

# WHAT'S NEW AT WESCO

**Mission –  
 Empowering and  
 Supporting  
 People in Healthy  
 Communities.**

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Pictured to the left, President Marty Danzer presenting a plaque to long term WESCO Board Member Berneil Preul. Berneil served over 30 years as a dedicated member of the board. Thank you for your years of service.

***Vision – Community will be Inclusive and Accessible to all People. We Exist to Build Gateways and Foundations Regardless of Ability.***

## THINKING AHEAD

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- September 9-15 is Direct Support Professional Recognition Week! This is a week to say 'Thank You' to the heart of our field, Direct Support Professionals! September 13th, from 1-3 PM, all Wesco DSP's will be honored with a token of appreciation! Don't miss out!
- Pizza Ranch Fundraiser will be held September 5th
- Annual Disability Awareness walk starts at 10 AM on Saturday, September 22nd



# FUN DAY'S COMING

BY LINDSEY POPE

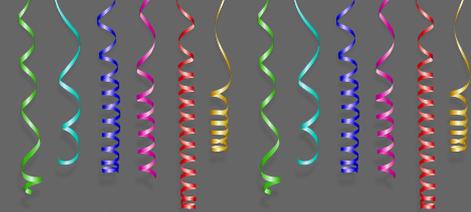
To lift spirits at site 8 on the 4th of July we lit sparklers, fountains and several other little things! The girls were smiling and laughing. It was just what we need to bring some positivity into the home.

In May we started positivity jars- when something positive happens or is said we write it down. When there's a bad day a-foot, we can review all the good things that happened and the mood begins to change for the better!

Once a month we have water fights to bring in some laughter and making memories.

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**IT'S ALWAYS A GREAT DAY TO PLAY!**



## Birthdays

- Sara Woerdehoff July 3rd
- Megan Reetz July 10th
- Susan Wiley July 14th
- Kerri Miller July 16th
- Grant Fineran July 18th
- Jessica Norgart July 25th
- Ron Carey August 4th
- Tisha Carey August 4th
- Matthew Oney August 11th
- Angelica Zamago August 15th
- Tracie Fineran August 16th
- Joan Sessions August 17th
- Taylor Cary August 22nd
- Stephanie Boeck August 22nd
- Shannon Koenck August 30th
- Jessica Martinez August 31st

# COUNTING DOWN THE DAYS

BY STARLA WEBB

A retirement party was held for AlDean Keairnes. AlDean has been employed with WESCO Industries since September 1986 just recently retiring July 2018.

AlDean's last position at WESCO was a supervisor for the Day Hab department. The individuals were her life. We thank AlDean for all her loyal years of service. Best of luck on your retirement AlDean!



## Anniversaries

- Barbie Carstensen 1 year
- Grant Fineran 1 year
- Stephanie Malone 1 year
- Vicki Schraeder 1 year
- Rebecca Rogers 2 years
- Angelica Zamago 3 years
- Rachel Shearer 4 years
- Connie Wight 6 years
- Susan Wiley 6 years
- Kent Oviatt 7 years
- David Walley 7 years
- April Meseck 9 years
- Tracie Fineran 18 years



We bet you didn't know...Rachel's first live concert ever was N'Sync! If she were ever to say "Bye Bye Bye", to the real world, you would find her in Bora Bora humming something by her go-to Karaoke band, TLC.

We are sure she would miss her 2 cats (Sophie and Zoey), as well as her dog, Rosco and wouldn't be gone too long. Meanwhile, back in the real world, you can find her eating Mexican food with family and friends while listening to ANYTHING but Jazz!



Way to go Rachel Shearer!

# SITE 6 TAKES A TRIP

BY KERRI MILLER

On July 4th, Dan, Nick and I took a drive to a Farnhamville, IA to visit Dan's parents graves. We left flowers and a heart shaped stone with the word, "Mom", on it. It was a beautiful day and we had lots of fun even though the reason for the trip was somewhat somber. Dan showed us lots of his relatives that are buried at the same cemetery and then showed us where he used to live .

We ate at a drive in during our road trip in Lake City and enjoyed meeting a family with 5 little children whom the guys were taken with! They spent time visiting with them while we waited for our food.



# RAGBRAI

BY SARA WOERDEHOFF



Pictured Above: Bill and Darlene Fredricksen (Manager)

50 years ago, Wesco's Bill South was the very first customer to enter Caseys General Store in Denison. Since then, Bill doesn't miss his daily visit to the store to chat with the employees and other customers. During one conversation with an employee, Bill mentioned that his one dream in life was to ride in Ragbrai. Caseys took Bill's dream to heart and approached Wesco in hopes to sponsor Bill during Ragbrai this year! Bill rode his bike with fellow cyclists around town Sunday while handing out koozies and lanyards along the way. We are thrilled that Bill got to live out a dream of his! We are proud of you, Bill!

