# HOPE Round U

#### **News from HOPE Services**

Seeing Potential ~ Inspiring Opportunities



October 2024



October is National Disability **Employment Awareness** Month (NDEAM), and we are excited to spread the word! **#NDEAM** 

NDEAM is held each October to honor the many contributions people with disabilities make to America's workplaces and economy and to showcase inclusive workplace policies that benefit both employers and employees. This year's theme is "Access to Good Job for All".

The Henry County Board of DD celebrates NDEAM throughout October in various ways to bring awareness and education to the topic of Employment First.

HCBDD would like to recognize Partners In Employment, Northwest Placement Services/ Quadco, COREe Residential, and 4A Housing for their on-going commitment to Employment First and for providing exceptional services to individual's entering the workforce.

Individuals with disabilities add value and talent to our workplaces and communities. In addition, we would also like to thank the following employers who have/had employed an individual with disabilities this past year.

All God's Children Day Care Amcor Rigid Plastics American Road Diner Applebee's Bar & Grill Archbold Furniture Arco Staffing Bath & Body Works Bil-Jax Inc.

Burger King/Napoleon, Wauseon & Defiance

Chiesa Construction LLC Clubhouse Pizza/Holgate Dana Incorporated **Danuvial Service Solutions Deshler Lanes** Dollar General

Eastland Estates Easy Living LLC Henry County Courthouse **HOPE Services Goodwill Industries HPJ** Industries Keller Packaging of Napoleon

Love's Travel Shop Lowe's Home Improvement Mama Roses Mayville Engineering Company

Mc Donald's/Napoleon, Defiance & Wauseon Northwest State Community College Ohio Guidestone

O'Reilly Auto Parts Pioneer Quick Lube Sauder Heritage Inn Sauder Woodworking Shafer's Truck & RV Sales Service Master by McCann

Top Dog

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Barn Restaurant

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Cooper Standard Automotive Defiance Area YMCA

Dollar Tree Filling Home

**Genacross Lutheran Services** 

**JAC Products** Kroger Marketplace Marco's Pizza Marshall's Napoleon Lynx Ollie's Bargain Outlet Pizza Hut/Wauseon Sauder Village Taco Bell

Village Auto Spa Time Staffing

Wal-Mart Super Center/Napoleon & Wauseon



The next Regular Board meeting will be on Wednesday, October 16th at 4:00pm in the Activity Center.



The office will be closed on October 14<sup>th</sup> for Columbus Day. The office will reopen on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:ooAM

Come join us Tuesday October 22nd for Trunk or Treat from 5-7. There will be fun for all! Art, Candy and Food Trucks!!

If you would like to enter your own trunk, sign up here: https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/s66nja8



# Trunkatreat

Tuesday October 22nd 5pm-7pm







#### Candy-Fun-Art-Food Trucks!

Come Trick or Treat, Get Dinner and Dessert! Food Trucks will be posted on our Facebook!

135 E Maumee Ave, Napoleon, OH 43545

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#### Access to Good Jobs for All

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

#NDEAM dol.gov/odep





#### Celebrate NDEAM with Us: Look for Our Posters!

This October, as part of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), we're celebrating the incredible contributions of individuals with disabilities across Henry County. Keep an eye out for our special posters displayed in local businesses, community centers, and public spaces.

Join us in recognizing and celebrating the diverse talents that enrich our county. Share your favorite posters on social media by tagging us, using **#HenryCountyNDEAM**, and help spread the word! Let's make this NDEAM truly memorable!

#### 😂 Get Ready for the Road: Driver's Permit Class Now with a Driving Simulator! 😂

We are excited to announce that our Driver's Permit class has officially resumed, now enhanced with an advanced driving simulator! This cutting-edge technology provides a realistic, risk-free environment where you can practice essential driving skills and scenarios before you even get behind the wheel of a real car.

Our simulator offers an immersive learning experience, helping you build confidence and competence as you prepare for your driver's permit. Whether you are mastering parallel parking or navigating

tricky traffic situations, this innovative tool is designed to make your learning process smoother and more effective.

