



# STARLIGHT

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## Hot Chocolate Bar Making the Rounds

The Blanchard Valley Center Hot Chocolate Bar & Selfie Station will be making the rounds to businesses throughout Hancock County during March – DD Awareness Month.



Along with an opportunity to enjoy a delicious cup of hot chocolate, those who visit the bar will be able to take a selfie inside a Blanchard Valley Center frame.

“We’re hoping that people will take a photo at the selfie station and post it to social media,” said Hancock County Board of Developmental Disabilities Quality Services Manager Nadine Weininger. “During DD Awareness Month, we’re making every effort to remind everyone of the positive impact that inclusion of people with disabilities has in our community.”

To find times and locations for the Blanchard Valley Center Hot Chocolate Bar & Selfie Station, visit [blanchardvalley.org/events/month](http://blanchardvalley.org/events/month).

## Special Olympics Coaches Needed

Hancock County Special Olympics is seeking volunteers to help coach its teams.

The organization is currently looking for coaches for its Unified Golf and Skills Softball programs.

“Coaching a Special Olympics team can be one of the most rewarding jobs a person can ever take on,” said Special Olympics Coordinator Melanie Williams. “We have an outstanding Special Olympics program, and we’re looking for individuals who will help us continue that level of excellence.”

Both sports require a commitment of overseeing of one practice a week and attending two tournaments. Both sports begin in early June and run through September.

Interested candidates should contact Melanie Williams at 419.422.6387, ext. 1024.



### DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar. 5  
**2019 DD Awareness  
& Advocacy Day**

Mar. 8  
**Coloring Contest  
Luncheon with  
Miss Ohio**

Mar. 14 - 4-6pm  
**Citizens for Hancock  
DD Harlan’s BBQ  
Chicken Dinner  
Fundraiser**

Mar. 19 - 7:30pm  
**4th Annual Celebrity  
Basketball Game  
in Croy Gym  
at UF**



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER  
**Michelle Darrach**

RN Health Educator



STUDENT OF THE MONTH  
**Annalee Saum**

Annalee accepts her award with her teacher, Kelly Rose, and mother Ashley.

**BVC Celebrity Basketball Game Set for May 19**

The fourth annual BVC Celebrity Basketball Game will be held Tuesday, March 19, at the Croy Gymnasium at the University of Findlay.

Tip-off is 7:30 p.m.

Hancock County celebs – members of local law enforcement, business, and industry – will team up with Special Olympics athletes.

Admission is free.

Come out and enjoy an evening of fun and see our Special Olympians in action.

NOTES FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

**In Hancock County, Every Month is DD Awareness Month**



Nationally, March is DD Awareness Month. It is the month when the country recognizes the needs, desires, and contributions of individuals with developmental disabilities.

At Blanchard Valley Center, every month is DD Awareness Month.

Not only do we recognize the people we support, but it is a good time to recognize the people who daily dedicate themselves to the service of people

with disabilities. As the superintendent of the Hancock County Board of Developmental Disabilities, I see the dedication of providers, families, and BVC staff on a daily basis.

At Blanchard Valley Center, we are fortunate to have an incredibly selfless staff that each day contributes greatly to bettering the lives of the people they serve.

It is also a privilege to live and work in a community that recognizes and values the contributions of people with disabilities.

Kelli Grisham, Superintendent

BVC provides resources and supports that empower people with DD to live lives with meaning and purpose.



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