



Learning Your Voting Rights



You can vote!

That was the message from Brett Harbage (left), the ADA Coordinator for the Ohio Secretary of State Office, as he was the guest speaker for a n event held Friday, February 11. The voting program Harbage spoke at was held before a People First meeting at MATCO Activity Center.

The program was organized by consumers Laura Cotton and Mike Dillon — as well as MCBDD staff members Peggy Van Hoose and Jeff Gates — who attended a voter training program last year.

Close to 40 people were on hand for the late afternoon program, which focused on the voting rights and responsibilities of people with disabilities. Also discussed were people/issues that can be voted on, as well as learning about ways to be better informed.

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Exploring Tom's Man(ning) Cave

Tom Manning is not horsing around. But you would never guess that with the special room he has designed for himself in his home.

Tom shares his London home with his sisters Nancy and Paula, so he wanted a special place to call his own.

So, Tom's Man(ning) Cave was born.

Tom has converted his garage into a room that would make most guys proud — filled with everything from record albums to wrestling tapes.

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There's no business like SNOW business

Bryan Thompson (left) and Tyler Casey aren't upset that their recent athletic opportunity was a downhill experience.

In early February, Thompson and Casey participated in the 2011 Ohio Special Olympics State Winter Games, held at Cuyahoga Valley National Park in Boston Mills-Brandywine, Ohio. They each participated in skiing events.

Thompson claimed double silver as he finished second in both the Alpine Downhill and Alpine Giant Slalom.

Casey earned a gold in the Alpine Downhill and a bronze in the Alpine Giant Slalom.

The Madison County Tigers are represented each year in the Winter Games.



FAIRHAVEN EYE EXAMS

The Ohio State University College of Optometry visited Fairhaven School twice in January to perform vision screenings for our students. The eye testing was performed by student clinicians as part of their clinical. The screenings were made available to our students at no cost to them by the London Lions' Club. Almost all of our students participated in the screenings. It was noted that several of our students may need to have further eye examinations done through their eye doctors. This screening was a great benefit to parents and students that were possibly unaware of any vision questions previously. Fairhaven would like to say a special thank you to the Lions' Club for making the screenings possible to our students.



Tigers Basketball Home Games

(All games to be held at Fairhaven School)



Division II

February 24 at 7pm vs. Clark
February 28 at 6:30pm vs. Fairfield

Division IV

February 24 at 6pm vs. Clark
March 2 at 6:30pm vs. Fayette

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And of course, there were horses.

“I got them from all over on vacations with my mom and dad,” Tom said of the dozens of figurines that he has.

He said his favorite is a horse-drawn stagecoach he got on a trip to Cheyenne, Wyoming. He also displays a saddle that he got 30 years ago to ride his horses named Duke and Old Sarge.

The room even has horse curtains in it.



Tom has a TV where he can watch his wrestling tapes. From Sgt. Slaughter to Randy ‘Macho Man’ Savage’ to Bruno Sammartino to Andre the Giant (Tom pointed out he is the Eighth Wonder of the World), Tom likes to relax and see his favorite wrestlers.

He also has movie classics like ‘American Graffiti,’ a Pepsi wall telephone and Native American artifacts.

“Its my pad, so to say,” Tom said of his home sanctuary. “Its peaceful.”



Little Shavers

On February 10, the annual Shaving Cream Day took place at Fairhaven School. The students spent the morning slipping and sliding with the help from the London Middle School BOLD (Building Our Lives Drug-Free) students.

Below, Fairhaven’s Lucas Napier slides safely with the help of LMS’ Adam Throckmorton.



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Harbage pointed out that you have a right to ask for assistance with voting such as having the ballot read to you or have someone in the voting booth with you.

He also talked about the different ways to vote — at the polling place on the day of the election, voting early at the Board of Elections Office, and by absentee ballot.

After the program, some people used Harbage’s assistance to register to vote.

At a program earlier in the afternoon at MATCO, a number of individuals learned about many of the same areas as people did in the afternoon.

To practice using the ballot box, individuals at the early afternoon program filled out a paper to state whether or not they wanted to register to vote. Mike Dillon (above) shows people how to put their vote in the ballot box.

Individuals also had an opportunity to sign up to be a part of a new self-advocacy group in Madison County called MAP: Madison Advocates for Progress. If interested in finding out more about MAP or voting, please call Peggy Van Hoose at 740-845-2765 x17.



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Madison County Board of DD

Monthly Board Updates

by Betsy Dodds

- The Madison County Board of DD's annual organizational meeting was held Thursday, January 20, 2011 at the Administrative Office. Board members attending were Tonya Keaton, Blaine Brockman, Julie Brand, Mary Hopkins and Sue Mosier.
- The Board approved to keep the existing slate of officers for 2011. The officers are Tonya Keaton, Board President; Blaine Brockman, Board Vice-President, and Julie Brand, Recording Secretary.
- The Board adopted the draft calendar for the 2011 Board Meetings and times as presented being the third Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. with the exception of the June meeting being changed to June 23.
- The Board established Board Committees for 2011. The committees are Personnel/Finance and Future Planning Committee, Buildings/Grounds Committee, School Age Committee and Ethics Council.
- The Board approved the Family Resource allocation recommendation of \$750.00 per family through June 2011 and will re-evaluate the dollar amount for the second half of the year.
- The Board approved to continue participation in all applicable Federal, State and Local programs for 2011.
- The Board adopted the 2010 Annual Action Plan Evaluation. They will be presented with the 2011 Annual Action Plan at the February meeting.
- The Board set the date for the 21st Annual Appreciation Night for

Thursday, March 10th.

- The Board approved the use of up to \$800,000.00 of the CY 2011 budget and funds appropriated under Section 5123.0413 of the Ohio Revised Code to pay the non-federal share of the services required by Section 5126.0511 of the Ohio Revised Code for Medicaid expenditures to assure the services will be available in a manner that conforms to all applicable state and federal laws. It is fully understood the payment of the non-federal share represents an ongoing financial commitment of the Madison County Board of DD.
- The Board was informed that the DD Awareness Month Kickoff Event will be March 3, 2011 at the Ohio Statehouse Atrium in Columbus from 10:00am until noon.
- The next Regular Monthly Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Administrative Office.

Madison County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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)

WCHM (Channel 4) ... WBNS (Channel 10)

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

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*** Scroll down the page and click on 'MCBDD' in the far left column**

*** From there you can access items ranging from past newsletters to the Fairhaven School website (www.fairhavenkids.com)**