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Happy Easter

Another month has escaped us somehow and it's already Easter! And, baseball season officially opens tomorrow, now that's good news... Our residents are busily celebrating the holiday and anticipating the fun activities that are to come with warmer weather. This past month we've seen the arrival of some new residents, and a couple current residents have made changes in their location within MYS facilities. It's been an exciting month!



Welcome to Reynolds Place

Welcome and thank you for joining us at Newline 5.27 broadcasting from **Reynolds Place**. We have lots of news to cover this evening but first, let's meet the members of our crew.

At sports, we have **Curtus**. Curtus joined Marathon Youth Services on March 18th of this year. Some of Curtus' interests include basketball, video games, swimming and outdoor activities. Curtus still has some ongoing training at Wausau East High School from Monday through Friday and is eager to complete his training by this summer. During Curtus' free time, Curtus loves to challenge Staff and his housemate/ team members with his basketball skills. Just recently at Woodson YMCA, Curtus matched his skills with our computer/game expert **Nick** from the IT department. It was an even match and we are looking forward for the next round.



Speaking of skills; **Nick**, the level five expert on video games and game systems, Nick came to us from the prestigious school D. C. Everest where Nick only has a little over two months before earning his diploma. Some of his hobbies include watching DC Comic superhero movies with his housemates, playing the latest and newest video games, and is a potential number one draft in the 2013 NBA draft. Nick had recently shown basketball skills at Woodson YMCA with his housemate/ team member **Curtus**. Besides Nick's amazing trick shots, Nick has recently returned from a vacation at his family's private resort on "Kellyland" not to mention attending the St. Patrick's Day parade. Nick had also attended a birthday party hosted by our **sister station Prospect Place**. One of the surprising things that you might not know about Nick is that he is also an excellent bowler.

We'll be right back after these messages. We want to extend our congratulation to John for accepting the house manager position at Reynolds Place. Also congrats and welcome Stacy for accepting the house manager position at Hamilton House. Come one, come all, and win an all included six days and five nights all paid vacation to Hawaii on April 1st. Entry must be made after 11:59 PM on March 31st. We reserved the rights to laugh with all of the non-winners and laugh at the winner.

Welcome back to Newline 5.27, let's now meet our **senior editor Todd**. Todd came to Marathon Youth Services with lots of experience. Did you know that Todd is a perfectionist? You can never find anything out of place in his office/room. Although with all seriousness aside, Todd is a hard working individual whom normally gets up before the crack of dawn to get ready for work. Besides being the senior editor, Todd also spends his time at NCHC Day Care Services. Todd could tell you stories about his time at the Day Care Services but Todd's favorite story would be the time when he went on a trip with our corresponding reporter Lorraine to "New Dublin" to do a report on the St. Patrick's Day parade. Todd doesn't want to brag but for what we could see is that Todd could out match us in bowling. Getting three strikes in a roll is a walk in the park for Todd when had our bowling challenge on March 10th.

And last but not least, we get to meet our junior **editor Zach**. **Zach** is a very energetic young man. Zach's hobbies include playing video games, going to the YMCA for basketball, swimming, and going bowling with his teammate. Zach has been known to swim 40m in under one minute and not to mention Zach's diving board skills. Besides getting his feet wet, Zach is also an excellent bowler. On March 10th, Zach along with this reporter (Chou) and his teammates

participated in a bowling challenge at Dale Weston Lane. Our scores could put other pros to shame. We are looking forward to more outdoor activities now that had scarified one hour of our sleep for more daylight.

Marathon Youth Services would like to express the following disclaimer:

MYS is responsible for all of the fun that our team has had and will be having in the coming days.

This article was submitted by Chou.



On March 16th, staff Sarah accompanied **Crystal, Virginia (extended care), Tammy (extended care),** and another SSS client to the “**New Dublin St. Patrick’s Day Parade**” in **New London, Wisconsin**. They enjoyed a leisurely lunch at McDonald’s in Clintonville and had some Shamrock Shakes. The high temperature in New London was a nippy 29 degrees, but that did not keep them from enjoying the festivities. The parade featured a campground float, a graveyard “Ghost Hunters” float, several marching bands, and bagpipers. There were also a lot of decorated tractors and armored personnel carriers. They especially enjoyed the Shriners “Krazy Kops” paddy wagon float. Everyone received a lot of candy and goodies. Tammy even brought baggies to collect her stash of candy. The residents can’t wait until next year! Hopefully, it will be warmer!!

Notes from the sister station: Seventh Street Suites



During the month of March, **Mike P** celebrated his birthday with **Crystal, Mike S, Shawn, Virginia (extended care), Staff Sarah, and Staff Brandi. Mike P.** had tacos made for everyone to enjoy and a sweet treat of ice cream cake! Mike was serenaded by everyone with “Happy Birthday.” Mike celebrated his birthday weekend with his parents as well. Mike, you lucky guy, had a whole weekend of birthday fun! Happy Birthday Mike!

