



The Madison Express

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Levy Renewal Vote Approaching May 4

On Tuesday, May 4th, Madison County Residents will be asked to show their support for programs sponsored by the Madison County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

This is a renewal of a levy originally passed in 1995.

From Fairhaven School programs to Special Olympics, the individuals served by the Madison County Board of DD are great citizens of Madison County.

Local dollars are essential to continue to provide services to all of the individuals who need those services.



Levy Committee volunteers have been working hard to prepare for the levy. In the weeks prior to May 4 the voters of Madison County will be

receiving a brochure detailing the Board's services and provides information regarding the levy.

Most importantly — please vote. We ask for your continued confidence and support when you vote on May 4.



Tigers win State Title

Members of the winning Tigers are (front, left) Mia Comer, Thomas Cunningham, Jessica Wiggins, Dustin Pruitt, Shawn Stewart, Liam Comer, (back, left) Jeff Horn, Taz Hamilton, Paul Hiles, Terry McClain, Waymond Harris, and John David Zeeck.

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April is National Autism Awareness Month

Press Release — Autism spectrum disorders (ASD) affect individuals differently and to varying degrees. ASD is defined by a certain set of behaviors. There is usually nothing about how a person with ASD looks that sets them apart from other people, but they may communicate, interact, behave, and learn in ways that are different from most people.

There is no known single cause for ASD, but increased awareness can help families know what to look for and how to get help. The earlier an individual is diagnosed, the earlier the individual can begin benefiting from specialized intervention approaches.

Early signs to help recognize ASD can include — Lack of, or delay, in spoken language ... Repetitive use of language and/or motor mannerisms (such as hand-flapping or twirling objects) ... little or no eye contact ... Lack of interest in peer relationships ... Lack of spontaneous or make-believe play ... Persistent fixation on parts of objects.

The information is courtesy of Ohio's Interagency Work Group on Autism, Convened by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

Special Olympics

Tigers Use Teamwork to Earn State Hoop Title

Well-rested and energized, the Tigers catapulted to their third state basketball title in the past eight years with a 57-53 victory March 27 over favored Montgomery County at Hilliard Davidson High School.

The Tigers would be tested to the maximum in the championship game as they found themselves trailing by five with three minutes left. It was then, Lincoln said, the entire team came together to support the cause. The only thing working against the Tigers was that Montgomery County had the ball and they were holding it for looked like the last shot attempt in regulation as the score was tied with 35 seconds remaining.

But then Tiger Dustin Pruitt stole the ball and raced the length of the court for a layup and the go-ahead score. The Tigers then put pressure on the in-bounds pass, causing the Cougars to throw the ball right into the waiting arms of Terry McClain, who dished it ahead to Dustin, who in turn gave it to Paul Hiles to put the icing on the championship cake.

Taz Hamilton and Thomas Cunningham provided much-needed defensive support down the stretch.

The Tigers held a 19-18 at the break, with Dustin scoring half of his game-high 28 points in the first two quarters.

Montgomery County took a 37-34 going into the final quarter. The Tigers fought back as Jessica Wiggins and Shawn Stewart each scored six points in the last two stanzas. Waymond Harris hit a timely long-range three as well. Seven different Tigers scored points during the game.

As exciting as the championship game was, the semi-final against Henry County may have even topped that one for drama. Trailing 18-13 at the half, Lincoln challenged his team to show the cohesiveness that got them to the Final Four.

The Tigers responded with a 10-point quarter, and limited Henry County to just a pair of field goals to put Madison County up by a point going into the final stanza. The play of Paul in the paint was the difference in the third quarter. Henry County tied the game at the end of regulation, forcing overtime.

In the extra period, Shawn took over the scoring, racking up six of his 10 second half points to lead the Tigers.

Although Jeff Horn and John David Zeeck didn't get into the final games, they contributed throughout the season.

