

HOPE Round Up

January 2024

News from HOPE Services

Seeing Potential ~ Inspiring Opportunities



ANGEL TREE

St. John Lutheran Church in Deshler had an Angel Tree in honor of Ann Rettig, they were able to sponsor 17 kids that receive services from the County Board this Christmas Season . Thank you so much for your generosity.



Season of
GIVING



HOPE's Giving Tree



A HUGE thank you to staff and friends of HOPE for your participation in this year's giving tree. Your donations to Active Day of Defiance were greatly appreciated!

Ryan's Restaurant Review



Hello restaurant fans! Are you hungry for a great breakfast? Then you need to head over to the *Defiance Pancake House*! It is located at 2023 Jefferson Avenue, Defiance, Ohio. They have a huge menu of delicious breakfast items, plus sandwiches and dinners.



What did I try recently?

I ordered the Breakfast Burrito. I chose a Mexican style burrito filled with eggs, cheese, peppers, onions, and chicken. The burrito came with a big portion of hash browns, and they were fried to a perfect golden brown. So yummy! The breakfast was awesome and flavorful, and I gave it 5 stars.

I also sampled a few bites of biscuits and sausage gravy. The biscuits were fluffy and light, and the gravy was delicious! They were some of the best biscuits and gravy I've had, definitely 5 stars!



How are the pancakes?

My mom ordered pancakes, eggs, and bacon. She said the pancakes were perfectly light and fluffy, with a hint of vanilla that made them extra tasty. The menu has so many variations of pancakes, French toast, waffles, and crepes. You will want to try them all! Some other items that looked good were the omelets and frittatas. So many choices!

Thanks for reading, bye for now! Your friend, Ryan

VOICES of HOPE

VOH will be hosting a HOOPS for HOPE fundraiser on January 27th from 9:00am-12:00pm at the Filling Home gym. All proceeds go to assisting with sending individuals to trainings, speakers and monthly meetings. There will be prizes for the top 3 people who raise the most money. Please contact Tiffany Swihart for a pledgee form by January 12th. HOPE to see to all there.



Monthly Movie Quote

Jessica's quote this month comes from Frosty the Snowman

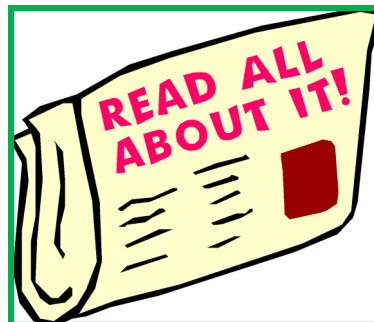


"When the thermometer gets all reddish, the temperature goes up and when the temperature goes up I start to melt and when I start to melt I get all wishy-washy."

We look forward to next month's quote.



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



Do you have an article to submit or pictures to share? We are always looking for stories. Submit items of interest to:
tswihart@henrydd.org

VOICES of HOPE

SELF ADVOCACY GROUP

Voices of HOPE held their annual Christmas party. Attendees enjoyed a potluck dinner, had the option to participate in a gift exchange and play a few party games. It was a fun evening for all!





The Voices of HOPE advocacy group once again braved the weather to ring the bells to raise money for the Salvation Army. They also went caroling at local nursing homes.





Kelly's Column

As we welcome the new year, let us embrace the endless possibilities it holds for all of us. It is a time to set new goals, dream bigger, and work towards achieving our fullest potential. Whether it's improving accessibility, advocating for inclusivity, or celebrating accomplishments, let us make the most of this fresh start.

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts." – Winston Churchill

Here's to a year filled with empowerment, growth, and endless opportunities for our community!

Sincerely,

Kelly Aldrich



Meet the Author Event!

On Wednesday November 29th, fans were able to meet the man behind the menu recommendations they read in the Hope Services newsletter. Ryan Moore started writing the restaurant reviews in the end of 2022 after sharing his love of food and eating out with his SSA at Hope. He has always loved helping in the kitchen, trying new recipes, and enjoys his job working in the kitchen at his job. He and his family love to eat out and he has become quite the foodie, often sharing his recommendations in casual conversations with others. Ryan began writing up one review each month for restaurants in the Northwest Ohio area. His mom is his photographer and captures great pictures of Ryan with some of the delicious meals they order. People in the community began commenting about how they look forward to reading the reviews and would like to meet Ryan. The event was set up at Eddie J's in Napoleon, which is Ryan's regular Wednesday night hang out spot. He has been eating there and playing trivia on Wednesday nights for many years, and has gotten to know a lot of the regulars. The restaurant owner, Doug Herman, helped set up the event to support his longtime customer and friend. The big crowd Wednesday night really helped Ryan to feel loved and appreciated for his contribution to the community. Napoleon really is a great place to feel included in your community! Thanks to all who came out for the event!





