



## Remembering Dan Burchnell

### Saying Goodbye to a Friend

Dan Burchnell had a smile as wide as the stadium that houses his beloved Ohio State University Buckeye football team.

And it seemed like at times he had enough friends to fill the stadium as well.

Madison County lost a friend January 9 as Dan passed away.

Served by the Madison County Board of DD for the vast majority of his 60 years. He enjoyed working for MATCO, serving in past years on their Employee Council.

Dan loved the years he spent playing a variety of Special Olympics sports ranging from basketball to bowling.

In recent years, Dan served as an important member of the Madison County Board of DD Health and Safety Committee. He enjoyed having his own notebook and participating in the meetings. At right, Dan stands with Health and Safety committee chair Anne Slanker.



## Special Olympics

### Hoop Dream Helpers

When Savannah Wilson wrote a letter to the Madison County Deputy Sheriffs Association requesting assistance with purchasing basketballs for her Special Olympics squad, she also enclosed her artistic rendition of who the basketballs would benefit – drawing a picture of her teammates.



Touched by Savannah’s genuine plea, the MCDSA decided to not only provide the Tigers with a donation – but one generous enough so the Tigers could purchase all of the basketballs they will need.

“Its good for them and its good for us,” said MCDSA President Breck Michael. He came to a Madison County Tigers basketball game to present a check for \$200 to Savannah to be used by the Special Olympics program. In the picture at left is (from left) Breck Michael, Savannah Wilson, Michael Long, Shaundra Sayre and Lincoln Comer.

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*Fairhaven's Brady Cahill receives his gift at the school's annual trip to Beightler Armory in December.*

# Valentine's Dance

Saturday, Feb 12  
6pm to 8pm  
Fairhaven School



One dollar donation requested

\*\* If you would like to help decorate for the dance, please contact Lincoln

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“Our team is made up of people just like me that has had to ... overcome all types of (life changes),” Savannah wrote in her letter to the Sheriffs Association. “We love our team.”



Despite her self-described challenges, Savannah is a small dynamo on the basketball court – having to wear various forms of protective gear as preventative measures because of her fragile medical state. That doesn't stop her from playing a swarming brand of defense.

Savannah is a dynamic young woman off the court as well, earning recognition from Madison County Hospital for her endless volunteer hours.

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# Tigers Basketball Home Games

*(All games to be held at Fairhaven School)*



## Division II

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

## Division IV

**January 19 at 6:30pm vs. Clinton**  
**February 16 at 6:30pm vs. Fairfield**  
**February 24 at 6pm vs. Clark**  
**March 2 at 6:30pm vs. Fayette**

## A Candy Land Christmas

Each year, the students who are involved in Jonathan Alder High School's FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) group give Christmas presents to the students of Fairhaven School.

It was especially memorable this year for Fairhaven's Clayton Conley (pictured at right) as Santa took the time to ask many of the children how they liked their gifts.

Clayton's face beamed with excitement and he couldn't stop laughing as he and Santa passed the ball back-and-forth to each other.

And as has been true for the nearly four decades that the program has been going on, dozens of special memories were made. Traditionally, the Alder students had gone to Fairhaven to give the gifts, but a few years ago, the schools started alternating years to host.

This year the Plain City high school welcomed in their new friends with a Candy Land theme. The students did everything from decorating Christmas cookies to walking along a life-sized Candy Land board – complete with some of the students dressed as characters from the long-treasured children's game.

"Fairhaven day is my favorite day every year," said FCCLA co-advisor Susan Lee (along with Anne Holben) to the Alder students before their guests arrived. "This makes the holidays special."



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## 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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**Madison County Board of DD**

**Monthly Board Updates**

by **Betsy Dodds**

- The Madison County Board of DD's regular monthly meeting was held Thursday, December 16, 2010 at the Administrative Office. Board members attending were Blaine Brockman, Julie Brand, Mary Hopkins, Sue Mosier, Beverly Headings and Diane Miller-Ryan.
- The School Age Committee scheduled a meeting for Thursday, January 20 at 3:00 p.m.
- A Resolution was made by the Board to approve the transfer of funds that are necessary to the Support Fund.
- The Board approved the 2011 Annual Services Agreement between the Madison County Board of Developmental Disabilities and MATCO Services, Inc. effective January 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2011.
- The Board approved the 2011 General Contract between the Madison County Board of Developmental Disabilities and MATCO Services, Inc. effective January 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2011.
- The Board approved the payment for the 2011 Membership dues of \$9,000.00 to the Ohio Association of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities.
- The Annual Organizational Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Administrative Office.

[MATCO Employee Council](#)

**People First Meeting Friday**

The *Madison County Chapter of People First of Ohio*, in conjunction with *MATCO Employee Council*, will be meeting at **4:00 pm on Friday, January 21** in the **MATCO multipurpose room at 204 Maple Street, London Ohio**, to discuss the upcoming People First conference to be held March 17, 18 and 19 at the Robert's Convention Centre in Wilmington, Ohio.

This spring event is a highlight of March, when the state of Ohio celebrates Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. The conference features self-advocacy through numerous fun and educational sessions, dancing, and great association. Meals are included with the conference fees. For more information on the conference, please call Sharyn at 740-852-7054.

On the meeting agenda there will also be discussion about an upcoming Voting Registration, Rights and Responsibilities program presented by local self-advocacy group **MAP — Madison Advocates for Progress**.

*As always, People First invites everyone and anyone who is interested in self advocacy to attend any of its meetings.*

**Voting Program Planned**

You have a right to vote.

You also have responsibilities when it comes to voting.

Come and find out the voting rights and responsibilities of people with disabilities.

Among the presenters include MCBDD consumers Laura Cotton and Mike Dillon.

**When: Friday, February 11**

**Where: MATCO Activity Center**

**Time: 4:00pm to 5:30pm (following the  
People First Meeting)**

Also available at the meeting will be information about joining MAP (Madison Advocates for Progress), Madison County's newest self-advocate group.

For more information, please call Peggy Van Hoose at 740-845-2765 ext. 17