

HOPE Round Up

News from HOPE Services

Seeing Potential ~ Inspiring Opportunities

HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!



November 2024



Thank You for Making Our Trunk or Treat a Success!



We had a spooktacular time at HOPE Services' Trunk or Treat event on October 22nd! From creative costumes to fun-filled trunks, it was a fantastic evening of community, laughter, and treats for all. A big thank you to everyone who participated, from our amazing trunk decorators to the trick-or-treaters who made it so special along with Soaring Arts! Thank you to the amazing food trucks as well!

Your support helps us continue promoting inclusion and awareness in our community. Together, we're making a difference!



Board Meeting
Reminder

The next Regular Board meeting will be on Wednesday, November 20th at 4:00pm in the Activity Center.

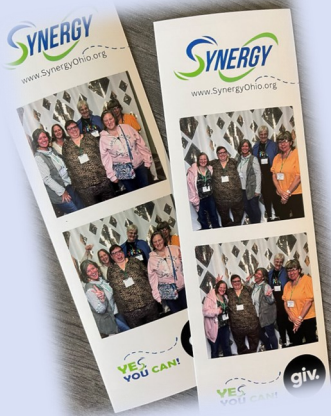
The office will be closed on November 11th for Veterans Day. The office will also be closed on November 27th and 28th for Thanksgiving. The office will reopen on December 2.

Synergy 2024

What an amazing time our self-advocates had at the Annual Synergy Conference at Kalahari!

We attended different sessions on Disabilities and the Barriers to Voting, Self-Direction, Technology, Staying Cool in the Face of Crisis, Emergency Preparedness, Everyone

Needs Community and Health Promotion. There were special speakers like professional magician, comedian, author, and motivational speaker Mark Robinson and Michelle Warnky Buurma, American Ninja Warrior, who spoke on how to strengthen your inner warrior to overcome life's challenges.



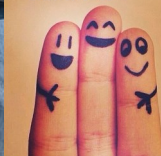
There was also lots of fun had by all! We participated in Bingo, Line Dancing, Cash Cab and Family Feud games with We Thrive Together! Some danced the night

away and others soaked in the hot tub.

If Synergy is something you may be interested in for next year, please reach out to Keri Bunke for more information and to put you on the list of those interested.



Life is better with friends :)



Voices of HOPE

Speed Friending Event

We had an amazing time at our Speed Friending event which also included some Bingo! We learned new things about our VOH friends, bingo cards were filled, and prizes were won. A big thanks to everyone who participated and made it a success!

Stay tuned for more fun events from Voices of HOPE. Let's keep building connections and having fun together!

Follow Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities on Facebook to keep up to date with all the latest updates and information!



**** Spots are limited, sign up today before it's too late! ****

JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY EVENT

SNOWFLAKE GALA

The Magic of Uniqueness

CATERED DINNER - ADVOCACY - MAGIC - DANCING

DECEMBER 13TH, 2024

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Open to individuals, families, providers & community members wanting to play a role in advocacy in Henry County. Come enjoy a catered dinner, experience the "MAGIC" and dance the night away!

**FILLING HOME COMMUNITY CENTER
470 INDEPENDENCE DR, NAPOLEON**

RSVP BY DECEMBER 1ST

RANDY BARNES AT: 419-591-6798 RBARNES510@GMAIL.COM

KERI BUNKE 419-599-2892 KBUNKE@HENRYDD.ORG

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Let's celebrate advocacy together!



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HARC, Inc.
Henry County
Abilities Resource Council

Cody Clark Magic



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23rd Annual Toledo Buddy Walk

HOPE Services was there to represent! Had a great time connecting with the community and passing out goodies!

Shout out to Culligan for their generous donation of bottled water!

Voices of HOPE

SELF-ADVOCACY

The Power of Advocacy: Making a Difference


At HOPE Services, advocacy ensures that individuals with disabilities have equal rights and access to essential resources. It's about breaking barriers and promoting inclusion. By working on educating the public, building skills and empowering individuals, advocacy creates lasting change.

You can support our advocacy efforts by:

- Raising Awareness– Spread the word about disability rights and inclusion.
- Supporting Policy Change – Advocate for laws that improve accessibility.
- Empowering Others– Help individuals understand and stand up for their rights.