🌿 **Christmas Exchange Store 2023** 🌿

This year's Christmas Store was a success! A HUGE Thank you to all the volunteers this year, without you this wouldn't be possible. The proceeds went to COREe's World of Work program to assist with purchasing supplies.



Christmas Parade

2023



Many braved the weather to come out and walk in the Christmas Parade.



Let's get cooking



Cook Night sponsored by HARC Inc.

This month we prepared a delicious holiday meal! The menu consisted of Melt In Your Mouth Chicken Breasts, Cheesy Potatoes, Whipped Sweet Potato Bake, Peanut Butter Fudge and Rolls. These recipes were prepared by Derrick, Christina, LaNae, Jacob, Abbie and Kateena. We added the new recipes to our cookbooks and discussed recipe ideas for next year. If you are interested in joining the group sign up by contacting Randy Barnes at 419-591-6498 or 419-599-2892. Hope to see you next month!



2024
Henry County
Special Olympics
POLAR
5K/Athlete Walk

Saturday, March 16, 2024
Starting at 9 am
American Legion
500 Glenwood Avenue, Napoleon, OH
5K | 1 mile walk | Pancake
Breakfast | Silent Auction |
Music

Questions? Or to sign up, call...
Zach 419-260-2176
Renita 419-601-2372

DAVE'S
running

Special
Olympics
Ohio

The office will be closed on January 15th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The next board meeting will be held on January 17th

Congratulations to the people who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in January

Birthdays:

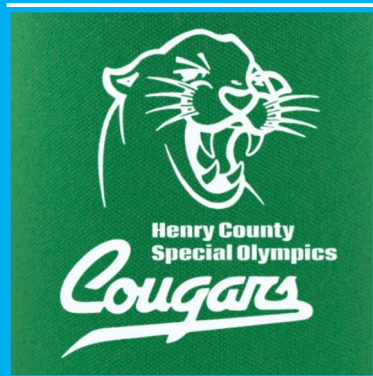
- Eric Alonzo
- Jessica Clapp
- Theresa Peper
- Selena Hernandez
- Jennifer Nagy
- Elizabeth Helberg
- Pedro Garza, Jr.
- Emilee Schwiebert
- Phil Etoll
- Kelly Aldrich
- Brian Baringer
- Amanda Laver



Anniversaries:

- Dawn McBride - 41 years at HOPE Services
- John Hoover - 14 years at HOPE Services
- Melissa Beman - 4 years at HOPE Services
- Stephani Arnette - 3 years at Easy Living





As the snow begins to fly, that is when our basketball season gets fully under way. We started the first weekend in December with our Community Inclusion Basketball Game. This was a great time with lots of basketball action, including a 3-point contest and half-court shot contest. Thank you to all our volunteers and those who played with us. We cannot wait until our next event!

So far this season, the school-age Cougars basketball team stands at 3-1 for their season. They had a win and a loss against Fulton County. They had wins against Paulding and Lucas County. The Lady Cougars have fought hard this season. Their standings are 1-2. Their second loss was very close, but they found their footing versus

Paulding County with a win! Mens Team 1 stands at 5-1 with several games on the road this season. Mens Team 2 stands at 2-1. There are many more games this season. To keep updated, follow our official Facebook page – Henry County Special Olympics & Young Athletes. We keep game dates, times, and locations updated there.

We received good news from the Maumee Valley Civic Theater. Our athletes were awarded the Friends of Maumee Valley Civic Theater for all their volunteer work at the plays. Congratulations on all the hard work and thank you for giving back to the community. We love the spirit of inclusion and giving back.

Our plans are in full swing for our upcoming 2024 Polar 5K/Athlete Breakfast Walk and Silent Auction. It will be held Saturday, March 16, 2024, starting at 9 am. Glenwood Park is the starting point for our race, but the party will be going on at the American Legion Post 300 across the street. You can sign up to compete in the 5K run/walk portion by visiting www.runsignup.com. Just search - 2024 Henry County Special Olympics Polar 5K. You can sign up to participate in person, or even virtually and complete the running on your own time. All registrations done prior to 2/21/24 will receive a race shirt designed Derrick Maassel.

This year we are changing up the format. We will be holding a pancake breakfast for those who would like to come out to support our athletes, but just do not want to run. Breakfast with our athletes will start at 8:00 am, we will be serving pancakes with your choice of toppings, breakfast sausage, fruit, and juice. All will be free-will donation. At 10 am, all are invited to join us in our 1-mile athlete walk down Glenwood Avenue. Our silent auction will be running that week online and finish up during the event. So far, we have Divine Entertainment playing music and keeping us moving during our event. Not to mention Bigby Coffee, Napoleon will be providing coffee to keep us warm. Henry County you really are the best! Please come out and join us. Learn about the spirit of Special Olympics.

