

HOPE SERVICES

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Seeing Potential ~ Inspiring Opportunities

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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.

Listen to WNDH 103.1 every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. for more information about HOPE Services.

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HOPE SERVICES

SOUP CHALLENGE

2018

THURSDAY MARCH 1 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

LOCATION:
FILLING HOME GYM
N-160 State Route 108
Napoleon

DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT EDUCATION AND PROMOTION OF HOPE SERVICES

TEAMS WILL CONSIST OF PROVIDERS WHO SERVE INDIVIDUALS IN HENRY COUNTY

HOPE HOMECOMING



**Friday, February 23, 2018
St. Paul's Gymnasium
6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

ADMISSION:
Gentlemen: A 2 liter of pop
Ladies: A dozen cookies

**Don't play
"wait & see"
with your child's
development**



Early Childhood Developmental Screenings

Is your child on track with their growth & development?
Screenings can tell you...don't "wait and see."

All children ages 0 to 5 years are welcome to attend.

Children do not need to attend this event if they will be entering kindergarten or are currently enrolled in early intervention or preschool through your local school district or NWOESC.

Screenings examine the following areas of development: vision, hearing, speech and language, fine and gross motor, physical growth and social emotional.

Dates — Times — Locations

March 12, 2018 8:30 am—2 pm	Holgate United Methodist Church 677 Joe E. Brown, Holgate
April 16, 2018 8:30 am—2 pm	Crossroads Church 601 Bonaparte Dr, Napoleon

Please allow one hour per screening.

Free of Charge — Appointments Required

CALL TODAY! 567-444-4818

Sponsored by Ohio's Early Intervention, Holgate, Liberty Center, Napoleon & Patrick Henry schools, NWOESC, Head Start, Henry County Public Health and WIC

HOPE'S Helping Hands

HOPE Services is available to help at your community event. If you need an extra set of hands, just give Tina a call at HOPE Services at 419-599-2892.



The Organization for Autism Research offers a scholarship program which provides \$3,000 scholarships to students across the autism spectrum. They are pleased to invite applications from persons with an autism diagnosis pursuing full-time, post-secondary, undergraduate education or vocational-technical training.

Due Date: May 7, 2018

For more information about the options, eligibility and the online application, visit:

<https://researchautism.org/how-we-help/scholarships/>



Tuesday, February 13, 2018
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Invite your friends and come to the
Valentine's Day Dance at the
Filling Homes
Community Center.
Admission: \$2.00

SNACKS, MUSIC AND FUN! EVERYONE IS WELCOME.
INVITE A FRIEND!

In Loving Memory



Gladys Rosenbush, an individual served by HOPE Services, passed away on December 9, 2017. Gladys was very active in HOPE Services SASS Program where she enjoyed playing Bingo, Uno and the Rhythm Band. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.



NWO Apraxia Support provides grants to fund supplemental therapies, treatments, activities, or equipment that will enhance the lives of individual children impacted by Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) and other invisible disabilities (including, but not limited to SPD, anxiety, epilepsy, non-specific learning disabilities, ADHD, dyslexia, autism, Tourette syndrome, and other speech and language disorders).

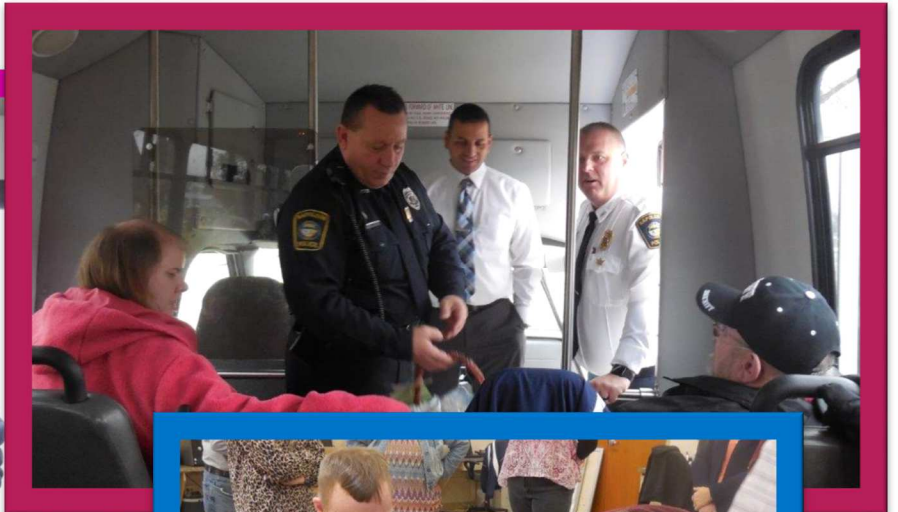
The 2018 grant application process is open.