JOIN HOPE SERVICES IN OUR ADVOCACY EFFORTS! CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE!

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The Epilepsy Center of Northwest Ohio

Representative Payee Services

The Epilepsy Center of Northwest Ohio offers Payee Services. This service enables an individual to have his or her financial obligations managed when they can no longer do so for themselves or when they have no other person to take on this necessity. An individual's income benefits are carefully monitored so that debts/bills are paid in a timely manner.

The current financial benefit received by the individual must be transferred to the Epilepsy Center to become their Representative Payee. This is usually their Social Security benefits. After processing the appropriate paperwork, that agency or person will name the Epilepsy Center as payee and the financial benefit will come directly to us. We provide the service to make this payee transition, if needed. A checking account is opened in the client's name and all financial obligations can be redirected to their Center via regular mail or fax for payment. Each client can have a monthly financial recap available for review, if so desired.

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



HARC Recreation Events November and December 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	TIME	COST	LOCATION
Saturday, November 02, 2024	Halloweekend Cedar	10am-7pm	\$50.00	Cedar Point
Saturday, November 09, 2024	Out to Eat and Movie	10:30am-4pm	\$35.00	TBA
Wednesday, November 13,	Cook Night	5-7pm	\$5.00	HOPE Activity Center
Friday, November 15, 2024	Hollywood Casino	5-10 pm	???	Hollywood Casino, Toledo
Wednesday, November 20,	BINGO	6-8pm	\$5.00	HOPE Activity Center
Thursday, November 21, 2024	Harc/VOH Movie Night	5:30-8:30pm	\$5.00	HOPE Activity Center
Saturday, November 23, 2024	White Christmas Play	12:00-6pm	\$33.00	Fort Wayne
Wednesday, December 04,	BINGO	6-8pm	\$5.00	HOPE Activity Center
Friday, December 06, 2024	Zoo Lights	5-10pm	\$25.00	Toledo Zoo
Friday, December 13, 2024	Snowflake Gala	6-9pm	Free Dinner & Activities	Filling Home Community Center
Saturday, December 14, 2024	Disney On Ice	1-6:00pm	\$30.00	Huntington Center
Wednesday, December 18,	Cook Night	5-7pm	\$5.00	HOPE Activity Center
Friday, December 20, 2024	MIS Lights	4-10:00pm	\$5.00+ money to eat	MIS Speedway MI
Sunday, December 29, 2024	Walleye	3-9:30 pm	\$25.00	Huntington Center
Tuesday, December 31, 2024	NYE Party	6-1:00 am	Potluck, bring a dish	Filling Home Community Center

Join HARC and Voices of HOPE for a
MOVIE NIGHT
November 21st 5:30-8:30pm
HOPE Services Activity Center
\$5.00

RSVP to Randy Barnes or Keri Bunke at 419-591-6798 or 419-599-2892
YOUR VOTE COUNTS
Visit the link on HOPE or HARC's Facebook to vote for the movie!

VOLUNTEER

opportunities



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.



Let's get cooking

Cook Night sponsored by HARC Inc.

This month the group prepared Easy Mac and Cheese Lasagna, Garlic Bread, and 3-ingredient Chocolate Cereal Treats. These recipes were prepared by Caty, Brayden, Linda, Zachary, Jacob, and Kateena. 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.