This month’s cinema participants viewed the **3D movies** Jack the Giant Slayer and OZ the Great and Powerful. The movie Jack the Giant Slayer was a take on the classic Jack and the Bean Stalk. Oz the Great and Powerful was a prequel of the Wizard of Oz. During this movie we learned how Oscar, a traveling circus magician, arrived in Oz and banished the wicked witches from the Emerald City. Everyone enjoyed the special effects and adventurous plot line while they watched in style with their 3D shades.

On March 24, there was a celebration for **Ashley’s** birthday (extended care). **Kevin V, Crystal, Shawn, Terra, Mike P, and Mike S** went to **Ashley’s** apartment to celebrate with her. **Staff Jennifer** also attended and brought a birthday cake over. They played games like pin the tail on the donkey, which **Staff Jennifer** had crafted for the party. They also had sack races, three legged races, and they had used cotton balls, instead of eggs, and placed them on spoons and raced.

Crystal and **Tammy** prepared Easter cookies with **Staff Sarah**. They decorated the cookies and passed them out to SSS clients and MYS houses. **Tammy** did a variety of other festive tasks including making Valentine's Day cards, St. Patrick's Day cards, and St. Patrick's Day decorations with **Staff Lorraine**.

And now for announcements from Prospect Place

Justin and Lee are geared up for another season with their soccer team! Since the guys began in February, they have attended weekly soccer practices. **Justin and Lee** practice hard and do their best. Most of all they enjoy the sport which offers them great exercise and improves their soccer skills, but they can't say no to a good time as well. Everyone is looking forward to a great soccer season for **Justin and Lee**. There are no tournaments scheduled yet, however the guys hope to make it to state.

March was an exciting month, especially **Justin** as he celebrated his 25th birthday. To celebrate, **Lee** decorated by hanging up red and blue streamers around the house. **Justin** celebrated his day with other MYS residents **Jeff, Mike P, Shawn, Nick, Todd, Zach, Robert, Lee, Scott and Staff Brandi and Staff Tasha**. **Justin** and his guests played Wii games, and variety of different board games. There was a lot of nice conversation that quickly lead laughter. **Justin** enjoyed his Boston Crème Pie and enjoyed everyone singing him Happy Birthday.

Prospect Place turned a little green for St. Patty's Day as the guys here decorated the house with fun window decals of shamrocks and lights. Prospect Place started off St. Patrick's Day first as **Staff Chou** took **Justin, Scott, and Robert** to the Mazda Dealership where the guys checked out the 2014 models. Afterwards Staff Chou treated the guys to a Shamrock shake from McDonald's. Later that night the guys had a traditional St. Patty's Day meal consisting of corned beef and cabbage with red potatoes and carrots. After supper, **Staff Karen** helped **Robert, Justin, Lee and Scott** make GREEN oatmeal raisin cookies to end the fun filled day.

To prepare for the guys, the guys got into decoration mode again. This time they hung up lights and a "Happy Easter" sign in the house. **Staff Jeff** assisted **Lee, Scott, Justin and Robert** with decorating eggs for the holiday. The guys can't wait to spend the Holiday with their families.



Hamilton House Update

Over at Hamilton House, there have been a few moves. **Terrance** has moved from Hamilton House over to a newly rented apartment located by Seventh Street Suites. He states that he really likes the large apartment and being a bit more independent recently. Terrance is happy with the move however does return to Hamilton House and other MYS properties to keep himself busy and continue bonds with other friends that he has made.

Heather has moved upstairs at Hamilton House to make room for another resident. She loves her new room and has a nice big closet that she can now fit most of her items in. Heather enjoys playing on her electronics and spending time with her housemates. Heather has recently begun track and field and looks forward to her future competitions.

Jeff, Heather, and the new resident spend much of their time playing board games. The favorites as of late include Sorry and Kings Corners. Jeff tends to be the lucky winner a lot, but would say that his victories come from pure skills! Jeff enjoys singing daily and is quite the brain for musicians and songs. Jeff has also decided to join in Special Olympics Track and Field. He attended the first practice and met many new friends. He plans to do some walking events such as the 400 meter relay and the 100 meter walk. **Go Jeff!**

This month has been one of many new faces and a lot of excitement. Residents are getting anxious for the snow to melt so that everyone can begin to spend time outdoors again. March has come and gone so quickly with so many events occurring, that Staff and residents cannot wait to see what comes in the month of April!



Some of our residents were introduced to the sport of Curling this month!



Vacancy Announcements

At the current time we continue to have a couple of vacancies. We can consider referrals for Adult Family Care and are always available to discuss supervised apartment settings. Please call Sue (715-551-8568) or Pam (715-432-2818) to discuss your placement needs. Additional information regarding our programs is available on our website or by brochure upon request.

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