

COMMUNITYLINE

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Hodan Community Services TRANSPORTATION

Connecting People and Services

It is the mission of Hodan Community Services, Inc. to provide and promote opportunities for work and personal development so that persons with disabilities can achieve individual life goals.

Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon,
Volunteer Recognition and
Client-Employee Awards
Wednesday, November 25

Thanksgiving Holiday
(HCS Closed)
Thursday and Friday
November 26 and 27

Christmas Holidays
(HCS Closed)
Thursday, December 24, 2015
through Sunday, January 3, 2016

Hodan Community Services
Programs Resume on:
Monday, January 4, 2016

Staff Changes

Welcome to the following new staff members who have joined Hodan Community Services:

Helen Davidson began work as a Clerk at our Bargain Nook-Mineral Point Store on June 3.

Lori Ranum-Krych started work on August 22 as a new Clerk at Bargain Nook-Mt. Horeb.

Andrea McMahan became our new Manager at Bargain Nook-Platteville on September 14.

Amy Sandager began work as a new Clerk at our Bargain Nook-Platteville Store on October 6.

Congratulations to the following staff members on their job promotions at Hodan Community Services:

Michael Fink was promoted to Bus Driver (from LTE) on October 14.

Summer Hamille received a promotion to Food Production Supervisor (from LTE) effective November 1.

Board of Directors 2015

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CLIENT-EMPLOYEE PROFILE:

Nicole Blankenberg

Receives Outstanding Self Advocate Award from Arc

Nicole Blankenberg is a graduate of Platteville High School. She has been attending Hodan Community Services since August of 2003. She resides with her parents, Chris and Tom Blankenberg, in Platteville, WI. Earlier this year Nicole decided she was ready to try working in the community. She advocated for herself by letting everyone on her team know she was ready and very much willing to move forward with Community Employment.

Nicole has been working with DVR and is currently doing a work experience at Cold Fusion, a restaurant in Platteville, WI. She is working 2 days a week wrapping silverware for the lunch and dinner crowd. She is enjoying this experience and the employer is very happy to have her. This will be the first step in finding just the right job and employer for Nicole and so far she is doing an outstanding job.

Nicole is also a very busy young woman here at Hodan Community Services. She works 2 days a week doing a large number of jobs in the Work Services department and 1 day a week at the Wisconsin Innovation Kitchen. She is also enrolled in Adult Basic Education where she is working on maintaining her math skills, developing good social skills for the work place, and doing some work with the computer and iPad.

When Nicole is not working she enjoys walking laps after lunch with a friend to help maintain her health. She loves movies, and has a soft spot in her heart for children and animals. Nicole is a very well mannered, sweet, and caring person who is respected and well thought of by all. ●



STAFF MEMBER PROFILE:

Kathy Polkinghorn



Kathy Polkinghorn has been employed as our Janitorial Assistant for the past 25 years. She celebrated this milestone anniversary on September 17. Her duties take place at the end of each weekday as she works with our janitorial crew to prepare the building for the next day. She has been a valuable and dependable worker who very rarely ever misses work.

Kathy was born and raised in Mineral Point. She attended school in Mineral Point and Dodgeville and graduated in 1977 from Dodgeville High School. After completing school Kathy worked at the Mineral Point Care Center as well as helping to deliver the local Shopping News around town.

Kathy lives in Mineral Point with her mother, Jean. She enjoys knitting as a hobby and especially enjoys making hats and socks. For entertainment, Kathy likes to watch old westerns on television, especially Gunsmoke and Bonanza.

We thank Kathy for being such a dedicated worker and friend. Her dependable assistance in cleaning our building is truly appreciated by us all. We are blessed both to know her and to share our late afternoons with this special member of our working team. ●

Community Employment Partners

THANKS TO:

Alliant Energy
Bargain Nooks

Barn Scrapers in Mineral Point

Benvenuto's in Platteville

Cold Fusion in Platteville

Country Kitchen in Platteville

Culvers in Cross Plains

Culvers in Dodgeville

Cummins Emissions Solutions

Dodgeville Library

Dodgeville School District

Driftless Market in Platteville

Hope Lutheran Church

KleenMark in Dodgeville

Kwik Trip in Cuba City

Kwik Trip in Dodgeville

Kwik Trip in Mineral Point

Kwik Trip in Platteville

L & M Bakeshop in Darlington

Mineral Point Care Center

Piggly Wiggly in Darlington

Piggly Wiggly in Platteville

Pointer Café in Mineral Point

Premier Cooperative

Tony's Tap in Mineral Point

Upland Hills Health

Walker House in
Mineral Point

Walmart in Dodgeville

Walmart in Platteville

White Rose Floral
in Dodgeville

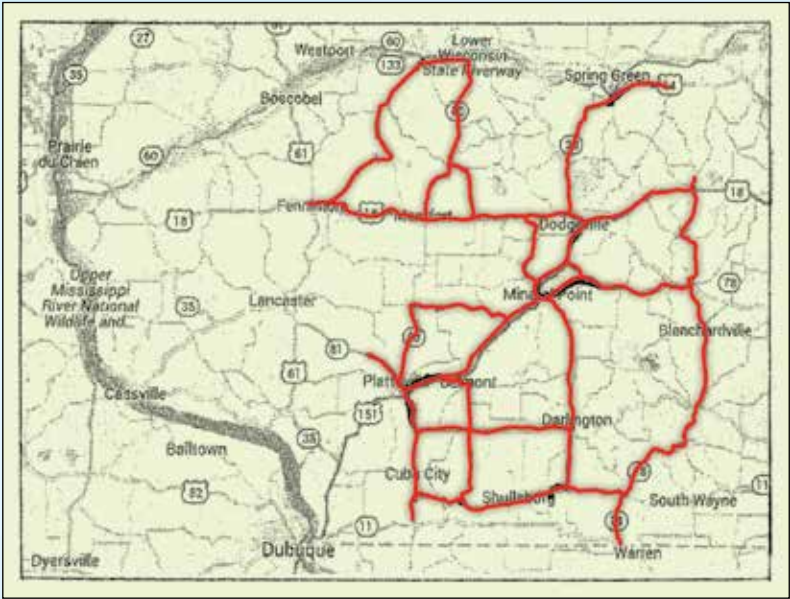
Please patronize these
businesses and thank them
for their partnership in
Community Employment.

Hodan Community Services TRANSPORTATION

Connecting People and Services

Hodan Community Services Transportation Department has had numerous changes in the past few years. There are now nine daily routes that provide transportation Monday through Friday for our client-employees to and from their residences and Hodan Community Services. The buses travel throughout Iowa County, Lafayette County and eastern Grant County. The locations in these counties are Mineral Point, Dodgeville, Ridgeway, Barneveld, Spring Green, Avoca, Argyle, Cobb, Linden, Montfort, Highland, Rewey, Hollandale, Blanchardville, Gratiot, South Wayne, Darlington, Shullsburg, Benton, Hazel Green, Cuba City, Platteville, Belmont, Fennimore, Muscoda and Arena. We also transport client-employees to our Wisconsin Innovation Kitchen in Mineral





Point and our Bargain Nook Stores in Mineral Point and Darlington. The buses leave Hodan Community Services between 5:45 a.m. and 7:15 a.m. and start arriving at our Center about 8:40 a.m. The buses run their afternoon routes home between 3:05 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Our client-employees enjoy going to other activities and events out in the community with the Enrichment Activities and Shades of Silver Senior programs.

Trips include playing bingo, music at the Senior Center in Dodgeville, movies in Plattville, fishing at Yellowstone and Blackhawk Lake, shopping and lunch outings. We also provide medical trips and transport people to and from medical appointments and hospital visits. Transportation includes to local doctors/hospitals and to Madison area doctors/hospitals.

Our vehicle fleet includes one large bus, 6 regular size buses, 1 medium size bus, 2 mini buses and 1 mini-van. All of our vehicles have wheelchair lifts and securements. Diane Kliebenstein is our Director of Transportation, and Bob Pilling is our Assistant Director of Transportation. Diane and Bob both drive routes in addition to their

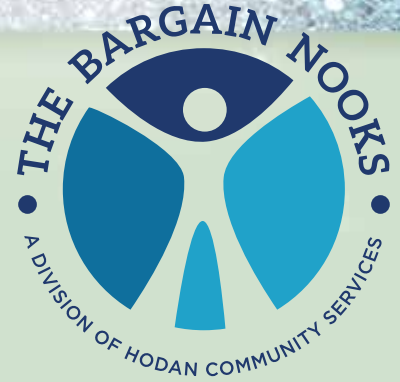
transportation management duties. Other regular drivers are Mark Chambers, Michael Fink, Becky Jones, Craig Nelson, Bill Pilling (assisted by his wife Jean), Tom Pilling, and Don Williams. The substitute bus drivers are Jerry Dolphin, Don Schultz, and Charlie Sigg.

Rich Weaver is the driver of our cargo truck that is also part of our vehicle fleet. The cargo truck transports contract production work for our Center's Production department from Cummins Emissions Solutions, Walnut Hollow, Shorr Packaging, Sielaff Corporation, New Farm, HyPro, and Brunkow Cheese, as well as transporting donated clothing and household items from Lands' End and Swiss Colony to our five Bargain Nook stores. There are also two vans that are used for travel to wholesale and retail shows to sell our Wisconsin Innovation Kitchen's Farmhouse Recipe products. ●



AT THE BARGAIN NOOKS *the More the Merrier!*

At our Bargain Nook stores, we often recommend our customers stop in frequently because many times we sell one-of-a-kind items and they tend to sell quickly! And, sometimes, we get a LOT of some items—and that's when our customers have fun! Friends, family members and even our store personnel enjoy trying on the "wears." From dog coats to backpacks to jackets to dresses to Christmas stockings. There is something for everyone! The bottom line is, whether you are looking for one special item or "a bunch" of special items, the Bargain Nooks are a great place to shop year-round.

