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## Madison County Board of DD Offices

### All Together Now

Just one stop is needed.

Due to the growth of services offered to people in Madison County with disabilities, it was difficult to find a place that could accommodate all of those offices.

That all changed in early May as the departments of MCBDD have come together in a refurbished office building located at 1509 State Route 38SE in London. It is located behind Fairhaven School, and many people know it as the old MATCO building. The renovation project that began last fall was completed in April.

In addition to having the administrative offices of Superintendent Jim Canney, the building also houses Family Support Services, Transportation, Maintenance, Business, and Organization Services. The Board meetings for MCBDD will also be held there.

The new telephone number for the facility is 740-852-7050.

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## MAP: Madison Advocates for Progress

presents ...

### Be a Sport with Bowling

The first MAP event



50/50  
Drawing

**For Madison County Board of DD enrollees,  
MAP members, family, and friends**

**Saturday, May 21, 2011**

**9am to Noon**

**Madison Lanes**

**State Route 56 in London**

For ONLY \$10.00 per person

\*Two Games of Bowling \*Shoe Rental \*Pizza \*Pop

Dress up to support your favorite sports team!

Join MAP for \$1 a year



Putting Self-Advocacy on the Map

For more info about MAP, please contact Jeff Gates at 740-852-7050 x14

## Keeping 'Track' of Special Olympics Success

*The Madison County Tigers' track and field teams are keeping pretty busy as they gear up for State Games, scheduled for the last weekend in June. This year's events features the Mini Javelin for the first time. Winners from Denison included (from left) Nick Dummitt, Dominique Gonzalez, Shawn Engle, Shaundra Sayre, Chris Miller. The following are results of meets held in May.*



### Denison University

**GOLD** — Willie Artis (100m walk), Nick Dummitt (mini jav), Mike Ellis (mini jav), Shawn Engle (mini jav), Dominique Gonzalez (softball throw), Bridget Gray (softball), Jay Large (softball), Savannah Wilson (800m walk), John Bunn/Brian Goff (bocce doubles), John/Brian/Keith Farris/Brian Farris (bocce quartet)

**SILVER** — Artis (softball), Lane Beekman (softball), Rebecca Bell (800m walk), Tyler Casey (shot put and 100m run), Dummitt (100m run), Ellis (100m run), Engle 200m run), Gray (100m walk), Bobby Higgins (100m run and 400m run), Shaundra Sayre (mini jav), Marlyn Zeeck (softball), Keith/Brian Farris (bocce doubles), Jeff Horn/Sam Elliott/Dale Jones/Harold Wilson (bocce quartet). Also participants in two 4x100 relay teams (Artis, Casey, Dummitt, Ellis, Engle, Sayre, Wilson, Zeeck)

**BRONZE** — Gonzalez (800m walk), Large (100m walk), Sayre (100m run), Horn/Wilson (bocce doubles), Elliott/Jones (bocce doubles)

**RIBBONS** — Bell (softball), Chris Miller (mini jav), Arnold Quintanilla (softball), Zeeck (100m walk)

### Whetstone High School

**GOLD** — Bell (400m walk), Dummitt (shot put), Engle (100m run), Gray (softball), Large (softball), Sayre (200m run), Wilson (100m run), Bunn/Goff (bocce doubles), Horn/Elliott/Jones/Wilson (bocce quartet). Also Unified Volleyball

**SILVER** — Artis (softball and 100m run), Beekman (softball), Casey (mini jav and 100m run), Dummitt (100m run), Engle (softball), Miller (softball), Zeeck (softball and 100m walk), Goff/Bunn/Farris/Farris (bocce quartet), Artis/Casey/Dummitt/Wilson (4x100m relay)

**BRONZE** — Bell (mini jav), Gray (100m run), Large (100m walk), Horn/Wilson (bocce doubles), Jones/Elliott (bocce doubles), Engle/Miller/Sayre/Zeeck (4x100 relay)

