is the definition of Early Intervention?

Early Intervention means doing things as early as possible to work on your child's developmental, health and support needs. Early Intervention services give specialized support to children and families in the early years.

What is an Early Intervention Evaluation?

An evaluation (Henry County uses the Battelle Developmental Inventory) can tell whether your child is eligible for early intervention services. Anyone can refer to EI for an evaluation but parent/guardian must give consent. Children with a diagnosed disability can receive early intervention services without an evaluation. If referred, a Service Coordinator will come out to meet you and your child and explain this process along with scheduling an evaluation if needed.

Is Early Intervention Free?

Early Intervention services are provided under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Through grants to each state from the federal government, children who qualify may receive services free of charge or at low cost.

Why is Early Intervention so Important?

The Importance of Early Intervention and Its Impact on Learning. ... During the first three years of life, children learn and develop rapidly. Things as simple as daily experiences can dramatically impact a child's learning when it comes to their cognitive, social, physical, adaptive and communication development

What is Early Intervention cont.

What does the Henry County Early Intervention Team look like?

Henry County's EI Team consists of a team of individuals who work together to provide services to each family in a Coaching and Primary Service Provider (PSP) model. Our team consist of two Service Coordinators, two Developmental Specialists, an Occupational Therapist, a Physical Therapist, a Speech Language Pathologist, a Vision Specialist, and a Hearing Specialist. The family and team will work together to decide who the best fit is for the family and child's needs that person will become the family's PSP. The PSP will come out to work with the child's caregivers on strategies to work towards the family/child outcomes. Henry County has weekly team meetings where each member can get coaching/tips/strategies from other members of our team to take back to our families. We also have a translator so that no child is left behind.

How can I refer my child for HOPE Services Early Intervention from anywhere?

Web referral form: <https://odhgateway.odh.ohio.gov/ochids/public/refer>

State Informational Website: <https://ohioearlyintervention.org/>

Or call 1-800-755-4769 (GROW)



Purpose
Little Hands Sensory Group is designed for families with children 2-5 years of age. The group provides an opportunity for families to connect with each other and engage in fun activities related to sensory needs and play.

June Project Sensory Bags



Scan the QR CODE



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YWCA Child Care Resource and Referral Presents

Little Hands Sensory Group

REGISTER TODAY

- **June 20 @ 11:00am**
Heatherdowns Library Community Room C
- **June 21 @ 1:00pm**
Toledo Main Library Community Room 1
- **June 21 @ 4:00pm**
Henry County Health Dept
1843 Oakwood, Napoleon, OH, 43545
- **June 23 @ 11:00m**
Toledo Main Library Community Room 1

Adriahna Patterson-Outreach Parent Specialist
☎ 419.255.5519
✉ apatterson@ywcawo.org

YWCA Child Care Resource & Referral presents

BOOK BUDDIES PROGRAM

 **Wednesday June 14th**

 **4:00PM**

 **Henry County Health Dept**
1843 Oakwood, Napoleon, OH, 43545



Join us for this **FREE** literacy program where together we will...

- Read fun, engaging stories
- Enjoy story related activities
- Provide your family with an educational kit to take home and share again



Scan the QR Code to Register Today!

CONTACT: YWCA CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL

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- ☎ MANSFIELD- 419.775.5179
- ☎ LIMA- 419.225.5465



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VOICES of HOPE

SELF – ADVOCACY



The Voices of HOPE group met on May 22. The group welcomed some new faces and talked about barriers that they have in their life and who they can talk to about them. They also enjoyed some pizza and pop during the meeting. If interested in learning more about our group call Tiffany Swihart at 419-599-2892.



Our group will also have some volunteer opportunities coming up. On June 24th and 25th we will have an informational booth set up at Picker's Paradise at the Henry County Fairgrounds.

We will also be volunteering at the concessions for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat put on by the Maumee Valley Civic Theater July 27th and 28th and August 4th and 5th.



If you are interested in volunteering for any of these events please contact Tiffany Swihart to get signed up.

There will be multiple technology vendors to visit and learn from. If interested in attending this Tech Fest to learn more about how technology can benefit you please contact Tiffany Swihart. 419-599-2892 EXT.250
Space is limited so call early.

Meet Ohio Tech Ambassadors

Experience Innovation

Overcome Barriers

**DISCOVER
THE
POSSIBILITIES
OF
SUPPORTIVE
TECHNOLOGY**

Elevate Independence

Promote Inclusion

Talk to Technology Vendors

Self- Advocates - Families - Providers - County Boards - EVERYONE!

June 27 10AM-1PM

Camden Falls Conference Center
2460 OH-231, Tiffin, OH 44883

Complimentary Refreshments

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Family Support Services	419-599-2892
Transportation	419-592-8726
Special Olympics	419-591-6798
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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