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‘Down by the Sea’

Summer camp’s beginning this year seemed to beckon the ripple of water flora and fauna. Many camp groups chose water themes to entice campers to float into the calming waters of summer. Reading ‘The Rainbow Fish’ and playing fishing games, choosing to go swimming at Freedlander pool or the Y, making octopus cupcakes and crafts, blowing bubbles, singing the ‘Slippery Fish’ song, listening to ‘Ten Little Fish’ story, and other intriguing activities flooded the hours of the campers.

One group decided to periodically use the school’s popcorn, cotton candy and snow cone machines to provide fun treats for all the campers. After the snow cones were shared with everyone, several campers sported eerie blue tongues the rest of the day ... ‘cool!’

Although summer camp does not focus on the typical academics, some groups have continued the work from the school year. Many schedules were followed and



Robert West works with the Tap-It© system

skills were practiced. One camp group received a ‘Tap-It’ system, a portable, sophisticated Smart-Board device. It seemed to be a hit, and will be well used by the campers.

Like a magnet, the out of doors drew campers to have fun in the sun. Not only did they play on the slides, swings and basketball courts, but they frequented the pavilions and hiked the walking path.

Summer camp ran through July 14, and included a holiday picnic, rocket launching, kite flying, and students even cut a few dance steps. All in all, campers had great fun!



Luke Pember uses the circular swing.

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ALBERT KOBILARCIC OPEN HOUSE

Ida Sue School and Nick Amster Workshop are hosting a Community Open House in appreciation of all the goodwill and cheer that Albert "Koby" Kobilarcik has given to the Wooster area community for over 60 years. Koby has successfully fulfilled the image of Wooster's Santa Claus by bringing the Spirit of Christmas to the children and adults of the Wooster area. Financed out of his own pocket, Koby and his wife, Mary Ann, and Koby's children have conveyed the meaning of Christmas from their home on Milltown Road. 2011 marks the 20th year that the Kobilarcik Family has entertained Christmas and Santa believers with their famous Christmas scenes from the "good old days" of department stores displays. In fact, the Kobilarcik annual visitor registers indicate that more than 150,000 (yes, that's over 150,000) guests have made the trek to Milltown Road to see Santa and his beloved displays. Ida Sue School and Nick Amster Workshop have treasured and immensely enjoyed their annual invitation from Santa. In addition, Koby has entertained the patients of the Wooster Community Hospital on Christmas Day for the past 38 years and everyone receives a gift from Santa !! Several weeks ago, Koby was notified that he has inoperable cancer of the lungs and abdominal area. However, Koby is not slowing down and in April celebrated his 86th birthday !!

It is very difficult and actually down right impossible to find someone in the Wooster community that has not been touched by the generous hand of Koby and his Santa cheer. We are hoping you will honor Koby by attending his Open House on Thursday, August 18, 2011, from 7 to 10 pm. A program honoring Koby will start at 8 pm. We are also hoping that you will feel inclined to honor Koby by donating to the Koby Fund which is actually an educational fund for elementary school children in the City of Wooster.

Thank you for your consideration and yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus and he lives in Wooster, Ohio !!

Don Bogner, President, Wayne County Board of DD

NICK AMSTER WORKSHOP OPEN HOUSE

The Nick Amster Workshop will hold an Open House on Thursday, August 25, 2011 from 6 to 8 pm in the Ida Sue School/Nick Amster Workshop gymnasium. The Open House is open to the Wayne County Community, parents, caregivers and adults served by the workshop. This event gives everyone a chance to meet and greet the NAW staff and learn about what activities are featured at the workshop. There will be a video and photos showcasing workshop production and habilitation activities. There will also be rugs produced on looms at Oldman Road and production work samples from WIC to illustrate the vocational skills of the individuals served by the Nick Amster Workshop. Please feel free to stop by for a visit!

PARENT TO PARENT AUCTION

A big THANK YOU to everyone who came out to help support the 12th Annual Parent to Parent Auction. We raised \$43,000 to help the 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. Your time, efforts and donations were so greatly appreciated in making this event each year a success.

SSA DEPARTMENT PROFILE—SARAH CARTER

Sarah has been a Service Coordinator through the WCBDD since August 2010. Previously, she was the Quality Assurance Specialist for the WCBDD for 3 years. She holds Bachelor's Degrees in Counseling and Criminal Justice from Grace College in Indiana.

Sarah and her husband, Matt, have a 3 month old baby girl named Evangeline. Matt and Sarah relocated to Ohio from Indiana 4 years ago for Matt's job. Matt is the Contemporary Worship Director at Wooster Grace Brethren Church.

Favorite leisure activities for Sarah include: traveling, hiking, running, volunteering at church, and spending time with family/friends.



FLOWERS, FLOWERS EVERYWHERE

Next time you're out and about, take a look around and check out all the beautiful flowers and foliage that are in front of the Oldman Road facility. A special thank you to everyone who has spent time out in the heat and humidity to keep things looking so nice. Those of us who come in every day truly enjoy the results of your hard work!

RELAY FOR LIFE

On Friday, June 4th, Bussing Beauties, Team #43, gathered with 57 other Wooster teams at Follis Field to celebrate life. We had a Luau theme and team members were greeted with a Tiki bubble maker, beach scene and palm trees. We also received back-scratchers, Tiki necklaces and palm tree pens as our thank you for great team work this year. We gathered on each side of the track and cheered the survivors as they passed by, then we took our turns around the track. Only three team members stayed during the night but we had a wonderful time. One of our team captains bravely sang, "You've got a Friend" during karaoke. It was a beautiful night—the wind was gentle, the temperature was perfect and there was NO RAIN! We finished with \$2,508 in donations and registrations, which earned our team the Bronze award. We had great help setting up and tearing down. Thank you Sheryl, Jim, Linda, Trish, Laurie, Beth, Al, Steve, Ruth Ann, Greg and Debbie for helping us set up. Thanks to Pat, Laurie, Debbie, Linda and Trish for coming back the next morning and helping us tear down and clean up.

A huge thank you to Greg Lance for staying all night and being a huge help in whatever needed to be done. We are a success because we have caring and hardworking team members. Laurie Harsh took lots of pictures so we will have pictures to share this year.

It was brought up at our campfire that if we want other departments to join our team, perhaps we should change our name. We are putting this to a vote. Would you join the team if it was different? Also, we will have a vote for a team name; however, you must be a team member to vote.

Thank you to everyone for helping our team reach their goal!

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Superintendent's Corner

We are very fortunate in Wayne County to have such comprehensive services for citizens with disabilities. We have an outstanding and dedicated staff that works to provide exceptional services to each person. We have a **Service Coordination Department** that is always working to secure the services that are most appropriate to the individual. Our **Transportation Department** covers approximately 3,000 miles a day and does it in a safe manner. Our **Early Intervention Program** addresses the early development needs of our children between the ages of birth thru 2 years. Our **Pre School and School Age Program** addresses the Individual Education Plan needs in a very comprehensive and creative manner as they address the unique needs of each individual. The **Nick Amster Workshop** is always looking for new projects, activities, and tasks for the individuals to develop to their full potential and most importantly we have a **Board** dedicated to providing these services within the financial means we have available.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, August 5, 2011—Program Closed
Monday, August 22, 2011—Teacher Report Day at Ida Sue School
Tuesday, August 23, 2011—First Day for Ida Sue School Students