Don't miss this opportunity to get a head start on your driving journey. Sign up for the Driver's Permit class today and take advantage of this exciting new feature!

For more information and to sign up, call your SSA or Melinda Camp at 419-599-2892. See you in class!





We are thrilled to announce that our 2024 Annual BBQ fundraiser raised over \$1,200!

Your generosity helps us continue our mission of supporting individuals with disabilities in Henry County through the HOPE Services Foundation. Thank you to all that got tickets, Thrivent for your generous donation and to Sworden's Smoke for a delicious meal!

Couldn't make it to the event? No worries! You can donate to the Foundation any time and make a difference in someone's life.

For more information on how to donate, please contact HOPE Services today at 419-599-2892!





#### Kelly's Column

As we enter the month of October, we are reminded that it is National Disability **Employment Awareness** Month. This is a time to recognize the valuable contributions that individuals with disabilities make in the workforce and to raise awareness about the importance of inclusive hiring practices.

In our community, we are fortunate to have many businesses that actively

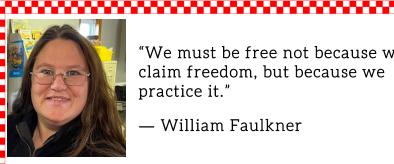
support and employ individuals with disabilities. These businesses understand that diversity in the workplace is not only the right thing to do, but it also brings a wealth of benefits to their organization. We want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the businesses in our area that have made a commitment to inclusive hiring practices. Your dedication to creating a more diverse and inclusive workforce is truly commendable, and we thank you for your on-going support.

"Diversity is being invited to the party; inclusion is being asked to dance." - Verna Myers

Sincerely,

Kelly Aldrich

#### QUOTE OF THE MONTH FROM JESSICA



"We must be free not because we claim freedom, but because we practice it."

William Faulkner

We look forward to next month's quote!

### Remembering those we lost ...



Gary Donaldson
Former Superintendent



Patricia payeau (Patty)

In memory of those we have lost, we hold their spirits close and cherish the moments we shared. Their light continues to shine in our hearts, guiding us through the days with the warmth of their their laughter. May we find comfort in our memories and strength in the bonds created. To all who are grieving, know that you are not alone; we stand with you in solidarity and compassion. Let's honor their legacy by spreading kindness

From Your Friends at HOPE Services

and living fully in their honor.

#### Toy Suggestions to help Improve Toddlers Fine Motor and Learning Skills

(pictures and information from Amazon.com)



Aigybobo Learning Toys for Toddlers 1 2 3 Year Old, 20 Pcs Pet Dog Toys for Kids, Animal Counting Matching Sorting Fine Motor Educational Playset, Puppy Gifts for Baby Boys Girls Age 12-18 Months

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CPSYUB Matching Eggs Toys
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Durable Pound A Ball Toys for Toddler, Stacking, Learning, Active, Early Developmental Hammer Montessori Toys, Fun Gifts for Boy & Girl - STEM Educational Toy - Great Birthday Gift Ages 1 2 3

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TOP Bright Toddler Wooden Race Track Car Ramp Toys for 1 2 Year Old Baby Motor Skills Race Tracks Car Ramp Vehicle Playsets with 4 Mini Cars and 1 Car Garage

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Learning Resources Spike The Fine Motor Hedgehog - Toddler Learning Toys, Fine Motor and Sensory Toys for Kids Ages 18+ Months, Montessori Toys

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# EARLY INTERVENTION OCTOBER PLAYGROUR

**HOPE Services** 

Don't forget to bring your socks for Playland!

TUESDAY, OCT. 8TH

9:30AM-11AM & 5:30PM-7PM

PARTNERING WITH HELP ME GROW

COME CHECK OUT THE NEW INDOOR PLAYLAND AT CROSSROADS CHURCH!
601 BONAPARTE DR.
NAPOLEON

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!