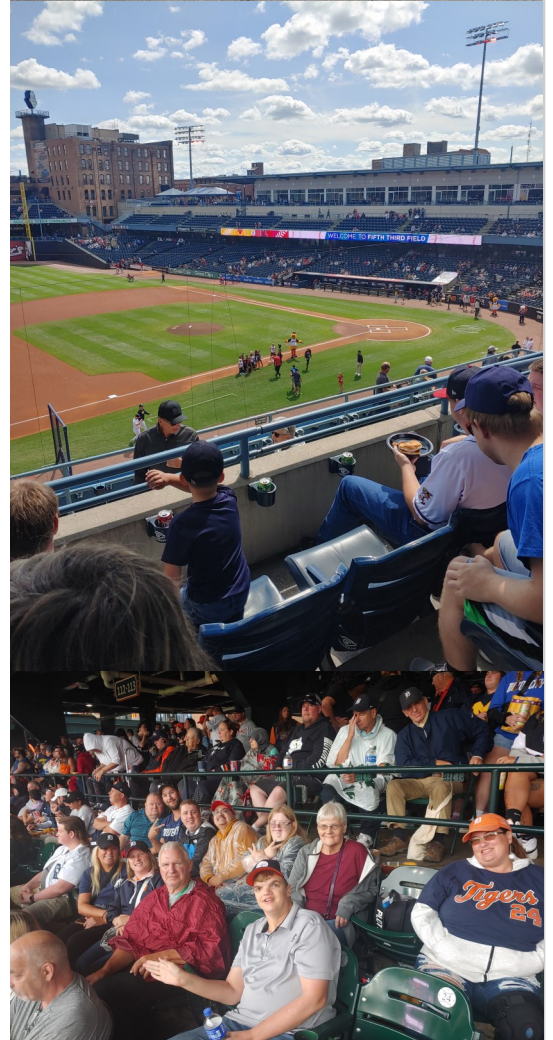
Hope to see you next month!



Thank You...

We had another generous donation for cook night. These items will definitely be put to good use!





Henry County Abilities Resource Council (HARC)

Recent Activities Recap

The Henry County Abilities Resource Council has been busy providing fun, enriching outings that bring our community together! Here's a look at some of the exciting events our members have enjoyed recently:

AEW Wrestle Night : Fans of wrestling had a fantastic time at the AEW Wrestle Night, where they got to experience the excitement of live-action moves and cheer for their favorite wrestlers!

Toledo Mud Hens Suite Experience : We had an exclusive experience with a night in the suite at a Mud Hens game! The cozy seating and unbeatable views made it a special evening for everyone involved.

Leaders Corn Maze : Members and families braved the twists and turns at the Leaders Corn Maze. It was a day filled with laughs, teamwork, and a few friendly challenges to see who could make it out first!

Detroit Tigers Game : The council also organized a trip to see the Detroit Tigers, where members experienced the thrill of a major league game and the vibrant energy of Comerica Park.

These outings are more than just a fun day out—they offer valuable experiences that build community connections, foster social interaction, and create unforgettable memories. We can't wait to see what our next adventure holds!

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council aims to improve independence, productivity, and inclusion for people with developmental disabilities and their families. They identify key issues through a 5-Year State Plan, which guides their grant proposals.

The first step in this process is a public survey to gather input on what's most important to people like you.



Scan the QR code to take the survey, or visit <https://form.jotform.com/242064668316055>



HIGH HEATING BILLS?



THE HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP) CAN HELP!

HEAP is a federally funded program managed by the Ohio Department of Development to help income-eligible households with winter heating costs. Households at or below 175% of the federal income level (see chart) may receive a credit once per winter heating season towards their primary heating source—electric, natural gas, or bulk fuel.

Three ways to apply until May 31, 2025:

- Online at www.energyhelp.ohio.gov
- Appointment with your local Energy Assistance Provider (community action agency)
- Mail in an Energy Assistance application* from www.energyhelp.ohio.gov

* Mailed applications may take 12-16 weeks to process. HEAP benefits start being applied in January. Always sign, date, and provide all required documents to avoid delay.

2024-2025 Income Guidelines	
Size of household*	Total Gross Annual Household Income
1	\$26,355
2	\$35,770
3	\$45,185
4	\$54,600
5	\$64,015

* For families/ households with more than 5 persons, please contact your local Energy Assistance Provider.

Contact your local Energy Assistance Provider (community action agency) for more details

For more utility assistance information visit: www.occ.ohio.gov/utilityassistance



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Winners

Our staff recently enjoyed a fun-filled pumpkin decorating competition as part of our team-building activities! Everyone showed off their creativity, and it was amazing to see all the unique designs! Everyone at our Trunk or Treat Event were able to cast their votes!

Team #1 was the winner with their incredible pumpkin sundae masterpiece!

Team was made up of Amber Falor, Caryn Lulfs, Kathy Bishop, Melinda Camp and Sue Hartsworm!

Congratulations Ladies!



