

WHAT'S NEW AT WESCO



THANK YOU



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Respite Receives Visit From Local Fire and Police Departments

BY SARA WOERDEHOFF

Respite Team Lead, Shannon Lunn, approached me one morning regarding an article she read about a child with autism running away from firefighters while his house was on fire. Articles such as these, combined with the fact that our Respite kiddos may do the same if in a similar situation, is the reason lead us to reach out to our local fire and police departments. We wanted our Respite kiddos to have the chance to familiarize themselves with not only firefighters(dressed in gear), but law enforcement officials as well. Educating and teaching these kiddos will hopefully make them feel more comfortable when/if they are in a situation where police and/or the city officials may be involved. We would like to thank both departments for taking the time to come visit us!



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Tayler Cary

During an emergency situation, Tayler heard the scanner go off and recognized the address to be a part of the WESCO Organization. He quickly acted and called the staff on Duty to ask if any assistance would be needed. After talking with the staff he chose to come help with the situation and took extra strides to ensure the safety of the individual and staff during his time in the home. He then drove with the ambulance to the hospital and stayed there until Manager who had the pager phone could arrive. He stayed there and answered all the medical staff's questions to ensure the proper care was received. Great job Tayler!!!!



Jerry Moore

Jerry has always had a kind heart. Jerry noticed his peers' shoes were untied and he took the steps of being EARLY in tying their shoes so that they didn't trip and fall and get hurt. Jerry continues to offer assistance to his peers when he can and it is a true statement of how big Jerry's heart really is. Keep up the good work Jerry!



Sobriety Success At Stepping Stones

BY SARA WOERDEHOFF



Tony successfully completed his substance abuse treatment at Manning recovery center! He received his three month key chain recently. Tony's future plans include getting a job in the community, (he's hoping Hy-Vee), move out on his own and purchase a vehicle. In the meantime, he is satisfied going to the movies, watching races on TV and listening to Trap music (the bass is his relaxation noise). He describes himself as funny and corky. We can attest to that!
"I want to thank Wesco for giving me a second chance; especially Clay Adams, Deidra Brown and Heather Stapleton." Tony's advice: "Take it one day at a time and if you happen to relapse, just keep trying. Don't give up." What has helped Tony this time around is learning those certain events that will lead to relapse for him.

We are very proud of your accomplishments, Tony, and look forward to a great future for you! If you see Tony praise him for completing his program!

"I feel very blessed..."

AMANDA PALMER



Self-proclaimed Sci-Fi nerd and avid watcher of Keeping up with the Kardashians, Amanda Palmer, has been working very hard towards sobriety; she just received her two year key tag! Her advice: "Take the day one minute at a time." Amanda is currently working to find employment in the community with the help of Stepping Stones. "I just want to say thank you to WESCO (Stepping Stones Transitional Living), my mom, dad and kids for having my back and always being there for me when I need it."
Amanda loves spending time with her family and granddaughter, Nova. "I feel very blessed and I feel very humble because I have tried many times to get clean time under my belt but I've always messed it up somehow. This time I feel like I'm making it." Congratulations, Amanda. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments!

"...don't give up."

TONY WILLPRECHT



Adult Day Services Has A "SWEET" Day

BY BRENDA SCHURKE

Adult Day Services received a specially prepared Sweetheart Brunch from WESCO on Valentine's Day! Members got the chance to vote their peers as Mr. Cupid and Ms. Sweetheart as well! Winners were Brice O'Connell and Robin Bell. Members agreed that those two were the most loving throughout this past year! Activities included: Valentine's Day Mailbox decorating, prizes, and a Valentine Card Exchange. Each member also received a balloon and two roses for this special day!



MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

Movie Review: Escaped Mental Patient Wreaks Havoc-Do Not Approach

BY DANNY FULLER



Halloween number four. I give this five stars. In number 1 he is in the hospital and stabs his sister. Number 4 he is alive even though he was shot 60 times. They found him in an insane asylum. The first one is number 4 that is the clown outfit.