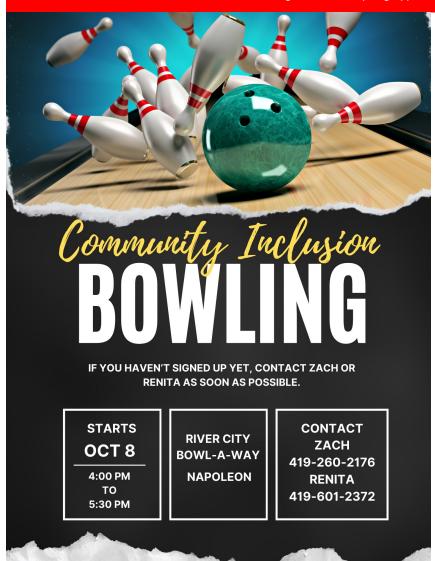
#### Ryan's

#### Restaurant Review

Hello fellow foodie friends! I'm back to tell you about another fun restaurant. This time I visited *Agave and Rye* in Perrysburg. It is located at 1210 Levis Commons Blvd.

At Agave and Rye, the tacos are epic, huge, and imaginative, and the atmosphere is fun and colorful. They have taco flights where you can choose three favorites from their variety of tacos. Every taco has cool and crazy names. I ordered the Plain Jane, the Crown Jewel, and the Good Wolf. My favorite was the Plain Jane, a traditional taco with ground beef, lettuce, white cheddar cheese, and sour cream. My second favorite was the Crown Jewel, with butter and garlic lobster, shiitake mushrooms, mac n cheese, truffle oil, & green onions. My Dad tried the Happy Pappy, the Filthy Fajita and the Ya Mon for his tacos. His favorite was the Ya Mon, with blackened salmon, tangy mandarin & pineapple slaw, lemon, and Serrano aioli. We gave all our tacos a five-star rating for taste and their looks.

My Mom loved the quesadilla filled with gbeef, cheese, sweet and spicy bacon, mac n cheese and chipotle cream. The menu also includes Mexican street dogs, smash tacos, grilled street tacos, burritos, dessert tacos, and so much more! Check out agaveandrye.com for more photos of the amazing choices. Till next time, your friend Ryan.







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#### How Are We Doing? Your Feedback Matters!

Thank you for being a valued member of our newsletter community. Please feel free to reach out at any time to provide your feedback, it matters!

Together, let's make the HOPE Round Up even better!

Looking forward to hearing from you! Ideas, suggestions and constructive criticism can be sent to:

Keri Bunke, Community Relations Coordinator at: kbunke@henrydd.org



#### **Anniversaries**

Zach Meister - 6 years at HOPE Services
Holly Helberg - 6 years at Marco's Pizza
Tracy Rose - 1 year at Archbold Furniture
Conner Hockenberry - 1 year at McDonald's

#### <u>Birthdays</u>

Sydney Fein Brandon Gomez

Melissa Spencer Juan Delgado, Jr.

Matthew Flory Kaydence Kunsman

Teresa Baser Holly Helberg

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Nickolaus Wainscott Zachary Wendt





#### "Best of the Best" From Her Nominee:

Patty Reyes is one of Henry County's "Best of the Best". Patty has worked in the DD field in Henry County for many many years, primarily providing Shared Living Services. Being a shared living provider means no time off. From sun up to sun down, she is working for the clients. When the clients are gone, Patty is still maintaining the home, completing the documentation, and



completing continuing education. Patty also takes many respite clients to give other caregivers a break. She is even taking her clients on vacation with her this week! When Patty isn't busy with her clients, she also helps another agency and independent provider. Patty Reyes is truly a person with a huge heart that wants the best for all the clients in Henry County. She is the "Best of the Best".

#### **Voices of HOPE - Self Advocacy**

- The VOH Officers met on September 10th and did some planning for upcoming meetings and events!
- Two of our members were able to attend the Human Trafficking Event at Defiance College on the 16th and learned skills to stay safe.
- Shannon, Christina & LaNae participated in the NW Regional Ohio
   Self Determination Association (OSDA) meeting and election lunch in
   Tiffin on the 17th.
- Voices of HOPE attended an incredible CPR Training session at COREe, and it was a huge success! Our dedicated advocates took part in hands-on training, learning vital skills that could save lives in emergencies. Empowering our community with knowledge and tools is what we strive for. Thanks to everyone who participated and a big shoutout to our amazing trainer, Angie Gaucin!