Special Olympics

It's already October. Where has 2024 gone? October means the winding down of fall sports. We had two official teams for flag football this year. Team 1 and Team 2 both competed at the Special Olympics Ohio Northwest Regional tournament on Saturday, October 5. Napoleon City Schools generously allowed us to use Charles Buckenmeyer Stadium for this event. Twelve teams traveled to Napoleon from ten counties in the Northwest Region. The fun tournament this year used a double elimination bracket style that allowed teams to practice for the upcoming State Championship Flag Football. Team 1 (which is was the team

headed to the state championship) placed 1st in their division, and Team 2 which also had athletes from Williams County Special Olympics joined in also placed 1st in their division. We were honored to host this first ever tournament for the Northwest Region, and we look forward to hosting it again in 2025.

This year we are becoming more involved unified volleyball along with the Wood County Special Olympics. Back in the spring we played with them to form a team to practice with other counties. Unified sports are sports that pairs athletes with and without intellectual disabilities together on the same team. They work together in a spirit of inclusion compete. The entire month of October we have traveled to compete unified and get some practice for this new volleyball team we will be forming. Watch our Facebook page for more information in the coming months if you would like to compete on this team.

On the weekend of October 18-20, we traveled with Flag football Team 1 to Geneva, Ohio to attend the 2024 Special Olympics Ohio Flag Football Championships. We competed both Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday, the Cougars clawed their way to a win against Lucas County 42-37. Sunday put the Cougars vs. the Pickerington County Jaguars. The Cougars fought hard and came out on top 50-34. That brings the Cougars home with Back-to-Back Gold finishes to Henry County! We are very proud of all the athletes and how they never gave up. Over the weekend we had a great time making memories together hanging out at the lake and with our friends from Defiance County Special Olympics. We had a BBQ and costume contest.



2024 Northwest Ohio Regional Flag Football



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Cougars Continued...

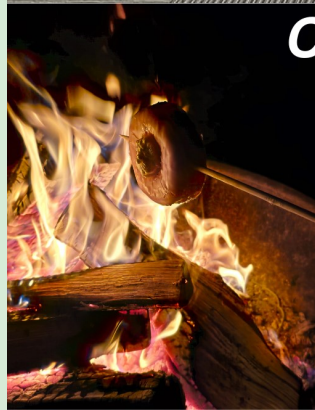
The Athlete Leadership Council for Henry County has been busy planning for activities in October and November. They took part in the HOPE Services/Soaring Arts Trunk or Treat, creating 2 trunks representing Alice in Wonderland. They are also working hard planning and decorating a tree for donation to the Symphony of Trees in November. They even volunteered to be scarers at the Maumee Valley Civic Theater Haunted Trail at Oakwood Park. They are very excited to become more involved in other Henry County organizations and give back to the community that continues to support them.

Basketball cheerleading has started in preparation for the upcoming season. This year we will have a basketball cheer squad, as well as a competition cheer squad. The addition of this new team will provide more opportunities for athletes who are unable to compete to still be able to cheer at all our local games. They will have a busy winter season. We had a very short Flag Football cheer season, and hopefully next year, we will be able to add Flag Football cheer as an option for athletes. We want to give a big shout out to those volunteers that stepped up to coach these two teams this year!! Candy Heath, Krysta Delgado, and Lydia Knepper put a lot of time into creating cheers and helping our team learn them. Be sure to come out and cheer on the Cougars at a Home game and see what the basketball cheer squad has done!!

Our basketball teams have started practices. They are having a great time meeting new players and seeing old friends again. We will have 4 teams again this year. We have a school age, two Men's teams at different division levels, and a Ladies basketball team. If you want to play, and haven't signed up yet, make sure to contact us. There is still time to join. You can also still sign up for swimming and competition cheer.

Competition swimming starts November 7. We will be practicing at the YMCA in Defiance, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. This is for athlete safety. You must be able to swim a full lap without touching the bottom to participate in competition swimming. Competition Cheerleading starts December 9.

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**Cougars Team 1 - Flag
Football
Back to Back State
Champions**



Cougars Continued...