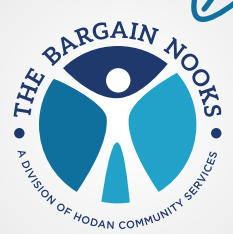


Introducing our NEW Gift Cards

Perfect for the holiday gift-giving season!
(They are rechargeable, too!)

Mineral Point
Darlington
Spring Green
Platteville
Mount Horeb

Quality New
and Used
Apparel
Recycled
Treasures



LOCATIONS IN:

Mineral Point • Darlington
Spring Green • Platteville
Mount Horeb

STORE HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 10 to 5:30
Saturday: 10 to 5
Sunday: Noon to 4

Special Holiday Hours

Closed Thanksgiving Day 11/26
Close at 1 pm Christmas Eve 12/24
Closed Christmas Day 12/25
Close at 1 pm New Year's Eve 12/31
Closed New Year's Day 1/1
Closed for Inventory 1/4



"Hail and Farewell"

August 2015 We bid farewell to Tracy Wiegel, Manager of our Platteville Bargain Nook for over 19 years! We wish her luck in her new ventures.

September, 2015 We are pleased to welcome Andrea McMahon to our team of Bargain Nook Managers!

Yumbutter Successfully Launches From the Wisconsin Innovation Kitchen



The Wisconsin Innovation Kitchen (WINK) has helped successfully launch a number of important new food products since opening in 2010, and many that could be on their way to stardom. This is the story of one of our biggest successes, Yumbutter, and their line of world changing nut butters.

Yumbutter was established in 2010, and was soon after introduced to WINK.

Yumbutter says this about their work with WINK: **“The Wisconsin Innovation Kitchen has provided Yumbutter the opportunity to scale our small food business in a sustainable way. The structure of WINK is very unique in that it bridges the gap between ‘do it yourself’ and large scale manufacturing – which doesn’t really exist in the market place currently.”**

And where is Yumbutter today, from its early days at WINK?

As Yumbutter says,

“Without the partnership of WINK, I can honestly say Yumbutter would not be where it is today.”

The Yumbutter team was the first customer to grow out of the ‘do it yourself’ model and utilize the WINK culinary team to prepare their recipes for them. The rest, as they say, is history.

- Between 2011 and 2013 sold regionally into about **20 retail outlets**.
- Yumbutter is **now in over 800** retail stores nationwide.
- Yumbutter **accepted by Target** for Spring 2016
- Yumbutter **featured in** USA Today, Martha Stewart Living, and The Today Show.
- Yumbutter’s **‘Buy One Feed One’** business model has provided **over 150,000 feedings** to children with malnutrition worldwide.



Do you have a new food product idea you would like to launch and grow? Let the Wisconsin Innovation Kitchen help tell your story.

**For more information about the Wisconsin Innovation Kitchen contact:
Kent at 608-987-3558 or email kgenthe@hodancs.org**



The Hodan Legacy

Hodan Community Services, Inc. Planned Giving

Named in honor of Tom Hodan, *The Hodan Legacy* is a group of devoted friends of Hodan Community Services, Inc. Everyone is welcome to join *The Hodan Legacy*. With planned gifts, those who value our mission can contribute to establishing a strong future-sighted direction for our services.

The Hodan Legacy recognizes friends of Hodan Community Services who have established a life income gift, charitable remainder trust, have included us in their wills, or have named Hodan Community Services in any other type of estate plan, such as a gift of life insurance or real estate. Planned gifts and bequests to Hodan Community Services may provide significant benefits not only to us, but to you and your family as well.

List of members:

Joen Greenwood*
Herb and Irene Harris*
Florence Herman*

Mary and Ted Hodan
Dorothy Meisenheimer
Paul Radtke*

Lyle Rees*
Grace* and Bob Schmid

Tom and Trici Schraeder
Harry and Patricia Ivey*
*deceased

If you have already included Hodan Community Services in your estate plans, if you would like to become a member of *The Hodan Legacy*, or have questions about planned giving, please contact Tom Schraeder, Executive Director at 608.987.3336 or e-mail: tschraeder@hodancs.org.

Ten tips to leaving a legacy

1. Prepare a will.
2. Consider your loved ones first, and then reflect on those not-for-profit organizations that have had a significant impact on your life, such as Hodan Community Services.
3. Specify a dollar amount or percentage of assets in your will to Hodan Community Services, and other not-for-profit organizations dear to you.
4. Consider bequeathing appreciated stocks or other assets for your charitable gift.
5. Name Hodan Community Services as the beneficiary of your IRA or pension plan.
6. Purchase a new life insurance policy naming Hodan Community Services as the beneficiary.
7. Name Hodan Community Services as the beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy.
8. Create a trust, with the guidance of your financial planner, that serves both your estate and Hodan Community Services.
9. Remember loved ones with memorial gifts.
10. Know that every legacy gift to Hodan Community Services, Inc., large and small, is acknowledged and appreciated.