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## News from the Adult Day Program



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Our own Jim Buchwalter is in the news again. As may recall, last year Jim made the game winning shots for our Big Blue basketball team in an exciting overtime win in the state title game.

You also may remember that our organization will have a CARF Accreditation this September. Lori Rogers, Resource Generalist at CARF International Headquarters (Tuscon, Arizona) sent me information about having our individuals submit artwork for a national contest CARF was sponsoring. I made further inquiries with Lori and found out that rugs woven on our looms would indeed be eligible for the competition.

Meanwhile, Jim had been moved to Darla Brenning's team and had learned how to weave rugs on the looms that we use. Jim had woven an entire rug out of "selvedge" which is material cut off the ends of carpet rolls and used in weaving rugs. This particular rug is a dazzling combination of orange and cream colors with a random pattern.

We took some photos of Jim holding the rug he made and submitted them to CARF in April of 2010. On July 13, an email was received from Lori confirming that Jim's rug was accepted out of more than 1.000 entries. Jim will receive a check for \$100 and his rug will be shipped to CARF International headquarters to be placed on display.

This is very exciting news for our adult day program because it showcases the talent of our individuals on the national stage. Please join us in congratulating Jim Buchwalter on his hard work and for helping bring more recognition to the Nick Amster workshop!



## CHANGES TAKING PLACE

As John Tooley always says, there is nothing constant except change. On this note, we would like to welcome some new faces and position changes for others.

David Ashley—Superintendent

Rich Patterson—Interim Workshop Director

Henna McCall—3 Day Per Week Pre-School Instructor—GFLC

Ashley O'Brien—Intervention Specialist—Ida Sue School

Tammy Despoy—Adult Services Activity Aide—Nick Amster Workshop

Linda Schmidt—Registered Nurse—Program

## SUMMER CAMP AT IDA SUE SCHOOL REALLY HEATS UP

The temperatures may be hot, but the campers at Ida Sue School really stay cool. To help maintain a consistency in schedules and activities, many of the students at the school attend the camp during the summer. Staying in the routine of getting ready for 'school' or 'camp' and working alongside one's peers benefits the campers not only during the summer, but in preparation for the beginning of the school year. Some targeted goals can be practiced during this time. Camp runs from June 15 through July 30.

But of course, the main attraction of summer camp is 'chillin' with friends. Campers have many opportunities throughout their weekly routines. Creative crafts take on a variety of shapes from patriotic flags and masks, to marionette-like figures, to paintings completed by hand. Snacks, outside play, movies, going outside, games, outside playground time, chatting with friends, time outside, playing in the gym, oh, and was it mentioned that campers can go outside? All these activities round out the days of the campers, providing them a chance to enjoy the summertime with their friends.

Special events create an atmosphere of excitement for everyone. A holiday picnic to celebrate the fourth of July whetted everyone's taste buds, and a rousing parade got campers in step to the Sousa music. Guest musicians have blessed the ears of all, and native American dancers got several feet tapping. Some will experience the stories and rope tricks of a real cowboy, and outside water play keeps everyone on the cool side.

Another successful, eventful and fun summer camp is under way.



*'Chief James Norris of Troop #68, Elizabeth Winkler, 'Native American dancer' Tracy Plant-Folks of Troop #68, Carla Zollinger, Alex Stinson, 'Native American dancer' Christopher Manges of Troop #68.*

## BUS GARAGE COMPOUND PARKING LOT

The chip and seal project at the bus garage is finished. It provides a better surface for walking and maneuvering the buses. It also allows for defining the space better so we can park buses allowing for maximization of space for the entire fleet. This is a great improvement to the property and will serve us well for a long time.



## RELAY FOR LIFE SILVER TEAM AWARD

At the June 15, 2010, Board meeting, Tonja Myrda and Cindy Mairs presented to Mr. Tooley and the Wayne County Board of Developmental Disabilities the Silver Team award for their fundraising efforts for Relay For Life. Tim's Busing Beauties and Buddies raised in excess of \$3,500 for Wooster's Relay For Life event, held June 4 and 5, 2010 at Wooster High School's Follis Field. Even though the event was dampened by the stormy weather, the spirits of all who attended were not. It was a great time to show support for friends, family and survivors!



## IMPORTANT DATES

**August 2 thru 6—Annual Bus Inspection No Transportation to Workshop**

**August 23—Teacher Report Day**

**August 24—First Day for Ida Sue School Students**

**September 6—Labor Day Program Closed**

**September 13—Fair Day Program Closed**

**October 15—Staff In-Service Day—Program Closed**

**October 26—Workshop In-Service 3:30—6:30**

**October 27—Transportation In-Service**

**November 1—Workshop In-Service 3:30—6:30**

**November 4—School Conferences 3:00—9:00**

**November 11—Veterans Day Program Closed**

**November 12—Ida Sue School and Nick Amster Workshop Closed**

## 11th ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

On July 31, 2010, the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Parent to Parent Benefit Auction will take place at the Sprunger Building located in Kidron, Ohio. The Auction will begin at 9:00 am. This year will once again feature a Quilt Drawing for three, beautiful Amish made quilts. Each quilt offered is handmade in our local Amish community. Tickets for the drawing can still be obtained by making contact at the Service and Support Department at 330-264-4086 or on the day of the Auction. You need not be present to win! All winners will be notified after the Auction.

Items up for auction this year include Amish made furniture, wooden decorative items, gift baskets, gift certificates, quilts, cleaning certificates, wall hangings, tools and much, much more. The abundant foods we all love will also be present with BBQ chicken, noodles, pies, fry pies, breads, cookies, cakes and so much more to enjoy.

All monies raised are used to support the Parent to Parent Organization in its mission to assist families in meeting the needs of their individuals in areas of adaptive equipment, special diets, educational activities/experiences, therapies, home modifications and family respite opportunities.

Please join us for our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction and plan to spend the day !

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## **Superintendent's Corner**

During the last thirty six years of my career, I have met the most remarkable people. I have had the privilege to meet and work with parents who have worked hard to enable the development of programs to meet the needs of their child regardless of the challenges. That is how the Ida Sue School and Nick Amster Workshop began. It is the result of the hard work of parents. I have worked with service clubs such as Rotary who embraced the purpose of the Ida Sue School and Nick Amster Workshop and championed its cause to help provide the means to develop the original school in 1963. I have had the opportunity to work with a dedicated staff, most of whom come to work with the right motive to serve Wayne County individuals with disabilities. I have had the privilege to work with the greatest Board members who meet each month and make decisions that affect and improve the quality of life of each of the individuals served. I have been involved with a great community of individuals who understand the value of what we do at the Ida Sue School and Nick Amster Workshop and support us with their presence at events and with financial support through the tax levy. Most of all I have had the great opportunity ever to know, work with, and interact with Wayne County individuals with disabilities and to learn from them qualities of life that are seldom taught anywhere.

I thank all of you for a remarkable thirty six years and will cherish the memories. I wish you the best for the future.