We will be holding a Pie and Cookie fundraiser through the Doughbox Bakery in Archbold during the month of November. Think about the pies and sweet treats that you will need for the holidays. Pick-up will be at HOPE Services on December 16. All orders are due to us by November 29. The cost will be \$18.00 per pie, cookie dough prices are not known yet. The pie choices will be apple crumb, cherry crumb, blueberry crumb, peach crumb, red raspberry crumb, pumpkin, and pecan. All pies come unbaked and frozen except for pumpkin and pecan which are prebaked and frozen. The cookie dough comes frozen also. Each pie is individually boxed and labeled. Watch our Facebook page for the sale information and check with your favorite athlete. All funds raised will go towards our 2025 State Winter Games trip to Columbus in March. March Winter Games is for the swimming team, cheer squad, and our basketball teams.

As always, THANK YOU HENRY COUNTY!! We are very grateful for all your support. Without you, we would not be able to run so far with all our athletes' hopes and dreams! If you are interested in volunteering or helping in any way, please contact Zach (419-260-2176) or Renita (419-601-2372).

Take time to enjoy the colors of fall!

Coach Zach and Coach Renita

<p>Cougars - School Age Team Home Game Schedule</p> <p>November 6 - Community Game November 20 - Defiance Cty 6 pm January 15 - River Rivalry vs Defiance - 6 pm January 22 - Paulding Cty - 6 pm January 28 - Fulton Cty - 6pm January 29 - Williams Cty - 6 pm</p> <p>All Home Games are at Filling Home Gym Sr 108 Napoleon, OH Doors open at 5:30</p>	<p>Cougars - Lady Cougars Home Game Schedule</p> <p>November 6 - Community Game January 8 - Marion Cty - 6 pm January 14 - Hancock Cty - 6 pm January 15 - River Rivalry vs Defiance - 6 pm January 28 - Fulton Cty - 6pm January 29 - Williams Cty - 6 pm</p> <p>All Home Games are at Filling Home Gym Sr 108 Napoleon, OH Doors open at 5:30</p>
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Competition Swimming Facts...

It was added to Special Olympics in 1968. It was one of the original sports at the first Games held in Chicago. Swimming is an excellent full body workout. It builds strength and endurance. Currently the Special Olympics Ohio offers 25 to 500 yards, including the styles of freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, and the medley.

Winter Sports have started up....

<p>Cougars - Mens Team 1 Home Game Schedule</p> <p>November 6 - Community Game January 8 - Marion Cty - 7 pm January 14 - Hancock Cty - 7 pm January 15 - River Rivalry vs Defiance - 6 pm January 21 - Lucas Cty - 6 pm January 22 - Paulding Cty - 7 pm January 28 - Fulton Cty - 7pm</p> <p>All Home Games are at Filling Home Gym Sr 108 Napoleon, OH Doors open at 5:30</p>	<p>Cougars - Mens Team 2 Home Game Schedule</p> <p>November 6 - Community Game November 20 - Defiance Cty - 7 pm January 15 - River Rivalry vs Defiance - 6 pm January 21 - Lucas Cty - 7 pm</p> <p>All Home Games are at Filling Home Gym Sr 108 Napoleon, OH Doors open at 5:30</p>
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Cougars Home Game Schedule

Fun Fact - Special Olympics introduced basketball to our lineup of sports in 1968, and it has been one of our most popular sports ever since. Basketball is also offered as a Unified sport, and more than 189,000 athletes and Unified partners train and compete every year.



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

COMMUNITY BASKETBALL

WEDNESDAY
NOV 6

6-8 PM

FILLING HOME GYM
N60 ST RT 108
NAPOLEON



Come and play some Basketball with us! It's an Open gym play time. There will be games, prizes, and fun. This is open to all ages and abilities.

Snack Bar will be open.

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Young Athletes

Sponsored by:

Henry County Special Olympics

Special Olympics Young Athletes is a sports based play program for children with and without intellectual disabilities, ages 2 to 7 years old. Young Athletes introduces basic sports skills like running, kicking, and throwing. Young Athletes offers families, teachers, caregivers, and people from the community the chance to share the joy of sports with children.

