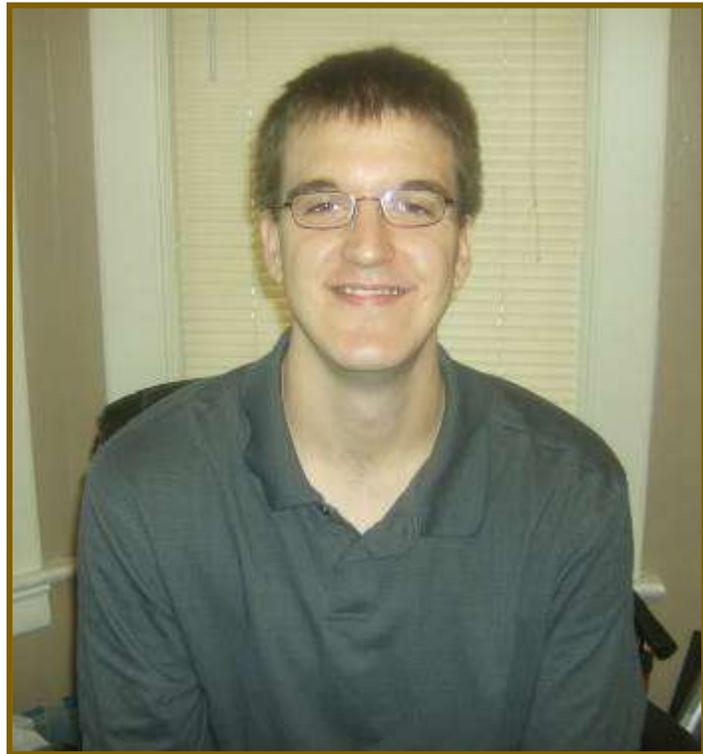


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This month we'd like to introduce you to **Alan Berdan, Manager of Prospect Place**. Al has worked for MYS for a little over two years, starting out as a Residential Worker at Seventh Street Suites and Hamilton House. He has also work at Prospect Place before becoming the Manager in May 2012. Al has given us a little bio to get to know him better personally...



"I recently got married in March this year to my wife and longtime friend Jessica. Although, we do not have any children, we have a Plott hound/Springer spaniel dog Ares who thinks he is a child. Last summer, I moved to Wausau with Jessica and Ares.

In my free time, I enjoy working out at Anytime Fitness, running with Ares, playing basketball and volleyball and watching my favorite TV shows such as "The Big Bang Theory," "How I Met Your Mother," and "NCIS." I also enjoy bowling, listening to music and reading various magazines and books as well. I have not joined a church in the area, but have been attending Mount Olive in Weston. For the past two and a half years, I have also mentored a young boy through Big Brothers, Big Sisters."

"At this time, I would like to thank everyone with Marathon Youth Services and outside our agency that help provide services and activities for the men and women we serve. Everyone has shown a dedication in helping our group of individuals work towards independence and build social skills. Everyone I am currently working with, have shown dedication with helping our men and women better themselves. Thank you everyone for working hard and helping everyone we work with."

Happy 4th of July!

There was an **MYS wide outing to Fireworks Country** for their Firework Extravaganza. **Crystal, Terra, Mike S., and Matt** attended from SSS, all of the REY's gentleman attended, **Jeff and his roommate** from HH, and **Justin, Lee, Robert, and Scott** from PP. The group left Wausau with clear skies, though on the way out, the weather was a little frightening with some lightning and rain. The forecast did call for isolated scattered thunder storms so we pushed on.

Staff Lorraine and Darwin headed out with a group to the tent where Oil Can Harry was playing rock songs of the 80s and 90s. Anyone who wanted to stay in the van and wait out the rain stayed with Staff Mike. A few clients had funds for concessions and the most popular choice, cheese curds. The group visited and got their groove on with the tunes.

As Luck would have it the rain stopped in time for the fireworks and the announcement was made, "the fireworks are paid for, let's do this." The group headed out to the viewing area and watched as Fireworks Country displayed their goods. First they shot off each type they had for sale in the barn for common use individually. Then they advanced to the top end fireworks. Lastly, they lit up the night with a completely choreographed display including the Grand Finale. We came, we saw....we got the big van stuck. An hour later we were on the road and returning home late.

