



# The Madison Express

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## Peggy VanHoose to Retire

By John LaCivita

Peggy VanHoose is retiring at the end of this month. Peggy came to our agency back in 1997 with experience in the field that included teaching and vocational evaluation. Peggy has served in several capacities while with us ranging from a classroom teacher, to School Age Supervisor, Project Search Coordinator, and most recently as an Organization Services Coordinator. Peggy actually piloted the Project Search program in our county and through it a number of students in our high school program experienced their first ventures into the world of work. Placements were at the Madison County Hospital and students completed a variety of tasks ranging from laundry to prepping and organizing surgical instruments. Savannah Wilson, one of Peggy's former classmates who participated in Project Search, volunteers at the hospital to this day providing valuable support to their surgical team.



Peggy's strength has always been her genuine regard for the individuals we serve. She has instilled herself as an effective advocate first in the school setting and for the past two years through her work in Organization Services. Peggy conducts Quality Assurance Reviews as part of her current job and uses this opportunity to insure that individuals and families are satisfied with services and that services are provided in an effective and efficient manner to meet the needs of individuals. Her efforts in starting Madison Advocates for Progress (MAP) and her ongoing leadership with this program bespeaks her commitment to assisting individuals achieve independence and have ownership in their community.

Peggy has been an important part of our program. Her smile, enthusiasm, and sense of humor will be missed by all. Her plans for retirement include creating Project Search products which will give her yet another avenue for promoting possibilities for individuals with disabilities. Anyone who has seen Peggy's artwork through embroidery knows that she will be successful! Take a moment over the coming weeks to wish her well.

### Special Olympics Basketball

## Holiday Hoopla

Your two Special Olympics Basketball Teams kick-off the season by facing each other

### Meet the **TIGERS** Night

**Thursday, December 8 ... 6:00 pm — Fairhaven School**

**\*Admission is Free ... Bring a canned good for charity\***

**Concession items and Tiger Gear will be available for purchase**

**Let's pack the house for our Tigers!**





## Christmas Dance

The annual MCBDD event will be:  
*Saturday, Dec 17, 2011*  
*6pm to 8pm*  
*Fairhaven School*

**Admission: \$1 donation**

## Madison County Tigers D-3 Basketball Schedule

*Home games at Fairhaven School*

- DEC 8 vs. D-4 Madison 6pm
- DEC 14 vs. Franklin 6:45pm
- DEC 22 at Fairfield 7:15pm
- DEC 29 at Pickaway 6:30pm
- JAN 11 vs. Pickaway 6:30pm
- JAN 18 vs. Clinton 6:30pm
- JAN 26 vs. Fairfield 7:15pm
- JAN 30 vs. Clark 7:15pm
- FEB 6 vs. Miami 6:30pm
- FEB 9 vs. Fayette 6:30pm
- FEB 15 vs. Fairfield 6pm
- FEB 22 at Miami 7pm
- FEB 29 vs. Fayette 6:30pm

**\*\* Postseason games  
 will be announced  
 at a later date\* \***



MAP: Madison Advocates for Progress

## Daisy's Dog Food Donations Continue

'Tis the season to be giving.

For this holiday season, MAP (Madison Advocates for Progress) is helping a local family mourn the loss of their pet by collecting dog food to give to the Help House. It will be used to assist families that need help supplying food for their pets.

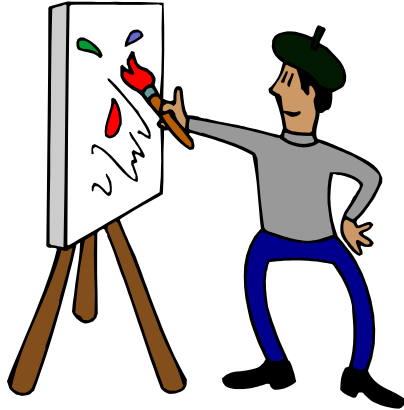
On November 26, MAP had a drop-off collection at Fairhaven School. Among those on hand was Miss Ohio Collegiate Liz Lynch (pictured with a volunteer at right).

Donations of pet-related items will continue to be collected throughout the holiday season. Drop-off locations include ... Rader-Lynch and Dodds Funeral Home, Sheffield Veterinary Hospital, London Animal Hospital, as well as the Madison County Board of DD Administrative Office (500 Elm Street, London).



## Calling All Artists

Are you famous? Let's find out and come to the interest meeting for the 2012 Art & Soul Exhibit—a festival that showcases the artistic talents of Ohio artists with disabilities. Each artist has a chance to have his/her artwork considered for the exhibit.



**Artist Interest Meeting  
Thursday, December 15  
7pm – Fairhaven School**

## Madison County Tigers D-4 Basketball Schedule

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DEC 8 vs. D-3 Madison 6pm  
 DEC 22 at Fairfield 6pm  
 JAN 5 at Fayette 6:30pm  
 JAN 19 vs. Miami 6:30pm  
 JAN 23 vs. Franklin 6:45pm  
 JAN 26 vs. Fairfield 6pm  
 JAN 30 vs. Clark 6pm  
 JAN 31 at Franklin 6pm  
 FEB 14 at Miami 6:30pm  
 FEB 21 at Fayette 6:30pm  
 FEB 24 at Clinton 7pm  
 MAR 1 at Clark 6pm

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later date\*\*



## Madison County Board of Developmental Disabilities

### December Schedules

#### Fairhaven School

Closed – December 21, 2011      Open – January 3, 2012

#### Transportation

Closed – December 23, 2011      Open – January 3, 2012

#### Administrative and Family Support Services Offices

Closed – December 23, 2011      Open – December 27, 2011

Closed – December 30, 2011      Open – January 3, 2012

Emergency Number — 740-852-7050



### Emergency Closings

The following radio and television stations will broadcast if any aspects of the program are closed (or delayed) due to inclement weather:

WTVN (610AM) ... WNCI (97.9FM) ... WCOL (92.3FM)

The FOX (105.7FM)

WSNY (94.7FM) ... WCMH (Channel 4) ... WBNS (Channel 10)

*\*\* Also, up and running is the One Call Now  
calamity day notification procedure*



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## **Round-Up a Shirt for the Holidays**

MAP (Madison Advocates for Progress) is offering a great deal on shirts remaining from October's Country Western Roundup featuring The POSSE. They make great gifts.

**Shirts are just \$5.00 and come in most adult sizes**

The shirts include The POSSE's famous logo



To purchase a shirt, call Madison County Board of DD Central Office at 740-852-7050 x17 or stop by the office and ask for Peggy or Jeff

**\*\* All money collected goes to MAP\* \***

## **UP, UP and AWAY!**

**Ricky Carmeans and Madison County Board of Developmental Disabilities' secretary Annette Clevenger have a special bond. For many Friday afternoons the last several years, Ricky has visited Annette at her office. The pair spends the time talking and just enjoying each other's company.**

**Another one of Ricky's loves are balloons. Ricky is almost always seen with a balloon, or at least talking about one.**

**Recently, Ricky and Annette released some balloons into the sky.**

**As can be seen by the accompanying photos, they both loved it as the balloons made their way toward the clouds.**