# P.E.A.R.L

*Congratulations Kevin Walker!*



- P** —be positive with interactions
- E** —interact early by providing help or problem solving
- A** —use all components of PEARL with all people
- R** —reinforce positive behaviors
- L** —look for opportunities to teach and encourage increased independence in the social community

Positive- Kevin is always taking a bleak situations and making it a Positive one  
 Early- Kevin was Early to arrive for his shift that helped them to open the store sooner  
 All- Kevin informed All that needed to know about an issue  
 Reinforce- Kevin Reinforces the idea of teamwork  
 Look- Kevin Looks for ways to make improvements to his job to help the business

# HOT AIR DO-NUT CARE

BY SARA WOERDEHOFF

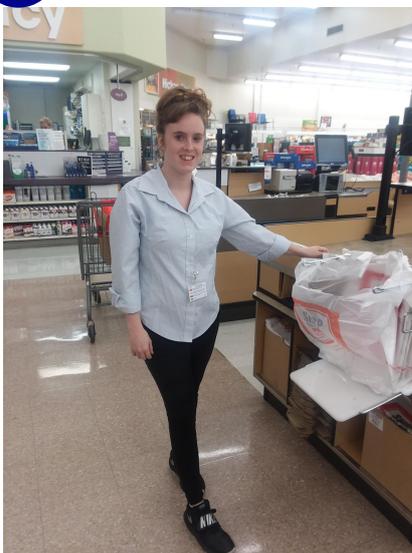


It may be scorching outside, but the people of Camelot do-nut have any worries! It was a cool 90 degrees outside but there was excitement cooking in the kitchen. Everyone had fun making and decorating donuts. When it's too hot to be outside-have fun inside...makes sense do-nut?



# SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT

BY JANICE WILKIN/SARA WOERDEHOFF



**Pictured to the right:** Abby has been creating pizza pies at Caseys General Store for over a year now. Her favorite pizza to make is either Veggie or Supreme pizza, but loves to eat their Taco pizza. Abby enjoys the people she works with as well as the customers she helps. She is very thankful for Wesco's assistance in finding her the job stating the process was very easy! Keep up the good work, Abby!



**To the left:** Greeting customers and bagging their groceries at HyVee in Denison has been Faith's job for the past three years; she loves every part of it! As you could imagine, holidays are stressful days for Faith, but you will never see her without a smile on her face. She reports that it only took her a couple of weeks to get a job with the assistance of her job coach. Having her coach there during Faith's interview helped her make it through the nerve racking event. Next time you visit HyVee, make sure to say, "Hi," to our friendly Faith!

Supported Employment has been busy the last few months training people to get out into the community to work. We have been very fortunate to work with some really great businesses in Denison and surrounding towns. The businesses have really participated in our community integration movement. We have many dedicated people that want to get out and work alongside their peers and develop friendships just like you or I. July is always a busy month for us, not only do we assist in cleaning out at the fairgrounds each year we also assisted with Ragbri when it came through town. We look to continue to build relationships in our community.

# HATS OFF TO YOU!

BY STARLA WEBB



Harold and Margaret Greenwald of Ida Grove once again donated 50 knitted hats for WESCO individuals. This is the fourth year these great people have graciously donated!

*Thank you*

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

BY STARLA WEBB

Lisa came to WESCO's Supported Employment program through WESCO's Transitional Living program. When Lisa started in supported employment she joined our day cleaning crew. Lisa was the individual that we had clean the secretary and Pastor's office at the Kiron Baptist Church. Lisa got a lot of praise from both the secretary and Pastor and was even mentioned one Sunday morning in church about how they were blessed to have her cleaning their offices as she paid a lot of attention to detail and was very courteous and respectful.

Lisa then applied at and received a community job at Casey's. Lisa was hired as a cashier. In speaking with Lisa's manager, Lisa is very polite and has caught on very quickly at the tasks given to her. Lisa really enjoys her job and even when it is super busy and she has a lineup of customers Lisa takes them one at a time and stays positive and gets through it without getting frustrated.

Lisa has come a long way not only in Supported Employment but in her life as a whole. Lisa said since she has moved into housing and is becoming more independent has made her self-esteem really rise. Lisa said "I really appreciate everything that WESCO has done for me in making the transition to where I am now. I feel that I am able to express my feelings better and I feel that I can talk to most of the staff about anything if I am having concerns."

Lisa has come a very long way and we are very excited to have her on our team.



## WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU

We are looking for caring people with an outgoing personality to provide services to individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Responsibilities include assisting individuals in their day to day life skills; cooking, laundry, cleaning, grocery shopping, movies, bowling, swimming ....

If you are looking for a fun, rewarding job, stop in and see us. We have a variety of positions available; full-time, regular part-time, and part-time.



## The **BAKE SHOP** and *Hollywood Café*

The place to go in Uptown Denison for coffee, baked goods and red carpet-worthy lunches!

Monday-Friday 8 AM- 2 PM  
**CLOSED** Saturday and Sunday

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

WESCO Industries provides vocational, residential, and day services to adults and respite services to children who have a diagnosed disability. This disability must hinder them from living and working independently.

People or referring agencies should contact WESCO Industries Deidra Brown, Assistant Director, at 712-263-6141 if they or someone they represent are interested in becoming an individual served by WESCO. WESCO's programs will be explained to all who inquire and a tour of the facilities will be arranged.

### Board of Directors



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**Redemption Center Hours**  
**Sunday & Monday- Closed**  
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**Saturday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm**



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