Pictured Above: Chris B and Nate V

If you want to be a part of our OSDA group and learn more skills to better advocate for yourself, contact Keri Bunke at (419)599-2892 or email at kbunke@henrydd.org

# Voices of HOPE Upcoming Events

#### October 17th 6-7:30pm

#### Speed Friending!

Getting to know people can be a difficult task! Come join us for a night of fun, games and getting to know each other more!
Light Snacks and Drinks Provided
HOPE Services Activity Center, 135 E Maumee Ave. Napoleon
PSVP at https://lp.com/stantophrages.com/ev/red/3v3n/yd.or.to.

RSVP at https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/3x7n4uq or to Keri Bunke (419) 599-2892 kbunke@henrydd.org by October 11th

#### > October 22nd 5-7pm

#### Trunk or Treat

HOPE Services is hosting a Trunk or Treat Event for the community!

Voices of HOPE is entering a trunk!

Come help us pass out candy and do games with the families of Henry County.

There will be food trucks available for dinner if you wanted to bring money.

What a great way to serve! Dress in your beach/boating gear (life jackets, towels, beach chair)

RSVP to Keri Bunke (419) 599-2892 kbunke@henrydd.org by October 18th

#### > October 23rd 11am-3pm

#### Assistive Technology Fair - BGSU

Join other advocates and visit with local assistive technology and remote support vendors, attend breakout education sessions, and participate in the Make & Take event!!

BGSU Bowen-Thompson Student Union, 806 Ridge St, Bowling Green

RSVP by October 18th to Keri Bunke (419) 599-2892 kbunke@henrydd.org and to get more details about the event! Spots are limited!











#### **HARC Recreation Events**

October 2024

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

DATE	EVENT TI	ME CC	OST LOG	CATION
Thursday, October 03, 2024	AEW Wrestling	6:00-11:00pm	\$36.00	Huntington Center
Saturday, October 05, 2024	Leaders Farm night	4:00-10:00pm	\$30+ food money	Leaders Farm
Wednesday, October 09, 2024	Cook Night	5-7:00pm	\$5.00	HOPE Activity Center
October 10-11, 2024	Train to Chicago	6 am	\$275.00	Chicago, III
Wednesday, October 23, 2024	BINGO	6pm-8pm	\$5.00	HOPE Activity Center
Saturday, October 26, 2024	BGSU @ UT football	ТВА	\$15+ money to eat	University of Toledo
Thursday, October 31, 2024	Halloween Dance	6-9 pm	Potluck, bring a dish	Filling Home Community Center
Saturday, November 02, 2024	Halloweekend Cedar Point	10am-7pm	\$50.00	Cedar Point

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#### "Dream!"

Do you have a dream about doing something that you have always wanted to do, but don't know how to go about doing it?

#### **HARC** wants to help make your dream come true!

If you have a dream that you would like to share with us, please call/text 419-591-6798 and let us know. We can't wait to help you make your dream come true!



Know someone who would make an awesome volunteer?

Share this opportunity with them and help us reach more individuals who are eager to make a difference! Are you passionate about creating inclusive and empowering experiences for individuals with special needs? Do you want to make a positive impact in your community? If so, we invite you to volunteer with us for our upcoming Special Olympics and HARC recreational events!

Contact Zach Meister for Special Olympics at 419-260-2176 or Randy Barnes for HARC Recreation at 419-591-6798.