Applications must be received by February 28, 2018. All applicants will receive results no later than May 1, 2018. Applicants for the spring 2018 grant cycle may apply for therapy, summer programming, equipment, activities, etc.

For more information and to download the application, see
<http://www.nwoapraxiasupport.org/grants.html>

SENIOR AND ADULT SUPPORT SERVICES

Dependent on the unpredictable weather this season, we are planning on taking a few community trips this month. One group of individuals are traveling to Filling Home for an open gym and another group will be bowling and having lunch at River City Bowl-A-Way. Ladies' Day and Man Day will also find us traveling to Wauseon and Bowling Green respectively. We began our much anticipated Annual Pool Tournament this month. The brackets include both individuals served and agency staff. Not only does it promote activity and socialization, it's a great way to establish and reinforce positive relationships among all involved. While baking this month, the group made buckeyes. Later in the week, they visited the Napoleon Police Department and presented them with a basket full of goodies, including our homemade buckeyes, in appreciation for their dedication and service to our community. Anna and Ezra, Comfort Dogs, visited our individuals on Thursday, January 12. Anna and Ezra are LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs from Trinity Lutheran Church. They interact with individuals at churches, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, events, and even in a variety of disaster response situations. Their purpose is to bring a calming influence to those individuals, allowing them to open up their hearts and receive help for what is affecting them. Other activities this month included a snowball (marshmallow) fight, assembling Emanuel Lutheran's newsletters, recycling, Wii golf and bowling, bingo, spin baseball, snowman and winter crafts, shuffle board, and learning more about Arkansas and Maine.



SENIOR AND ADULT SUPPORT SERVICES

Joey, Connie and Dallas had the opportunity to spend some time at River City Bowl-A-Way.



STRIKE!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

HOPE Services appreciates the hard work and dedication of each of its professionals which contribute to the overall success of the agency. As such, we would like to recognize the years of service given by the following employees:

Kelly Verbeke	22 years
Rita Saneholtz	19 years
Chris Schultz	19 years
Trisha Giesige	11 years
John Hoover	8 years
Kathy Koppenhofer	8 years
Kris Banister	4 years
JoAnn Dennie	2 years
Steve Tucker	1 year

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

**ALL HCBDD BOARD MEETINGS BEGIN AT
4:00 P.M. IN THE
HOPE SERVICES' ACTIVITY CENTER**

February 20
March 20
April 17

**HOPE Services will be closed on
Monday, February 19, 2018,
in observance of President's Day.**

SPiRiT WEEK

Help us get ready for the HOMECOMING game when the Henry County Cougars take on the Fulton County Jaguars.

#HOPEspiritweek

Email pictures to tparsons@henrydd.org or use #HOPEspiritweek on Facebook!

2/20



TUESDAY

Don't be afraid to make up some of the most bizarre and mismatched outfits

2/21



WESTERN

WEDNESDAY

RODEO UP WITH YOUR BEST GEAR!

2/22



Hat or Hair - let's make people STARE!

thinkingcap

Thursday

2/23



HOPE vintage or brand new - show your pride in whatever pleases you!

HOPE-FILLED FRIDAY



Kent's Korner

January/February



Upcoming events

February 1st School Age practice at Filling Home from 3:30pm to 4:30pm
 February 1st Team 1 practice at Filling Home from 4:30pm to 6:00pm
 February 2nd Team 2 practice at Filling Home from 5:30pm to 7:00pm
 February 5th School Age practice at Filling Home from 3:30pm to 4:30pm
 February 5th Team 2 vs Putnam County at Filling Home at 6:00pm
 February 5th Women vs Wood County at Filling Home at 7:15pm
 February 6th Team 1 practice at Filling Home from 5:30pm to 7:00pm
 February 6th Women practice at Filling Home from 7:00pm to 8:30pm
 February 6th Bowling at River City Bowl-A- Way from 4:00pm to 6:00pm
 February 7th Team 2 practice at Filling Home from 7:30 to 9:00pm
 February 8th Team 1 vs Williams County at Stryker at 6:00pm
 February 8th Women vs Sandusky County at Filling Home at 6:00pm
 February 8th Team 2 vs Sandusky County at Filling Home at 7:15pm
 February 9th Team 2 practice at Filling Home from 5:30pm to 7:00pm
 February 11th Unified Bowl with Defiance College at C&H lanes from 1:00pm to 2:30pm
 February 12th School Age practice at Filling Home from 3:30pm to 4:30pm
 February 12th Women practice at Filling Home from 4:30pm to 6:00pm
 February 12th Team 1 vs Paulding County at Filling Home at 6:00pm
 February 12th Team 2 vs Paulding County at Filling Home at 7:15pm
 February 13th Bowling at River City Bowl-A-Way from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Rhett Kovar