**RIBBONS** — Miller (100m run), Sayre (softball), Wilson (softball), Farris/Farris (bocce doubles)

## Fairhaven Bids Farewell ... with Congratulations

In April and May, Fairhaven is losing three of its staff to retirement. On April 30, Denise Clark (left) retired after 30 years as a Paraprofessional. Then, on May 31, it will signify the end of the tenure of two other educators. Mary Beth Wallace (center) will leave after 10 years as an Early Intervention Specialist at Fairhaven. Also on that day Nancy Baker (right) will be retiring as she has served as a Paraprofessional for 30 years. If you see them, please express your appreciation of their fine efforts over the years in assisting the youngest of those individuals with disabilities.



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According to MCBDD Organization Services Director John LaCivita who spearheaded the project, with the exception of electrical and HVAC components, all labor for the project was completed by our maintenance staff — Scott Duffy and Curtis Kleist — along with a labor force provided by the London Correctional Facility.

“Their skills are very evident in the upgraded interior,” John said. “This enabled us to complete the project with a minimum of cost.”

He continued, “Consolidating all divisions under one roof not only greatly facilitates communication and teamwork, but will also save the agency critical funds in the years to come.”

## OSDA: A Smorgasbord of Choices

On May 11, Penny Powers (left) and Shaundra Sayre attended the Regional Meeting for the Ohio Self-Determination Association (OSDA) meeting held at the ‘golden corral’ restaurant in Grove City. Penny and Shaundra are both members of MAP (Madison Advocates for Progress), Madison County’s advocacy group affiliated with OSDA.

The guest speaker for the meeting was L. Scott Lissner — the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Coordinator for The Ohio State University. Mr. Lissner reflected on progress that has been gained in the 20 years since ADA began.

Also, this coming Fall, OSDA and PAR (Professionals Advocates Resources) will be joining forces for their 2011 Conference. It will be held October 5-7 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Dublin.



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

- The Madison County Board of DD's Regular Monthly Board meeting was held Thursday, April 21, 2011 at the Administrative Office. Board members attending were Blaine Brockman, Julie Brand, Mary Hopkins, Sue Mosier and Diane Miller-Ryan.
- The Board members were informed that the Natural Gas Conversion has been completed for all of the county board facilities.
- The Board was informed that the Madison Advocates for Progress (MAP), spearheaded by Jeff Gates and Peggy Van Hoose held a meeting March 24 with 29 individuals attending. Another meeting was held April 21 to elect officers.
- The Summer Program was discussed briefly by the Board and because of funding the Board is not sure fiscally if there will be a program this year. The Superintendent will look into some options regarding the funding and will report back to the Board at the May meeting.
- An update was given to Board members on the Central Office renovation located in the previous MATCO building. This building will house the Administrative office staff, Organization Services staff and the Family Support Services staff. A confirmed move in date has been scheduled for Monday, May 2.
- The Board was informed that the OACBDD's Spring Conference will be May 19-20 at the Polaris Hilton in Columbus.
- A Personnel/Finance and Future Planning Committee meeting was scheduled for 3:00pm on Thursday, May 19, prior to the May Board meeting.
- The next Regular Monthly Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 4:00pm at the Administrative Office.

## **MAP Elects First Officers**

Madison Advocates for Progress (MAP) elected its first slate of officers at its two April meetings. Using ballots made up of the candidates' written names and photos, close to 40 people used homemade voting booths to express their choices.

The first MAP officers include:

**BRYAN BECKER — President**  
**SAVANNAH WILSON — Vice-President**  
**SHAUNDRA SAYRE — Secretary**  
**PAULA MANNING — Treasurer**

*Those appointed to offices include Jay Large (Sergeant-of-Arms), Bridgett Gray (Event Chair), Rebecca Bell (Social Networking), Mike Ellis (Event Assistance)*

More than 50 people are paid members of MAP for the 2011 year.

Next Meetings are 4pm on May 19 and June 2 at the NEW MCBDD Administration Office.



MAP President Bryan Becker  
and VP Savannah Wilson