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This month I'd like to introduce you to our new Administrative Assistant. In the months to come I hope to make more such introductions of staff...

My name is Kaelee Engelman, and I am the new Administrative Assistant here at Marathon Youth Services. I graduated from NTC around a year ago with my Associate Degree in Human Services. I am now finishing up my Bachelor Degree in Human Development and Family Studies from UW-Stout online. I am very passionate for the non-profit industry and the role it has in community well-being.

In my free time I enjoy watching or attending sport games, spending time with my family friends, as well as expanding my collection and knowledge of technology. Growing up on a lake, I also enjoy spending time on the water and boating in the summer.

Thus far, I have deeply enjoyed working here at MYS, and getting to know the outstanding staff and residents that make this organization such a great piece of our community. I hope in my position, I can be of great assistance to all staff members, residents as well as the company's growth and success into the future. Please don't hesitate to stop in and say "hi" when you're passing through the office!





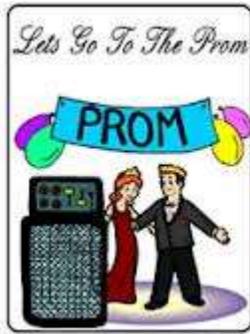
Bring your umbrellas out because you know what they say, **April showers bring May Flowers**. Happy April!! It is hard to believe that it is finally spring time, but still seems like old man winter would like to stick around. However, the weather hasn't stopped **Justin, Lee, Robert, and Scott** from keeping busy here at **Prospect Place**. We have been able to get those bikes out of the garage for some nice bike rides as well as walks in the community when the weather has been nice.

During one of our adventures this month, **Justin, Scott, Lee and Robert** went to the **Art Museum in Steven's Point** to check out the **Peeps art exhibit**. Justin really enjoyed the "Superpeep" exhibit and even tried eating it! Just kidding! Lee picked out his favorite which was a replica of **SpongeBob SquarePants**. Robert and Scott also participated in the outing and definitely enjoyed looking at all of the exhibits.



Justin, Lee, and Crystal continued to stay active with Special Olympics soccer by participating in a tournament in Stevens Point. Everyone put in their hardest effort for both of their games that day. Justin and Lee worked hard and one of their games. Crystal and her team showed determination and did their best. Afterwards, the group went to recover and have delicious Culver's. Everyone looks forward to the next tournament in May. Good luck!

Justin, Lee, Crystal, Kevin and Shawn attended a **Special Olympics Prom** and were dressed to impress and everyone was in their best and ready to rock n roll. However before the dance, Crystal, Kevin, Shawn H and Sean S feasted at Pizza Hut before heading out to the dance. Justin spent most of the evening with his date, had some snacks and cut loose on the dance floor. Lee also enjoyed his time with his date, where they enjoyed chatting and visiting with others and danced to their favorite songs. Lee and Justin both captured the amazing night with pictures. Crystal was so excited about the night she needed to capture two pictures from the picture booth. Kevin did not dance however enjoyed watching others dance and visiting with others. This group was definitely worn down as they were all partied out. What a great time!



The guys over at Reynolds definitely stayed busy and had plenty of fun at the YMCA. **Zach, Todd, Curtus and Nick** visited the YMCA on a regular basis and really enjoyed the hot tub and swimming. The guys often participated in playing water basketball and showed off their awesome skills. When the guys are not doing that, they enjoyed walking around on the track for more exercise. Zach and Todd really enjoyed sitting by the pool and enjoying the warm water. When the guys aren't at the Y, they take advantage of nearby Family Video to rent scary movies and video games. Awesome, guys!

Zach has been staying busy at the house by becoming "The chef of the month." Zach assists with many meals and is a great help and really enjoyed making his mom's recipe of chicken fajitas which everyone loved. Way to go Zach!

CHEF OF THE MONTH



April was Bully Awareness Month and a group took advantage to learn more about this topic by attending a seminar at the Wausau East High School. The seminar was called "Stand for the Silent" and was attended by **Crystal, Ashley, Todd, Zach, Justin, staff Lorraine and Tasha**. The residents learned about the effects of bullying such as suicide and other startling statistics. Everyone who attended learned a lot from the seminar which lead to engaging conversation afterwards.



This month, **Mike P** spent some quality time with his family because it is growing again. Mike P saw his new nephew and is excited about the new addition. **Matt** also got to see his family over Easter and definitely celebrated the holiday; he was partied out. **What a great Easter!**

Mike S continues to be one lucky guy. This month, Mike won a Facebook contest and he received a 12 pack of Monster energy drinks, a couple shirts, and a hat. Now, is it just me or does Mike win a contest every month or so? **Congrats Mike!**

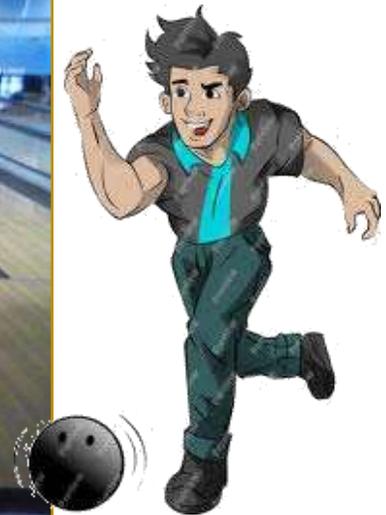
April 1st always brings out the pranksters every year, which is why we can always count on **Sean S** to pull some pranks. Sean S definitely got his laughs when he tried scarring other housemates and staff, by placing fake spiders in the fridge and a bloody ear in the fruit bowl. **YUCK!**

Sean has started a new sport this month with Special Olympics soccer. Sean is hoping to get out and enjoy the nice weather for practice, but will have to wait, but is excited for more tournaments.

Terrance could not wait to show off his new apartment so he hosted an **Easter dinner** and invited everyone to join him. **Crystal, Kevin V, Mike P, Mike S, Todd, Zach, Lee, Virginia and Sean S all attended along with staff Sarah, Chou, John, Jeff, and Brandi**. The group enjoyed Sheppard's Pie, corn muffins, puppy chow, punch, cookies, and each other's company. Everyone appeared to enjoy the meal. We even were lucky enough to have a glass punch bowl with glass cups donated to use for the night from Randlin homes, where Terrance volunteers.



Many of our residents from all of the houses love to go bowling; as they can't get enough of it! Usually a couple of times a month we always get group that go out to Dales Weston Lanes or Mountain Lanes to show off their bowling skills. **Zach, Todd, Justin, Lee, Scott and Robert** continue to stay active with this activity and can't wait to go and knock down some pins.



Janis held a Social Skills Group at Reynolds Place this month and covered the topic of sanitation and hygiene. **Todd, Zach, Justin, Scott, Kevin V, Ashley, Crystal, Shawn H, Jeff, staff Mary and Chou** attended to learn more about this topic. The group watched a short video called "The World's Dirtiest Man" as they learned more about bacteria and micro bugs. Everyone discussed more about ways they can improve with cleanliness such covering mouths and washing hands. Everyone also received free hygiene products as well.

This month there were many changes around MYS. We have had new residents move into our homes and apartments and the long anticipated **kitchen remodel at Reynolds Place** has been completed. A new and improved kitchen! Those lucky guys received an upgraded kitchen with new floors, dishwasher and re-stained cabinets! Our great handy man, Ken Knab, did a fantastic great job of making sure the kitchen looks its very best; and does it ever! Great Job Ken! And many thanks...



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.

Additional information regarding our programs is available on our website or by brochure upon request.

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