



## Remembering Anne Slanker

### A Friend to All

A true inspiration.

Throughout her life, Anne Slanker was a healer. A medical professional in various capacities for 40 years, Anne lived her life helping people.

Barbara 'Anne' Slanker lost her courageous battle with cancer December 21. She is survived by her husband Ted, son Nate, daughter Krista and son-in-law Bill Houk.

Anne leaves behind a legacy of nurturing that was quite apparent in her job of the past 10 years – Health Services Coordinator for the Madison County Board of DD.

A nurse by profession, Anne used that medical knowledge – as well as her upbeat personality and sense of humor – to assist individuals with disabilities. According to her supervisor with the MCBDD, Anne's legacy goes way beyond the excellence she showed in her job responsibilities.

"She served many roles here during the time that she was with us -- Teacher, trainer, nurse, mentor, leader, peacemaker, friend," said MCBDD Organization Services Director John LaCivita. "Over the past year as Anne fought her illness she expanded that role to hero -- her courage and ever-positive outlook were an inspiration to us all."

Anne served as Chairperson of the MCBDD Health and Safety Committee, served on the Ohio Health Care Advisory Board, and facilitated the Regional Nurses' Group.

"Her expertise in the medical field and her knowledge of our field were well-respected throughout the state," John said. "Anne's leadership and ability to make the most difficult nursing task seem easy were characteristics that insured a staff well trained to meet the medical needs of individuals."

While she was gifted as a professional, it was Anne's wonderful, caring personality that will be missed most of all.

"She was truly a friend to all who worked with her," John said. "Throughout a time in her life that was terrible beyond words, Anne continued to come in to the office every day, greet us with her warm smile and do what she always did best---heal others."



Anne, with her kids Krista and Nate



## An 'Ice' Tradition

Skating through the holiday season.

For almost 40 years, Jonathan Alder High School students involved with FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) have annually provided Christmas gifts for children served by the Madison County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

This year was no exception as several dozen JAHS youngsters traveled to Fairhaven on December 8 to spread their version of holiday cheer.

In addition to giving gifts to the children, the Alder students also engaged them in a variety of games and activities.

One such activity was turning the Fairhaven Gym into an ice skating rink.

Well, sort of.

Using small pieces of waxed paper – as well as a lot of imagination – kids of all ages ‘skated’ their way around the busy gymnasium.

This just was part of the activities planned by Alder’s Amanda Carper and Bethany Mulkey, a pair of students who are also in the Early Childhood Education program at Tolles Career & Technical Center.

FCCLA advisor Ann Holben applauded the work of Amanda and Bethany in preparing their classmates for the Fairhaven experience.

“They were good at communicating how to work with children,” Mrs. Holben said of the duo.

The secret to everyone enjoying themselves is pretty simple, according to Amanda.

“I told them if you are doing the activity, then the child is more likely to do it,” Amanda said.

She didn’t have to tell her schoolmates twice as some JA kids could be seen ‘skating’ even when none of their Fairhaven comrades were with them.

In this season of giving, nothing exemplifies the spirit of the holiday more than the relationship between Fairhaven School and the JAHS students.

Fairhaven’s Megan West made fast friends with Alder’s Nicole Haines, who sat on the gym floor and shared gifts (a doll and a book) brought for the preschooler.

Similar exciting interactions happened throughout the Fairhaven gymnasium with laughter, whispering and even tears as the givers/receivers demonstrated why the relationship continues to thrive over the years.

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

And, of course, the star moment of the day was when Santa Claus himself came to town.



## Iceman on Fire

In a matchup of Madison County’s two Special Olympics basketball teams recently, a longtime Tigers hoopster rose to the top.

Waymond ‘Iceman’ Harris topped all scorers with 21 points as he led his team to a 48-26 victory. Iceman’s high point total was due to him being on fire from long range — hitting six three-point baskets.

The other Tigers were led by Adam Campbell (pictured at left, guarded by Nick Post), who had 14 points. Mike Ellis added five points.

To go along with Iceman, teammates Dawn O’Neil and Taz Hamilton added six points each.

Adam and Taz led their teams in rebounds.

*See the teams’ schedules on Page 3*

**Madison County Tigers  
D-3 Basketball Schedule**  
*Home games at Fairhaven School*

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\*\***

**Madison County Tigers  
D-4 Basketball Schedule**  
*Home games at Fairhaven School*

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

**\*\* Postseason games will be announced  
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The first MAP meeting for 2012 is

**Thursday, January 19  
Starting at 4pm  
Madison County Board of DD  
Administrative Office  
(behind Fairhaven School)**

**\*\* All are invited \*\***

For more information, please call Jeff Gates at 740-852-7050 x14



*Putting Self-Advocacy on the Map*

**Then see the Basketball D4 Tigers take on Miami County at 6:30pm at Fairhaven**

**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) ... WCMH (Channel 4) ... WBNS (Channel 10)

**\*\* Also, 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 Brenda Fitch

- The Madison County Board of Developmental Disabilities' Regular Monthly Board meeting was held Thursday, December 15, 2011 at the Administrative Office. Board members attending were Tonya Keaton, Mary Hopkins, Sue Mosier, Beverly Headings, Diane Miller-Ryan and Blaine Brockman.
- The Board approved entering into contracts with MATCO Services for Non-Medicaid Individuals and for ICF Individuals.
- Jim Canney reported that beginning in January 2012, MATCO Services would begin billing their own services.
- Susan Thompson reported the purchase of a new wheelchair van.
- John LaCivita reported that there was one outstanding bill for the renovation of the new Administrative Office building.
- The next Regular Monthly Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at the Administrative Office.



### **Fairhaven Continues Holiday Traditions**

Two things you can count on every year in December at Fairhaven School — A visit from Jonathan Alder High School students and a trip to Beightler Armory.

At left, Sophie Brand makes friends with a Gingerbread Lady at Beightler Armory in Columbus, while below Megan West and Alder junior Nicole Haines take a look at a book Nicole gave Megan as a present.