Benefits of Young Athletes

- Motor skill Development
- Social, Emotional, and Learning skills
- Fun Learning environment
- Inclusive play builds acceptance
- Weekly Physical activity

When & Where

- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Sessions are from
10 am - 11 am

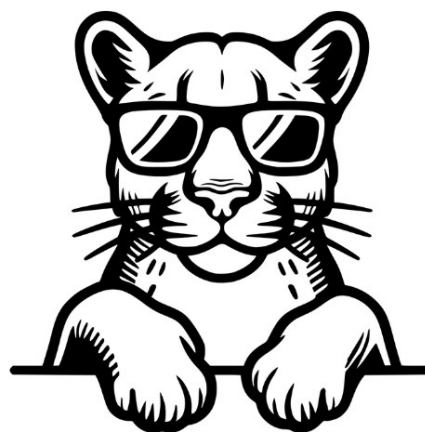
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SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

BE THE LIGHT
FOR SOMEONE'S DAY
MAKE A DIFFERENCE
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Stay on Top of all the Cougars
Activities..

Follow our Facebook Page:
Henry County Special Olympics
& Young Athletes
Make sure to Click Like/Follow to
get Updates

Voices of HOPE

OSDA Training and Tech Fair

Some of our self-advocacy group officers had an amazing experience at the OSDA training at Tiffin University. We learned valuable skills and connected with other advocates, empowering us to continue making a positive impact in our community.



Another group was able to attend the Assistive Tech Fair at BGSU. They created their own take home tech, visited vendors, and learned cool things in the area of assistive tech!



Please watch Facebook and the Newsletter for upcoming Voices of HOPE events and happenings!

Please contact Keri Bunke at 419-599-2892 or kbunke@henrydd.org for more information on becoming a part of this amazing self-advocacy group!



Congratulations!

Mel Dachenhaus for the win, and kudos to everyone who joined in the fun. It added a festive spirit to the office at HOPE Services!



Community Law Enforcement Training for Disability Awareness

We were honored to partner with local law enforcement officers for a special training session focused on improving interactions with individuals with disabilities. This training is a critical step in ensuring our community members with disabilities are treated with dignity and respect in every situation.

A huge thank you to those who participated and are committed to fostering a more inclusive and supportive community!

Together, we're building stronger connections and enhancing safety for all.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

After many years of hosting the local Christmas Exchange Store, HOPE Services is passing the torch onto COREe. They will be taking donations at 2525 Oakwood Ave Napoleon, next door to Top Dog/Mya's Sweet Treats. The store days and hours will be announced soon and will be located at the Salvation Army. Thank you to COREe for carrying on the tradition of assisting those in need!

OCTOBER

EARLY INTERVENTION

PLAYGROUP

Early Intervention

We had an incredible time at our Early Intervention Playgroup on Tuesday, October 8th, at the Crossroads Napoleon Church Playland! The kids had a blast exploring, playing, and connecting with friends, while families enjoyed a welcoming space to learn and grow together.

Thank you to everyone who joined us – your energy made the event unforgettable! We can't wait to see you all again!

Tuesday, November 12th 9:30am-11am & 5:30pm-7pm



EARLY INTERVENTION NOVEMBER PLAYGROUPO!

JOIN US AT CROSSROADS
CHURCH TO EXPLORE THE
INDOOR PLAYLAND!

601 Bonparte Dr. Napoleon
Enter Through Back Double Doors



Siblings Welcome!
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Don't forget to bring socks!

**2024 Henry County Christmas Cheer**

The Henry County Christmas Cheer Board of Trustees will begin its annual Christmas Cheer Program to help low-income individuals and residents in need throughout Henry County.

Henry County Job and Family Services, located in the Hahn Center, 104 E. Washington St., Napoleon is the location to complete request and Nov. 15 is the last day to make basket reservations.

The baskets will be distributed Wednesday, Dec. 11.

**New HCBDD Board Member**

We are excited to officially welcome Kim Cordes to the HOPE Services Board! Kim took her oath at our recent board meeting, and we are thrilled to have her join us in our mission to support individuals with developmental disabilities in Henry County. We are honored to have someone with Kim's passion and dedication join our team, and we know her experience will be invaluable to HOPE Services.