He stabs his sister. Her name is Jamie, played by Jamie Lee Curtis. Number one started in the hospital he tried to kill his sister, Jamie after he escaped. He put her in the ambulance. He got her to the hospital. He goes to hell in number 4 at the end. The cops shot him so he went to hell. I was scared the whole time. It was funny because he was in a clown costume. I like that clown outfit. He kills Jamie's daughter. He tries to kill Jamie. Jamie was shaking because he was screaming about killing his step mom. I like all these movies but kids shouldn't watch them. I have all of the movies. I have five of them-I haven't seen number six and number 7 yet. The doctor was shot by a guy in a coat in number one. Number 7 I don't have that one. He comes in the theatre in the one I haven't seen yet. If you want to see these movies, Best Buy in Sioux City that has them all. I need to see number 8 yet, I haven't seen that one. He's in jail now.

COMIC CORNER



DRAWN BY NICK JOHNSON



Poetry By Nancy

My friend
Sweet day
I love you in my heart
My soul
I am here right now
No one trusts me to be here
Run away
I am ice

Nancy Hall



DIY-How to Make A Paper Airplane

BY CRYSTAL WIEBELHAUS



Welcome to my DIY (Do It Yourself) portion of our Newsletter. Let me tell you a little about myself before I tell you how to make a paper airplane. I like to draw; Art was my favorite subject in school.

If I'm not drawing, I'm usually spending time with family, camping, or watching "Charmed". I currently clean at WESCO Industries' Administration Building. Alright, let's get on with it. Today I'm going to teach you how to make a paper airplane. It's easy. Next newsletter, I will teach you how to make something else! I hope you enjoy making paper airplanes.



1. Fold the paper in half.



2. Unfold and then fold the corners into the center line.



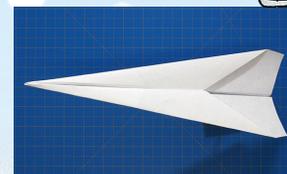
3. Fold the top edges to the center.



4. Fold the plane in half.



5. Fold the wings down to meet the bottom edge of the planes body.



6. Now you are ready to test it out



Happy Birthday

Teresa Barnes January 1st
 Colleen Wessel January 5th
 Megan Ross January 7th
 Emily Beardmore January 8th
 Crystal Wiebelhaus January 9th
 Rachel Shearer January 11th
 Donna Devold January 16th
 Kevin Cary January 17th
 Sarah Gruhn January 18th
 LeeAnn Kleinberg January 20th
 Dawn Jessen January 20th
 Kathleen Schwarte January 20th
 William Steffen (Billy) January 21st
 Kevin Walker January 21st
 Cindy Huisinga January 25th
 Troy Cantrell January 26th
 Michael Scherff January 29th
 Meriah Blakley February 1st
 Owen Meyer February 2nd
 Bryan Rosburg February 3rd
 Alexis Bergamo February 4th
 Jayde Henschen February 5th
 James McCauley Jr. February 5th
 Michelle Raisch February 5th
 Amanda Palmer February 7th
 Cathy Gibbons February 8th
 Rhonda Elmquist February 9th
 Donna Schurke February 9th
 Brittany Webb February 11th
 Vicki Schraeder February 12th
 Philip Willson February 12th
 Brian Olerich February 13th
 Faith Blair February 15th
 Charles Flint (Chip) February 15th
 Joshua Jovel February 16th
 Breanna Haefs February 18th
 Gina Hansen February 19th
 Heather Stephen February 21st
 Derrick Le February 22nd
 Janice Wilken February 24th
 Lana Wanninger February 25th
 Abigail Friedrichsen February 27th
 Caitlyn Lavender February 27th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Stephanie Griffin 1 year
 Tayler Cary 1 year
 Nicole Dahleen 1 year
 Lori Phillips 1 year
 Krystal Wiebelhaus 1 year
 Danielle Kluzek 2 years
 Jessica Martinez-Moran 2 years
 Hope Johnson 3 years
 Ashley McCullough 3 years
 Ryan Blum 4 years
 Rebecca Green 4 years
 Stacy Meggers 4 years
 Tracy Simonsen 4 years
 Anotonia Gomez 5 years
 Shannon Koenck 7 years
 Steven Davenport 8 years
 Dawn Jessen 8 years
 Mindy Reetz 8 years
 Ricki Schramm 8 years
 Kathy Vore 8 years
 Brittany Webb 8 years
 Sheila Barnhart 10 years
 Lucy Ocampo/Flores 10 years
 Traci Houston 12 years
 Mary Swanson 13 years
 Sherri McDonald 15 years
 Karen Peterson 17 years
 LeeAnn Kleinberg 19 years
 Ronald Oden 21 years
 Leslie Reis 21 years
 Donna Schurke 24 years
 Linda Burgess 32 years
 Colleen Wessel 32 years
 Robert Heffernan 34 years
 Gordon Berger 40 years
 Teresa Reischl 43 years
 David Lohmeier 50 years