Rhett participates in track and cycling. His favorite Special Olympics coach is Randy Barnes. Rhett's much-loved memory is riding bikes with friends. He enjoys living at his house in Napoleon. Rhett likes cheering for the Ohio State Buckeyes and his favorite High School football team is the Napoleon Wildcats. His much-loved actors are Gomer Pyle, Kevin James (Paul Blart Mall Cop). His favorite restaurant is Taco Bell. Rhett prefers listening to music on the radio rather than watching TV. His pick of cars are blue cars. Rhett's preference of sport to watch on TV is basketball. One thing we don't know about Rhett is he loves hanging out with his family.



Upcoming events

February 13th Team 1 practice at Filling Home from 5:30pm to 7:00pm
 February 13 Women practice at Filling Home from 7:00pm to 8:30pm
 February 14th Team 1 vs Hancock County at Blanchard Valley Center at 6:00pm
 February 14th Team 2 vs Hancock County at Blanchard Valley Center at 7:15pm
 February 15th School Age practice at Filling Home from 3:30pm to 4:30pm
 February 15th Team 1 vs Fulton County at Filling Home at 6:00pm
 February 15th Women vs Fulton County at Filling Home at 7:15pm
 February 16th Team 2 practice at Filling Home from 5:00pm to 6:30pm
 February 19th School Age practice at Filling Home from 3:30pm to 4:30pm
 February 19th Women practice at Filling Home from 4:30pm to 6:00pm
 February 20th Bowling at River City Bowl-A– Way from 4:00pm to 6:00pm
 February 20th Team 1 practice at Filling Home from 5:30pm to 7:00pm
 February 20th Women practice at Filling Home 7:00pm to 8:30pm
 February 21st Team 2 practice at Filling Home 7:30pm to 9:00pm
 February 22nd School Age practice at Filling Home from 3:30pm to 4:30pm
 February 22nd Team 1 vs Hancock County at Filling Home at 6:00pm
 February 22nd Team 2 vs Hancock County at Filling Home at 7:15pm
 February 23rd HOPE Homecoming at St. Paul's Gym from 6:00pm to 9:00pm
 February 26th School Age practice at Filling Home from 3:30pm to 4:30pm
 February 26th Women practice at Filling Home from 4:30pm to 6:00pm
 February 27th Bowling at River City Bowl-A– Way from 4:00pm to 6:00pm
 February 27th Team 1 practice at Filling Home from 5:30pm to 7:00pm
 February 27th Women practice at Filling Home from 7:00pm to 8:30pm
 February 28th Team 2 practice at Filling Home from 7:30pm to 9:00pm

Kent's Korner



The Hoops for HOPE was held on November 18 at Filling Home. The 15 participants raised over \$1400.00 for Voices of HOPE Self-Advocacy group. The top two fundraisers were Victoria and Virginia Michaels. Big thank you to Filling Home for letting us use their gym.

Thanks to everyone for participating in my Who Said It questions!!! Congratulations to Danielle Collins. She was the first to answer the questions correctly.



State Swim meet 2017

State Swim meet results from December 9th and 10th Jacob Heath took 5th place in the 50 free and second place in the 25 free. Josh Babcock 3rd place in 50 free and 4th place in 25 free. Heather Stoner took 5th in 50 free. Ryan Moore took 4th place in 25 free. Lydia Knepper took 1st place in 25 breast stroke. Caty Kuehner 2nd place in 50 free and 2nd place in 25 back stroke.

If you have any Special Olympic news and or pictures that you would like to see included in the newsletter please contact me at: Kentdawg51@yahoo.com or kspiess@henrydd.org



Basketball Results 2018 Kent's Korner

Team 2 played Putnam County on January 3rd and won 58-50

School Age played Good Sam on January 4th and lost 44-26

Team 2 played Good Sam on January 4th and won 46-40

Team 2 played Lucas County on January 9th and won 47-30

The Women played Wood County on January 11th and lost 35-30

Team 1 played Wood County on January 11th and lost 36-29

Team 1 played Fulton County on January 17th and won 44-37

The Women played Fulton County on January 17th and lost 39-30

Did you know Sports facts

Did you know?

For every minute you are watching football, you lose 60 seconds watching basketball.

Tennis was originally played with bare hands instead of rackets.

FUN FACTS:

DID YOU KNOW THAT ON AVERAGE, SOCCER PLAYERS RUN AS FAR AS 9.5 MILES IN A SINGLE MATCH.

— SOURCE: FACTSLIDES.COM —

Winning Streak!