Sounds like a really good time, glad to hear all of the MYS clients enjoyed some good old fashion cheese curds, kicking up their heels on the dance floor, and seeing a beautiful Firework Extravaganza.

Our athletes have continued on with Special Olympics during the month. It was the annual **Spaghetti Dinner** in June and **Crystal** and other clients enjoyed going. Bocce ball practice continued and flag football practice started. There was a bocce ball tournament in June where **Crystal, Mike, Justin, and two other clients** participated. Crystal's team lost their first game but won their second game. Her team came in 2nd place! Mike S's team lost both their games, though put in a LOT of effort. They received 4th place. Justin's team won their first game but lost their second game. They came in 3rd place. **Tammy, Todd, and Scott** went along to cheer on the clients along with staff **Rose and Sarah**. The day was enjoyable, though it did rain a few times. Staff was prepared with umbrellas.



Happy Summer from Prospect Place

At **Prospect Place**, we kicked off our summer with learning how to make collages with staff

Karen. Justin made a Johnny Cash collage which features Johnny Cash's life and history of music. Justin's collage also shows his love of June Carter.

Robert made a family collage which displays his birthday that he just recently celebrated and shows his family members which includes his sisters and brothers, his parents and even the family dog.

Robert has framed his collage and is displayed in his room. **Lee** made a collage of his favorite car, the General Lee which features 2 large photos of the General Lee, decorated it with orange ribbons, and added his own special touches to his collage. **Scott**

also enjoys racing cars and his collage featured all types of racing cars as well as his favorite trucks. Nice job on the collages, guys!



Justin, Lee, Robert, and Scott went with staff Jeff to the car and motorcycle show in Rothschild. Everyone enjoyed looking at the favorite cars and talked with some of the owners. The guys all picked out their favorite cars and heard some pretty cool information about the vehicles. The guys can't wait until the next car show.



Justin, Lee and Scott attended their first baseball game of the season by seeing the Wausau Woodchucks play. Scott enjoyed seeing the game and was excited about going to see some baseball. Lee and Justin were hoping to catch a foul ball. Justin was the lucky one and was able to end up with a foul ball and was pretty excited to get the ball. The guys had a great time watching the game and having some of the traditional baseball food. The guys can't wait to get to other game.

News from SSS

Terrance and another SSS client attended the new Superman movie *Man of Steel* and enjoyed the film. **Crystal, her roommate, and Terra along with staff Jennifer** went to the movie *Fast and Furious 6* at Cedar Creek Cinemas. The ladies enjoyed a girl's day out and the movie! Speaking of a girl's day out, **Crystal, her roommate, Tammy, Bridget, and staff Lorraine enjoyed a Woodchuck's game.** The ladies went out to the field during the 7th inning stretch with Woody. Though the Woodchuck's lost to the Wisconsin Rapids Raptors, they still played their hardest. After the game, there were fireworks and the ladies stayed for the show!

SSS clients continued to enjoy outdoor activities. They went on several fishing outings at local fishing holes. A start off with this month's fun was fishing again. On one occasion, **staff Moua took Mike P, Kevin and Mike S to fish at Mosinee Dam. Mike P** was able to catch a 12 inch smallmouth bass! Later that evening, Kevin and Mike S went fishing with Moua again at Schofield Dam and they got more actions there. **Kevin V was able to catch 21 fish** in all and plus many more that got away! Mike S caught a large bluegill and a couple that got away. What a fun day. Another outdoor activity SSS clients enjoyed was shooting hoops outside. Rain or shine, our residents were out there with staff trying to out-shoot each other. Several residents got new bikes in June and they went on bicycle rides in the community.



News from Reynolds Place

Zach had a graduation this past month. Although he finished high school back in January, the school invited him to come walk with his class during the ceremony this spring. He was happy to go to the graduation ceremony not only to show that he finished high school, but to also ceremonially start his future. He is planning on graduation party later this summer. For now he has his diploma proudly displayed in his room.