February Pearl Winners



Stephanie Griffin

Steph was nominated twice in February. Steph volunteered to brave the weather and make sure all the individuals that were working had a lunch and didn't have to go out in the Arctic Blast weather we were having. Steph was early in checking with all the individuals as to what their plans were for lunch that day and then offered to go out and get their lunches. Steph was also nominated because she was early to recognize an individual was struggling at work and not doing a great job cleaning. Steph thought outside the box and made this individual a whole new checklist and used pictures instead of just words. Steph let all know how this improved the individuals ability to complete tasks so that residential can introduce this concept as well. Great job Steph!



Scott Burroughs

Scott came and assisted with getting rid of all the snow in the driveway of Site 8 with his own personal snow blower. He worked on the driveway and sidewalks for over an hour and a half due to all the big drifts. He was early in recognizing it was a safety issue for the ladies that lived there.

Scott remained positive and completed the job without complaining.

Scott was also nominated for staying positive while moving Site 4 to their new home. Scott was early with his peers identifying when everyone should take a break to warm up and made sure everyone was safe while moving the home. Scott made sure all items of the home were secured even when he was cold. Scott reinforced all items of the home were set up in the correct location inside the home. Scott does so many behind the scene things at WESCO and is always positive and never complains. Great job Scott!



Good Work for Great Souls

BY SARA WOERDEHOFF

Supported Employment is excited to announce their partnership with Iowa Vocation Rehabilitation Services is strengthening regarding new training opportunities with Job Discovery Processes. Job Discovery is a person-centered approach that leads to generating information to design a pathway to a career that focuses on the individual's interest, talents, and contributions (not limitations). Discovery services are appropriate for job candidates who haven't worked, worked primarily in segregated settings, or had little vocational success. The results from Discovery are used to identify a job candidate's skills, interests, abilities, conditions, contributions, and support needed for employment - all of which lead to a more compatible job match.

So far, the results from said training state-wide are promising. Individual participants whom had significant barriers to employment and had not been previously successfully employed in the community are starting to gain employment. Consumers, families and staff felt satisfied due to improved engagement and participation. Clients are truly known by staff and have no doubt that this will lead to a better, long term employment for the individual. Job seekers, families, staff, and referral sources have positively responded to Customized employment as a result. Job seekers who had previously worked in sheltered employment have appreciated and enjoyed the opportunity to explore integrated, community employment. Staff have a new found spark and enthusiasm as they respond to the engaged job seekers.

Supported Employment is also excited to announce a new business partnership in town: Imagination Station! Many WESCO members have previously not had the opportunity to work for Imagination Station in order to develop their skills and interests in child care. Members are thrilled to be part of the team. Thank you, Imagination Station!

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DENISON, IOWA

Attention: Redemption Center Closure

Due to an impasse with legislature's can reimbursement rate, WESCO Industries can no longer sustain Denison's Redemption Center. We apologize for this inconvenience. The Redemption Center in Carroll is still accepting cans at this time.

LAST DATE ACCEPTING CANS: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019





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UPCOMING EVENTS

A SPRING
VENDOR FAIR

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
MARCH 13, 2019
FAIR: APRIL 6, 2019



Tables Still Available

WESCO INDUSTRIES
415 S ITH STREET
DENISON

\$30 REGISTRATION
SET UP AT 9
10AM-3PM

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JULY 11, 2019
SESSION 1
9AM-12PM
SESSION 2
1PM-4PM

SPEAKERS:
FELICIA BATES - ISTART DIRECTOR
BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT
SARAH ENNIS - SPARK POINT
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