Friends of Fairhaven

A Sale for a Good Cause

By Vicki Thompson

Friends of Fairhaven' is going to have a Relay for Life Team this year. We would like to invite anyone that would like to sponsor one of our members to just let us know.

On Saturday, May 8th, we will be having a Garage Sale as a fundraiser for the Relay. Tables will be \$10 each to have a spot for your personal items and you keep the money that you make. There will be refreshments for breakfast and lunch available. Gift baskets will be raffled off for \$1.00 per ticket or 5 for \$6.00 at the garage sale. Also, we will have baked goods available to purchase. We would like to invite everyone to get a table and set up your own spot. It's an easy way to get rid of some of your 'stuff.' Just let us know at Fairhaven to reserve your table. We will be setting up in the parking lot; if it rains, we will be moving into the gym.

Please come and support our Friends of Fairhaven Relay for Life Team!!!

Fairhaven School

Rollin' Along For Family Fun

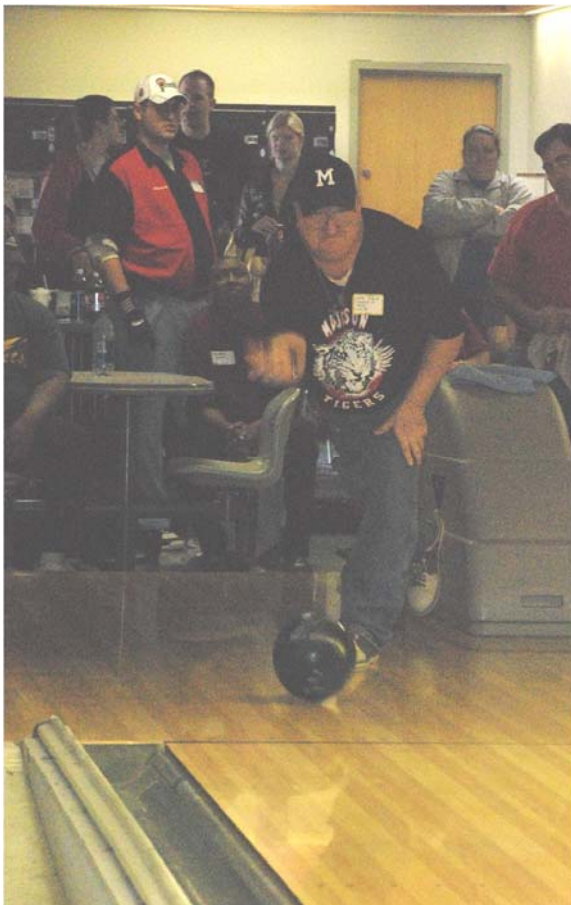
Fairhaven School held its Family Fun Night at Madison Bowling Lanes on Monday, March 29th. The night was a huge success as 127 people attend for bowling! Hillary Brown (above) was one of the many people on hand for this great event. Healthy snacks were available from Melonie Fisher and Sue Reeves. Lexi Evans from the Dept. of Health was also present with information and

goodies to hand out to our families. The bowling balls were flying up the lanes, families laughed and everyone had a wonderful time together!



Special Olympics

Tiger Bowlers shine in qualifying tournament



The Madison County Tiger bowling team rolled their way to several medals and ribbons in the Special Olympics Area 6 Eastern Sectional State Tournament, held March 20, 2010 at Mr. Bill's High Performance Bowling Center in Columbus.

First place gold medals were earned by Heather Burgoon, Brian Goff, and Lois Sparks.

Capturing second place honors were Charlie Gildow and David Howard. Earning third place medals were Willie Artis, Doug Ball, Kenny Banks, and Ernie Clifford.

Rounding out the scoring fourth (Steve Scott and Mike Williams), fifth (Ashley Whitelow), and sixth (Patty Rose and Jon Weeter) place finishers.

The bowlers practice weekly at Madison Lanes in London.

The Tigers are coached by Cathy Goff.