Other events include attending the Paulding Knights of Columbus tournament, taking a group of bowlers to Wood County for a bowling tournament, the powerlifting team will be attending a meet in the Cleveland area, our cheerleaders will be cheering with Defiance College at a Mens basketball game, the swim team will be competing at Regionals, and the Mens basketball teams will be attending a game at Defiance College. Stay tuned on our Facebook page for updates.

Have a warm and safe January.

Coach Zach and Coach Renita

**HENRY COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS
COUGARS GAMES**

JANUARY 2024 HOME GAMES

JANUARY 2 - HCSO VS. PAULDING CTY CARDINALS - SCHOOLAGE AND TEAM 1
 JANUARY 9 - HCSO VS LUCAS CTY LIGHTNING - MENS TEAM 1 & 2
 JANUARY 10 - HCSO VS. WOOD CTY WILDCATS - MENS TEAM 1 & 2
 JANUARY 17 - HCSO VS. MARION CTY HAWKS - TEAM 2
 JANUARY 23 - HCSO VS. WILLIAMS CTY SHARKS - SCHOOLAGE AND TEAM 1
 JANUARY 30 - HCSO VS. DEFIANCE CTY TIGERS - SCHOOLAGE AND TEAM 3

ALL GAMES START AT 6 PM. HELD AT THE FILLING HOME GYM (SR 108, NAPOLEON) . NO ADMISSION FEE. SNACK STAND WILL BE AVAILABLE.

JANUARY 2024 AWAY GAMES

JANUARY 29 - HCSO VS. LUCAS CTY LIGHTNING - SCHOOLAGE





2024 Community Inclusion Games



Valentine's Dance!!

Filling Home "Gym"!

N160 OH 108

February 13th.

Please note this is a new date & location!

Music, Movies, Games, Food,
Friends and Fun!

February 13 6pm-9pm
\$5 or
Bring a dish to share.

Call: 419-591-6798 to sign up.



C.O.R.E.E. PRESENTS

Night of Stars

We are having a party! Deadline to sign up is January 5th

Come out for a fun night of magic, music, and dancing

DATE: Friday February 9th

TIME: 6:00pm to 9:00pm

PLACE: Filling Home Community Center

Shrine Circus

Allen County War Memorial

Elephants, Camels, Tigers, High Wire,
Canine Capers, Flying Trapeze, Clowns,
Globe of Death, Wheel of Thrills And
More!

Fort Wayne
January 27 2:30pm
\$16

Call: 419-591-6798 to sign up.

Movie Night at HOPE

HOPE Activity Center

Come to HOPE and enjoy a movie,
popcorn, beverage in a friendly,
relaxing place.

January 19 6-9pm
\$5

Call: 419-591-6798 to sign up.

2025 HARC Rec Trip Survey

(circle one and return to Randy 135 E. Maumee Ave.
Napoleon OH 43545)



Maine 7 days 6 nights

Historic Portland
Kennebunk and Kennebunkport
Boothbay Harbor
Pineland Farms
Boothbay Railway Village

Mackinac Island 5 days, 4 nights

Mackinac Island
Soo Locks
Mackinaw City
Colonial Michilimackinac
Kewadin Sault Casino

Mt. Rushmore 9 days 8 nights

Crazy Horse Memorial
Guided Tour of Deadwood and gaming at
Deadwood
Mount Rushmore
Wildlife Loop at Custer State Park (this is awe
some)
Badlands National Park
Black Hills

Boston 6 days 5 nights

JFK library
Tour of Boston
Visit Salem
Gloucester
Minuteman historical park

Vermont 6 days 5 nights

Dinner Cruise
Vermont Maple Farm
Shelburne Museum
Rock of Ages Granite quarry
Ben & Jerrys Ice Cream tour

Niagara Falls and Toronto 5 days 4 nights

Worlds Most famous falls
Magnificent Casa Loma Castle in Toronto
Hornblower Niagara Cruise
Cosmopolitan City of Toronto

Lancaster Show Trip 5 days 4 nights

Daniel On stage
Guided Tour of Philadelphia
The Amish Experience
The show at the Magic and Wonder Theater
Jacob's Choice at the F/X Theatre

Cruise? 6 days 5 nights



Contact Us

www.henrydd.org

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Special Olympics	419-260-2176
HARC Recreation	419-591-6798

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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

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Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities