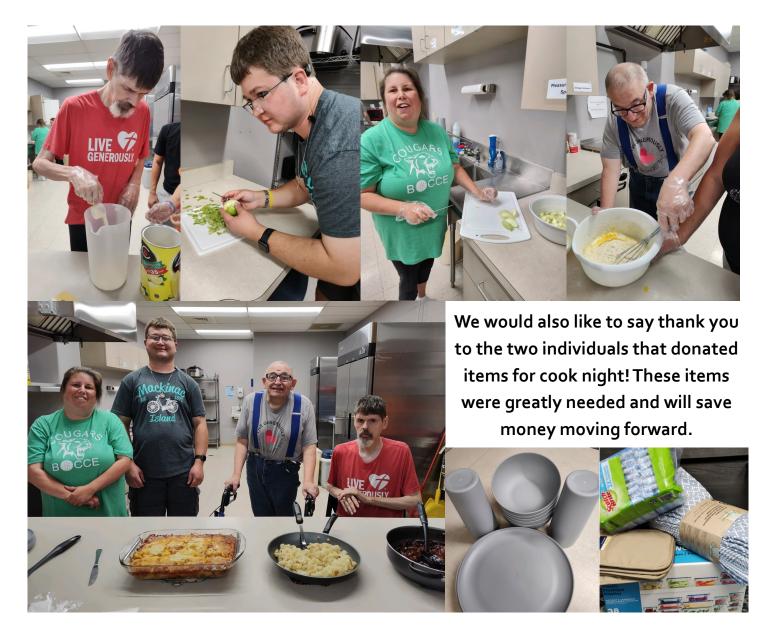


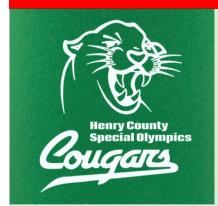




Cook Night sponsored by HARC Inc.

This month the group prepared Puffed-Pancake Brunch Casserole, Home Fries, and Southern Fried Apples. These recipes were prepared by Derrick, Ted, Ricky and Abbie. This was a quick, easy and filling meal! We added the new recipes to our cookbooks and discussed our thoughts about the meal. If you love trying new recipes, have a passion for cooking, and 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!





#### **Special Olympics**

Fall has brought an end to softball season and flag football season has exploded. The end of summer brings State events for what are considered Fall sports. These include golf,

equestrian, softball, and flag football.

We were able to bring 9 athletes to the Special Olympics Ohio State Equestrian show. It was held in Springfield, Ohio at the Champion Center. These athletes spend a lot of time learning commands and learning how to build a relationship with the horse they are riding. We had a great time and walked away with several medals!

Several of our athletes and coaches participated in the Toledo Sport Club 2024 Mud Volleyball tournament along with Wood County Special Olympics. The Wild Cougars did not make it to the end, but they had a great time with friends, old and new.

Several of our football and cheer team attended Victory Day at Tiffin University on 8/24. Tiffin University invited athletes from all over to attend a football and cheer clinic on their campus put on by their players. Our group had a great time meeting and making new friends. Thank you to Tiffin University for such a great opportunity.

Labor Day weekend took us to Cleveland with our Powerlifting team for the USA Powerlifting Summer Showdown. We had two new lifters at this meet. Tyra Knepper (set new PBR Lift) and Sammi Adkins (Set New PBR lift) placed 1<sup>st</sup> in both their divisions. Krysta Delgado placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in her division (set new PBR lift). Anthony Delgado placed 1<sup>st</sup> in his division.

On September 7<sup>th</sup>, we took two of our softball skills athletes to the Special Olympics Ohio State Softball skills challenge. Caitlin McCafferty (Placed 4<sup>th</sup> in her division) and James Guinn (placed 5<sup>th</sup> in his division). They both did great and very proud of James at his first Special Olympics Ohio state event.



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#### Cougars Continued...

On 9/14 our Esports teams hosted a meet-up for the 2024 Microsoft Gaming for Inclusion tournament. This tournament is played through Special Olympics USA. Microsoft sponsors this tournament playing Rocket League. Unified partners are assigned to play with our athletes. They meet up on Discord and got to talk to other players from around the United States. This year we had some technical difficulties, but the players kept at it. We had several athletes get very far in their brackets. Unfortunately, we did not have any national placings, but it was a fun day with friends.

On September 9<sup>th</sup> we held our first Community Flag Football game. This was just a fun evening of playing flag football with whoever would like to come out. We picked teams and had a great time cheering on both teams as they played. We want to thank everyone who came out and brought friends to this event. We will be holding a basketball open gym with games and prizes on Wednesday, November 6 from 6-8 pm at the Filling Home Gym.

Our two State Athlete Leader Council Members spent two days in Columbus training and helping

at the Special Olympics Ohio Awards Banquet. This was their first in-person training, and they got to meet the other board members and started formulating a plan on more athlete input in sports and competitions.

Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>, we hosted our first Golf Scramble. We held it at Ironwood Golf Club in Wauseon, Ohio. We had 13 teams including two teams of our athletes golfing with Unified partners. We want to thank not only Ironwood Golf Club, but also our sponsors, 4A Housing, Napoleon Elks #929, Napoleon Eagles #4428, Henry County Hospital, Dental Excellence, Folk Oil – PS Mart, Meister & Associates, Northwest State Community College, and the Deshler Chamber of Commerce. Your sponsorship meant a lot to us and the athletes we serve. Thank you to all our golfing teams. Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 29, 2025. We are excited to start planning next year's outing.

On Saturday, October 5, we will be hosting the Special Olympics Ohio Northwest Region Flag Football tournament. We will have roughly 12-13 county/teams heading to compete at Napoleon School – Charles Buckenmeyer Stadium. We are looking for volunteers for score keepers, referees, cleaning up, and helping direct athletes around the complex. We want to thank Napoleon Schools for allowing us to host the tournament at their field. We are grateful for community resources such as this. If you would like to volunteer, please contact us. If you want to come out and cheer on the teams and learn more about the Special Olympics, please come out. Opening Ceremonies start at 12 noon. There is no cost to watch. Snack bar will be open.



#### Cougars Continued...



The State Flag football team will be heading to state on Friday, October 18. This year they will be competing at the Spire Center in Geneva, Ohio. If you would like to wish them luck as they head to State competition. We will be leaving HOPE Services at 1 pm. Feel free to come out and give them a big send-off!

Join us on Tuesday, October 22 for the HOPE Services Trunk or Treat. We will be set up from 5-7 pm in the parking lot of HOPE Services. Our Athlete Leaders are working hard at planning and executing an amazing trunk set up! Can't wait to see their creative masterpiece.

Our fall session for Young Athletes will begin in November. Please see the attached flyer. This program is open to ALL children ages 2-7 in Henry County. We work on gross motor

skills and just have a great time playing. There is no cost to come out. You do not need to attend every session. All sessions will be held

at HOPE Services Activity Center.

Athletes, if you have not signed up for winter sports. You need to do this right away. Schedules for practices and games have started going out. Winter sports include esports, basketball, swimming, basketball cheer, and competition cheer. Contact Zach or Renita to get registered.

As always Henry County, thank you for your continued support of our athletes. Please follow our Facebook page, Henry County Special Olympics and Young Athletes. You can follow all the Cougars activities and opportunities to volunteer with our program.

We want to wish everyone a frightful and colorful October.



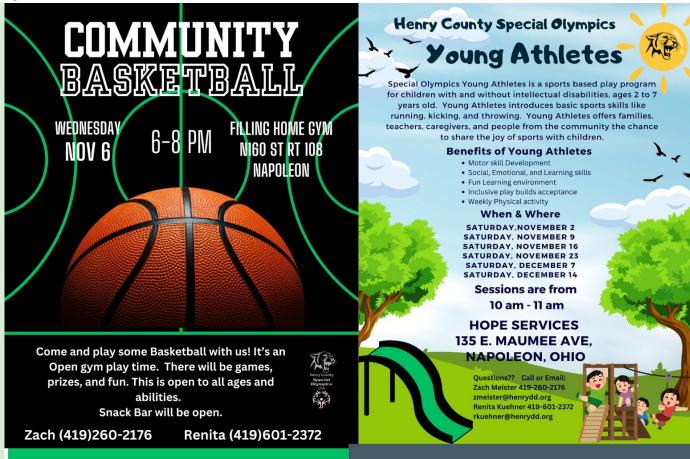






Do you have an article or photos to submit? We are always looking for stories. Submit items of interest to Keri Bunke: kbunke@henrydd.org

Cougars Continued...



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RENITA (419) 601-2372





Saturday, Oct 5
12 noon
Napoleon HS
Charles Buckenmeyer
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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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