With summer coming, baseball has returned to Wausau. **Todd** took in a game during the month and enjoyed himself a lot. The between inning games were fun to watch and Todd showed a lot of interest in the ball park food. Although the **Woodchucks** lost it was still a great evening and a good kickoff of summer.

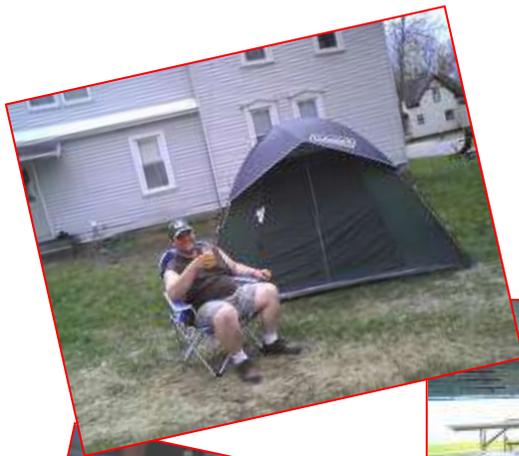
News from Hamilton House

The month of June found Hamilton House residents anxiously awaiting the summer like weather, which was slow in coming, but during the wait residents stayed busy with a variety of activities.

Valerie chose to enlighten her technical prowess by completing a series of computer classes at the Job Service Center. **Good job Val!** Val is looking ahead to obtaining employment and possibly doing some volunteer work in the community. During the month, she spent some quality time with her housemates going bowling, playing cards, shopping and watching movies.

Jeff stayed busy with another good month of work at Northern Valley Workshop. To Jeff's credit, HH must have the best swept sidewalk in the neighborhood. Jeff definitely enjoys staying busy. During leisure time he also spends a lot of time with his housemates bowling, playing cards, and watching movies.

All the residents here at HH are awaiting the awesome Dells trips they are taking. Staff has been hearing about it all month!



Red, White and Blue Cheese Coleslaw

Bacon, blue cheese and red pepper coleslaw makes for a tangy, savory way to celebrate July 4—or any day, really.

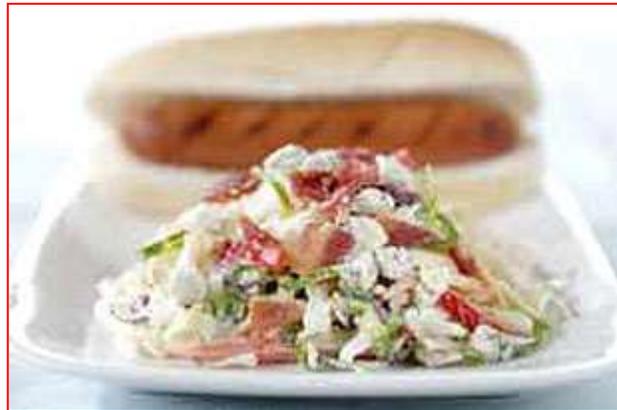
Time

prep: 10 min

total: 1 hr 10 min

Servings

total: 6 servings, 1 cup each



1 pkg. (16 oz.) coleslaw blend (cabbage slaw mix)

1 medium red pepper, thinly sliced

½ cup KRAFT Blue Cheese Dressing

¼ cup KRAFT Natural Blue Cheese Crumbles

6 slices OSCAR MAYER Bacon, cooked, crumbled

TOSS coleslaw blend with peppers and dressing in large bowl; cover.

REFRIGERATE at least 1 hour.

TOP with the cheese and bacon just before serving.

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HOW TO BAKE BACON

Here's an easier (and less messy) way to cook bacon, especially when cooking for a crowd. Separate bacon, then place in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake at 350°F for 10 to 12 min. or until crisp, turning slices over after 6 min. Thick-sliced bacon will take about 18 min. When cooking 1 lb. of bacon, you may need to use two baking sheets.

Vacancy Announcements

At the current time we have no vacancies. Please call Sue (715-551-8568) or Pam (715-432-2818) to discuss your placement needs and supportive home care.

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