Did you know that the NHL New Jersey Devils came to Newark back in 1982? They quickly began to make a name for the hockey franchise and have scored multiple titles including 3 Stanley Cup Championships.

**THE ZAMBONI WAS
FIRST INTRODUCED IN
MONTREAL ON
MARCH 10TH 1955**

Table tennis balls have been known to travel off the paddle at speeds up to 105.6 miles per hour.

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES



Congratulations

Congratulations to LauraLe Spangler and Bishop Nieto as they celebrate their employment anniversaries. Laura'Le has been employed at Comfort Inn (formerly Holiday Inn Express) for 18 years. Bishop has been with Walmart in Defiance for one year.



Congratulations to you both!

SES (Supported Employment Services) continues to work with individuals that are seeking community employment. We are currently working with nine people that are looking for jobs in several different areas including manufacturing, retail, health care, clerical and food service and some are unsure what type of job they are looking for.

The job developer meets with each individual one on one and assists with job searching, applications, resumes and cover letters and interviewing skills. Interviewing skills include not

only the questions and responses but also proper hygiene, attire and posture. The job developer also works with them on career discovery as many of the individuals that we work with are not sure what a job entails. The job developer focuses on the career areas that the individual is interested in, as well as their skills and talents.

Successful community employment for individuals that we serve is a milestone to independence and social well-being. If you are an individual thinking about working in the community or a business looking for dedicated employees, contact Supported Employment Services at 419-599-0126.



**DREAMS
Don't
Work
Unless
YOU Do.**



RYAN JOHNSON IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Ryan is currently employed at Walmart in Napoleon as a maintenance associate. He has been employed for 5½ years. He started his career in Wauseon as a stockman. He worked in this position before moving to the maintenance department. He transferred to Napoleon in September 2015 to be closer to home. Some of Ryan's job tasks include cleaning restrooms, safety sweeps, cleaning windows, making cardboard bales and assisting with collecting carts when needed. Ryan says his favorite part of his job is doing safety sweeps. He enjoys working with his co-worker, Tim. His preferred shift to work is 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Ryan lives in Napoleon with his mother and brother. Next time you visit Walmart say hello to Ryan and thank him for helping keep Walmart clean.



We started off the new year by reviewing and discussing the rules and regulations of Job Club. After reviewing these, we played a question and answer game which included questions from the rules and regulations as well as last year's events at Job Club meetings. We ended the night with a small snack and group discussion on what they would like to do this year.



JOB CLUB

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

I suspect that by the time you read this we will probably know if the groundhog saw its shadow and whether or not we can expect an early spring or six more weeks of winter. Here's hoping for an early spring!

Forecasting the future is a heck of a lot easier after the fact. Annually, the Board prepares a plan of action for the upcoming year. We ask for feedback from individuals, families, providers, staff, and other interested stakeholders. We use this information to help create this plan. Of course, not everything goes according to plan!

I wanted to highlight a few of the things we will be focusing on in 2018. Of course, the completion of transitioning the provision of direct service operations is a priority. Since October, we have held four open forums, conducted site visits, and are currently in the process of reviewing and selecting a provider for each of the programs. We are also anticipating a successful completion of our upcoming Accreditation Review by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. We will continue to partner with the Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA) in developing the direct support profession to ensure that the field has a growing and qualified workforce. We will continue to get the word out about Supported Decision Making (SDM) as an alternative to traditional guardianship. SDM is an exciting development that helps people we serve take more control over their lives. We will also continue to support Community Life Engagement which encourages individuals to actively engage in their community.

These are just a few of the things we are focusing on for the new year. For more information and additional information you can find the complete Annual Plan on our website www.henrydd.org.

Steve Tucker, Superintendent

Upcoming Events

- **HOPE Services will be closed** in observance of President's Day on Monday, February 19.
- **Henry County Board of DD Board Meeting**—The Board meeting will be held Tuesday, February 20, at 4:00 p.m. in the Activity Center.
- **HOPE Homecoming**—Homecoming will be Friday, February 23, at St. Paul's Gym in Napoleon at 6:00 p.m.
- **HARC Meeting**—The HARC meeting will be held Tuesday, February 27, at 5:30 p.m. at HOPE Services.
- **HOPE Services Soup Challenge** will be held on Thursday, March 1, at the Filling Home gym serving from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **The River Rivalry Basketball Challenge** will be held Thursday, March 8, at the Filling Home Gym. The game will features teams from the Defiance County Board of DD and the Henry County Board of DD.

HOPE Services does not discriminate in provision of services or employment because of disability, race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age. Send news stories and items of interest to Kathy Bishop or Kent Spiess.

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