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Birthdays



Heather P 1/10
Russel B 1/12
Jonathan E 1/16
Alex B 1/18
Bea Y 1/20
Alea G 1/20
Tracy N 2/09
Warren M 2/10
Terry Z 2/13
Chad P 2/18
Diane K 2/21
Missy Y 2/23
James O 3/03
Melissa B 3/09
Melissa J 3/19
Anna M 3/19
Holly C 3/23
Natalie S 3/23

We ended 2014 with a wonderful Christmas Party. All of the staff and participants had a wonderful time dancing and doing a photo booth in front of a variety of different winter scenes. Trig's received the employer of the year award.

Ross Cannon received a personal achievement award. He has been working at Trig's smokehouse for about a year and a half as a box assembler. He assembles a variety of boxes for Trig's meat products and stacks them so that the people processing the meat can get them quickly.

This has helped speed up their production because the processors no longer have to take the time to assemble their boxes. We are very proud of Ross Cannon.





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Jump!Start Nicolet Classes

In January, the Spring Jump!Start classes at Nicolet started. Jump!Start is a post-secondary education opportunity for adult learners with intellectual disabilities. The classes are based at Nicolet College and are designed for transition students between the ages of 18-21 who have an active IEP and deferred graduation or adults with an interest in lifelong learning seeking academic, occupational and special interest courses for credit or audit. We currently have 19 students that take part in the Jump!Start classes. 7 of those students have been doing job shadows at a variety of businesses including: WXPR, Dinky Diner, Hodag Lanes, Bikes and Boards, Mels Trading Post and the Rhinelander District Library. Melissa Baldwin is doing a resource seminar and internship with a Dean at Nicolet Technical College.



Heather Pratz Job Shadowing at Hodag Lanes





Advocacy Day

Anniversaries

January

Deanna Barlow
20YRS

John Boyer
3YRS

February

Amy Wiedeman 1YR

Kyle Queen
1 YR

March

Scott Synkelma
23 YRS

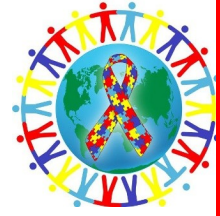
Dale Whitaker
7 YRS

Lacey Baker
7YRS

Disability Advocacy Day is organized by the Survival Coalition, comprised of more than 30 statewide disability organizations that advocate and support policies and practices that lead to the full inclusion, participation, and contribution of people living with disability.

On March 17, 2015 several of our students went to Madison, WI for Disability Advocacy Day. Over 600 disability advocates from around Wisconsin gathered at the capitol that Tuesday. Disability advocates, including our students, told legislators their story and discussed different issues that affect people with disabilities every day.





Autism Awareness

April 2, 2015 is
World Autism Awareness Day.

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a developmental disability that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges.

Each individual with autism is unique. Many of those on the autism spectrum have exceptional abilities in visual skills, music and academic skills.

The ideal way to be helpful is to coordinate therapies and interventions that meet the specific needs of the individual. Doctors may prescribe medications for treatment of specific autism related symptoms, such as anxiety, depression or obsessive compulsive disorder.

The Autism Awareness Ribbon

The puzzle pattern reflects the **MYSTERY** and **COMPLEXITY** of the autism spectrum. The different colors and shapes represent the **DIVERSITY** of the people and families living with the condition. The brightness of the ribbon signals **HOPE**.