Kim shared her inspiring journey with us: *"I have spent my entire career working with individuals with disabilities and their families in a variety of different services. I have been truly blessed to have worked with some amazing people including co-workers who have made such an impact on my life. As I reach close to retirement, I have been praying on what my next chapter should look like, realizing I can't just retire to my recliner. I need a purpose. That's when I saw an opening for a board member's position and decided to apply. I want to volunteer and give back to the individuals who have given so much to me in the past 35 years."*



Please join us in giving Kim a warm welcome!



**Kelly's Column**

November 2024

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, I find myself reflecting on the importance of thankfulness and community. In a world that can sometimes feel chaotic and overwhelming, it is all too easy to focus on what is lacking in our lives rather than what we have to be grateful for. However, taking the time to pause and appreciate the blessings in our lives can make a world of difference in our overall well-being and happiness.

One thing I am most grateful for is the sense of community in Henry

County. Whether it is through shared interests, our common goals, or simply our geographic proximity, we are all connected in some way. This sense of belonging is incredibly powerful and can provide us with a support system during time of struggle and a source of joy during times of celebration.

As we gather with loved ones this Thanksgiving, let us take a moment to express our gratitude for the people in our lives that surround us. Let us remember that we are stronger together and that our connections with one another are what truly make life meaningful.

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." – William Arthur Ward

Sincerely,

*Kelly Aldrich*

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH FROM JESSICA**



*"We're blessed with the opportunity to stand for something — for liberty and freedom and fairness — and these are things worth fighting for, worth devoting our lives to."*

**RONALD REAGAN**

*We look forward to next month's quote!*



## "World Diabetes Day"

The blue symbol is the universal symbol for diabetes and its adoption as the symbol for diabetes awareness and advocacy can be traced back to the efforts of the International Diabetes Foundation (IDF). The blue circle was introduced in 2007 as part of the World Diabetes Day campaign. The choice of the blue color was inspired by the blue border of the flag of the United Nations, symbolizing the global unity and solidarity in the fight against diabetes. The blue circle represents the unity of the diabetes community worldwide, and it serves as a symbol to raise awareness about the disease and advocate for better care, prevention and research.

The IDF encourages individuals to use the blue circle to promote diabetes awareness and education. World Diabetes Day is an international observance day held on the 14th of November each year. It was introduced by the IDF and the World Health Organization in 1991 in response to the growing concerns about the escalating health threat posed by diabetes.



In May 1921, Fredrick Banting met in John Macleod's lab to begin their experiments with insulin. In January 1922, the first person received an insulin injection. By 1923, insulin was commercially available. Banting and Macleod received the 1923 Nobel Peace prize for their discovery.

Submitted by Stephanie Jones

I found the information at- [https://en.as.com/latest\\_news/world-diabetes-day-2023-why-is-the-blue-circle-the-symbol-for-diabetes-orgin-and-meaning-n/](https://en.as.com/latest_news/world-diabetes-day-2023-why-is-the-blue-circle-the-symbol-for-diabetes-orgin-and-meaning-n/)

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE CELEBRATING IN NOVEMBER!

### Birthdays:

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Christopher Scarberry | Ed Baser        |
| Cody Steen            | Abbie Hinkleman |
| Johnathon Ickes       | Vincent Smith   |
| Andrew Hoagland       | Jessica Harmon  |
| Carrie Fuller         | Kenny VanPelt   |
| Robin Sinn            | Jacob Heath     |
| Vanessa Lanzer        | Ian Komorny     |



### Anniversaries:

Heather Obermyer is celebrating her 16th anniversary with HOPE Services

Ryan Moore is celebrating his 8th anniversary with Burger King—Napoleon

Jacob Perry is celebrating his 4th anniversary with Burger King—Defiance

Lance Van Zandt is celebrating his 3rd anniversary with Mama Roses

Nick Wainscott is celebrating his 2nd anniversary with the Henry County Courthouse

Dominik Salinaro– Neumeier is celebrating his 2nd anniversary with the Henry County Courthouse

Tracy Deblin is celebrating her 2nd anniversary with HOPE Services

Tyra Knepper is celebrating her 1st anniversary with the Filling Home

Sue Hartsworm is celebrating her 30th anniversary with HOPE Services

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