

What's Up Wyandot

Smith Celebrates Serving Smiles for a Decade!

Jacob Smith is your go-to guy at the Upper Sandusky McDonald's. He brings an energy like no other. Jacob recently celebrated working at McDonald's for a decade.

"Jacob has an energy and attitude that's not only attractive to the crew and the people that work here, but the guests and our restaurant customers love him," said Jeff Caskey, General Manager at McDonald's in Upper Sandusky. "He puts a smile on the

faces of many customers every day – we are blessed to have Jacob work here," he continued.

Jacob wears many different hats while working at McDonald's – he does dishes, trash and recycling, drive thru, meal prep and runs the lobby. He likes doing the dishes the best. His teammates like how quick he is at doing dishes.

Jacob's job has helped him gain independence. He has saved enough money to afford to live on his own, which he loves. "I can stay up as late as I

want!" he exclaimed.

Jacob's favorite food at McDonald's? He says he most enjoys the 10-piece nugget and the Quarter Pounder with Cheese.

Jacob loves working at McDonald's and as he says, "I wouldn't be here 10 years if I didn't like it!"



To watch Jacob's Story online, visit Wyandot County DD's YouTube page at: https://youtu.be/FN8cntynE_I

INDEPENDENT LIVING LEARNING LAB EVENT



The Independent Living Learning Lab event that was held on January 14th was a great success! Individuals, persons served, and staff were able to learn about assistive technology and how it can empower independence! The event was presented by Wood County DD. Stay tuned to our Facebook page to view the presentation and learn more about assistive technology. If you have questions about the event or the assistive technology, contact Samantha Lee at slee@wycbdd.org.

New Classrooms at Angeline School

At the beginning of the 2024-2025 School Year, Angeline School became the home of four new preschool classes formerly located at Upper Sandusky Elementary Schools. Angeline Industries' privatization created some space at Angeline School. Wyandot County DD partnered with Upper Sandusky Schools and the North Central Ohio Educational Services Center (NCOESC) to relocate the four preschool classes. This is in addition to the two Angeline Preschool classes and one Head Start Preschool class that already reside at Angeline School.

Project LIFE Micro Business

Project LIFE Interns are gaining real-life business experience with their "Grind On" Coffee Cart. Grind On allows Project LIFE interns to engage with the staff in the building, practicing communication skills, taking orders, fulfilling orders, and calculating money. Interns operate the coffee cart on Fridays. Often they offer items they've made such as cookies and other sweet treats. Beverages offered include hot coffee, iced coffee, hot tea, and hot chocolate. Interested in learning more about Project LIFE? Contact Rachel Pool at rpool@wycbdd.org.



Upcoming Events

Independent Living Learning Lab:

January 14th from 12:00-2:00pm at the Upper Sandusky Community Library

DD Month Events & Activities:

See the full list below!



DiD YOU KNOW?

Did you know that people with developmental disabilities have the right to make decisions about their own lives? This is called **Self-Determination**. Sometimes a person might need a guardian to help them make decisions, but that's not always the case. For information about Supported Decision-Making, check out the following link: https://ocali.org/tg_aata/self_determination

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SAVE THE DATES

We are coming up on March, which is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month! Wyandot County DD hosts many events and opportunities to celebrate people with all abilities!

February 23rd: Bowling Kickoff Event at Wyandot Lanes

March 14th: Make & Take Painting Event with The Getaway Workshop at Angeline School

March 29th: 2nd Annual Color Run at Harrison-Smith Park

**Stay tuned to our Facebook page for further details on DD Awareness Month and all of the festivities.*



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