



# The Madison Express

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## Remembering Tom Rabung

Tom Rabung had a love for motorcycles.

Many times over the years Tom would talk with Jim Zornes — Production Supervisor at MATCO’s BST worksite — about Jim’s motorcycles.

“There for a long time he’d ask me if I rode my motorcycle to work that day,” Jim said of Tom’s love for the bikes. “Sometimes he would just listen for the sound of the engine.”

It was a great day for Tom when Jim took Tom’s picture with one of Jim’s motorcycles. It was a photo Tom kept at his work station, and was proud to show it to everyone.



Sadly, Tom passed a w a y unexpectedly

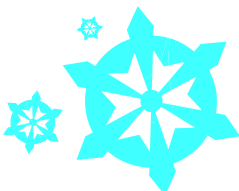
on Sunday, January 10 — leaving behind his housemates at Oakwood Meadows as well as many friends. A service to celebrate Tom’s life was held on Friday, January 15 at the Madison County Senior Center. Reverend Tom Timmons conducted the service, at which there were close to 100 people in attendance. Among those who paid their respects were Matt Turner and his family.

Tom will be remembered as a man with a lot of enthusiasm, with special affection for motorcycles.

“He always showed a lot of interest in the motorcycles,” Jim said.

## Emergency Closings Information

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



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**WSNY (94.7FM) ... WCHM (Channel 4)**  
**WBNS (Channel 10)**

***Fairhaven School*****London Lions help Fairhaven see clearly**

On Monday, January 11, Fairhaven School students received eye exams provided by senior interns of the Ohio State University School of Optometry. The event was sponsored by the London Lions Club.

Each student received seven vision tests to help determine perception, acuity, and visual clarity. A group of 14 interns — accompanied by Dr. Sandra Anderson — provided each student with a written report, which they could take home to their families.

“Many of our students would not be able to have such a screening this early if it weren’t for their support,” said Peg Johnson, Children Services Director for the Madison County Board of Developmental Disabilities. “We have a long history with the London Lions Club providing services to our students — their support is greatly appreciated.”

This is the fourth year that London Lions Club has sponsored this event. In addition, they provide eyeglasses to children whose family is in financial need. In the past, the London Lions have provided Fairhaven School with a low vision reader for students who have significant visual disabilities.

**And Children Shall Lead Them**

During the season of giving, nothing exemplifies the holiday spirit more than the relationship between Fairhaven School and some students from Jonathan Alder High School.

For 36 years, JAHS youngsters involved with FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) have yearly provided Christmas gifts for children served by the Madison County Board of DD.

MCBDD’s Peg Johnson put the relationship into perspective by pointing out that the JA students have been a part of every Christmas since Fairhaven opened.

It was evident by the smile on preschooler Kristin Kuebler’s face that she was excited about the day. Smiles just as big graced the face of new friend Alexis Milesky — a JA student bearing gifts.

Kristin laughed as she unwrapped a pony and stuffed animals, but nothing made her happier than receiving a new baby doll. She listened intently as Alexis gave her advice about treating the doll well (*pictured at right*).

Similar magical interactions happened throughout the Fairhaven gymnasium with giggling, whispering and even some tears as the givers and receivers demonstrated why this relationship continues to thrive despite the years.

Following the gift exchange, young and old ventured to classrooms to participate in crafts.

Even the jolly old elf himself made an appearance — much to the delight of all.



## **Client Rights**

According to the Ohio Revised Code, the following are Rights of Ohioans with Developmental Disabilities ...

- The right to be treated at all time with courtesy and respect and with full recognition of their dignity and individuality.
- The right to an appropriate, safe and sanitary living environment that complies with local, state and federal standards and recognizes that persons' need for privacy and independence.
- The right to food adequate to meet accepted standards of nutrition.
- The right to practice the religion of their choice or to abstain from the practice of religion.
- The right of timely access to appropriate medical or dental treatment.
- The right of access to necessary ancillary services including, but not limited to ... Occupational therapy, physical therapy, and behavior modification and other psychological services.
- The right to receive appropriate care and treatment in the least intrusive manner.
- The right to privacy, including both periods of privacy and places of privacy.
- The right to communicate freely with persons of their choice in any reasonable manner they choose.
- The right to ownership and use of personal possessions so as to maintain individuality and personal dignity.
- The right to social interaction with members of either sex.
- The right of access to opportunities that enable individuals to develop their full human potential.
- The right to pursue vocational opportunities that will promote and enhance economic independence.
- The right to be treated equally as citizens under the law.
- The right to be free from emotional, psychological, and physical abuse.
- The right to participate in appropriate programs of education, training, social development, and habilitation and in programs of reasonable recreation.
- The right to participate in decisions that affect their lives.
- The right to select a parent or advocate to act on their behalf.
- The right to manage their personal financial affairs, based on individual ability to do so.
- The right to confidential treatment of all information in their personal and medical records.
- The right to voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services without restraint, interference, coercions, discrimination, or reprisal.
- The right to be free from unnecessary chemical or physical restraints.
- The right to participate in the political process.
- The right to refuse to participate in medical, psychological, or other research and experiments.

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**Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities ... 1-877-464-6733**

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MEDICAID DUE PROCESS**

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**Madison County Board of DD  
Monthly Board Update  
by Betsy Dodds**

- The Regular Monthly Board Meeting was held Thursday, December 10, 2009 at the Administrative Office. Board members attending were Tonya Keaton, Blaine Brockman, Julie Brand, Sue Mosier, Mary Hopkins, and Beverly Headings.
- The Board approved the 2010 General Fund Budget that was presented.
- The Board was informed that a quality assurance review was completed on our transportation program on November 23 by the Ohio Department of Transportation.
- The Delegate Assembly met at the annual OACBDD Convention December 2-4 with Jim Canney serving as the Alternate with all proposed resolutions passing.
- The Board members completed their four-hour annual training December 10 at the Administrative Office.
- The first Regular Monthly Board Meeting of the Madison County Board of DD for the 2010 calendar year will be held Thursday, January 21, 2010 at the Administrative Office

## Winter Wonderland

**The beauty of  
an icy morning  
came through on  
Wednesday,  
January 13th.  
We all learned  
that this amazing  
beauty was frozen  
fog! Who would  
have thought that  
fog could freeze?**

