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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome to another New Year! It's a time for change, celebration and renewal. A great thing about today is last year is gone. You can't go back and undo the things you have done, but you can embrace today and move forward towards the future with hope. Build on yesterday's successes and learn from yesterday's mistakes. Live today to its fullest.

Here are some thoughts to consider as you move into 2012.

"Whether you think you can or whether you think you can't, you're right" – **Henry Ford**

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence" – **Helen Keller**

"I never worry about action, but only about inaction" – **Winston Churchill**

"The heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight, but they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward in the night" – **Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**

"If you don't know where you are going, you'll end up someplace else" – **Yogi Berra**

"Don't bunt. Aim out of the ballpark" – **David Ogilvy**

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit." – **Aristotle**

"Nothing will ever be attempted if all possible objections must first be overcome." – **Samuel Johnson**

"Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds" – **Albert Einstein**

"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Years Day." – **Edith Lovejoy Pierce**

"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right." – **Oprah Winfrey**

Wishing you and yours the best year of your life in 2012.

Marj Colburn
Facility Operating Officer

In this issue, we are looking back and highlighting some moments from 2011.

In February we are adding a new item, KUDOS. Kudos will give employees a chance to thank other staff for something they did. For now, enjoy the replay of 2011!

"People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas."

DECEMBER 2011



This holiday's chili cook off was hotly contested with Parker's Pepper Packed Pistol Packin' Chili taking first place honors. Phil Parker and assistant, Kelsey Johnson, representing the teachers, were awarded the coveted golden ladle. The silver ladle was presented to the housekeepers whose "Dust Bunny Chili" was mighty tasty. They swore that no "hare" was harmed in the making of their chili! The Prevocational Center (PVC) youth had two entries, Possibly Volatile Consequences and Positively Volatile Consequences. The youth found a good use for all those peppers they'd dried last fall! The less fiery of the two recipes took 3rd place honors, but their bronze ladle dissolved when it fell into the hot batch.



Heather Sidders and the Youth Security Supervisor team's inspirational "Chilly Chili" (ice cream with all the toppings) was the perfect finish to the contest.



Some liked it **HOT**, some liked it not so **HOT!** Maybe not at all, Steve?



During school break, employees served the youth breakfast consisting of egg casserole made by Nutrition Services and a variety of homemade bread provided by Sherry Block.



Jean demonstrates a Minute to Win It game played with the youth.



97 items were donated by employees for Hastings Crossroads Center.

OCTOBER 2011



Linda Weber and Dr. Judson were honored as DHHS Employee and DHHS Manager of the Year by Governor Dave Heineman.

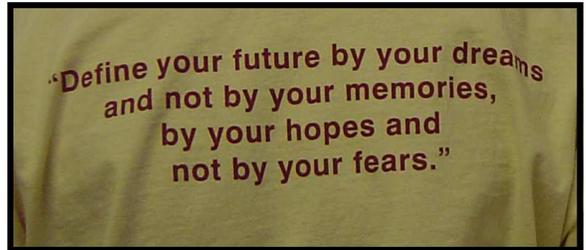
AUGUST 2011



JULY 2011



Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) was implemented by the Youth Security Supervisors under the direction of Dr. Judson.



Marj Colburn and Heather Sidders attended Values Coach training and will be sharing the information in March as part of 2012 Required Inservice Training for all employees.

APRIL 2011



To celebrate a successful Joint Commission Survey and the notification that the Evidence of Standards Compliance Report was accepted, ice cream sundaes were served to employees!

MARCH 2011



To better meet the needs of the program and safety and security needs of the youth, positions were refigured. These changes included: Tracy Polage accepting the Youth Security Supervisor position in PVC; Josh Albrecht hired for the Recreation Specialist position and Maurice Mansfield accepting the second position in October, and Grant Johnson accepting the Compliance Specialist position.



23 inch "Apex" color TV with remote, 5 years old. Works well, could use for watching TV or playing games. \$60.00 or reasonable offer.

13 inch "RCA" color TV with remote, 7 years old. Works well. \$35.00 or reasonable offer. Contact Wanda Yoachim 308-380-4720.

PROUD GRANDMA

Wanda Yoachim, Personnel Officer is a new grandma to Clara Mae Yoachim, born December 10, 2011, 5:30 PM, 9 lbs. 2 oz., 21 inches long. Dad, mom and baby all doing well!

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THANK YOU!

To Mindy Blair and the Nutrition Services staff (the cinnamon rolls were delicious), to the maintenance men for moving chairs and getting power to the dining room for the roasters, to all the chili contestants, and to everyone who voted. You made it happen!

Sherry Block

"Success begins the moment we understand that life is about growing; it is about acquiring the knowledge and skills we need to live more fully and effectively. Life is meant to be a never-ending education, and when this is fully appreciated, we are no longer survivors but adventurers. Life becomes a journey of discovery, and exploration into our potential." David McNally: Even Eagles Need a Push: Learning to Soar in a Changing World

ACTIVITIES FUND

By Sherry Block

Some of you have asked what happens to the money from the PVC concessions. Each week the Sales Record and cash is taken to Nancy Kinyoun who deposits the previous week's income in 6823, the Activities Fund.

PVC then uses that fund to buy popcorn, oil, pop, and ingredients for everything they make. Most of the supplies are purchased through Nutrition Services and our contracts, but local retailers get a share of our business, too. PVC's expenses for 2011 were \$4,598.71. That included groceries, measuring cups and spoons, bowls, a mixer, seeds, plants, hog panels for the garden, and a chest freezer.

The year's income before expenses was \$8,776.61. We're able to use 6823 for special activities, those things not a part of regular programs. New board games, basketballs and footballs, the portable goal in the chapel, TVs, DVD/VCR players, Wii and XBOX games, movies, prizes, admission to the IMAX, and pizza coupons all come out of the activities fund. Last fall youth received safety training so they could use power equipment to complete community service projects, so we were able to use the Activities Fund to buy 2 mowers, a leaf blower, a gas trimmer, ear protectors, and gas cans, too.

Thanks to your support, and our faithful customers at the DHHS office downtown, we're able to provide many activities for the youth through 6823.

HOLIDAY BREAK BY SHERRY BLOCK

The youth were out of school from December 20th through January 2nd. Many were able to enjoy time at home with their families. Those still on campus participated in a variety of activities. Staff pitched in to help, serving a special breakfast, wrapping gifts and donating treats. They dipped pretzels, made deer jerky, took pictures, gave van rides, and participated in games. Jean Luther and Corinne Jensen prepared Minute to Win It games and cheered on the youth as they played. They also helped Marj Colburn judge the youths' decorating contest. The Rec Specs, Maurice Mansfield and Josh Albrecht, led youth in competitions.

We welcomed Ricky Simmons CADAC, a former Nebraska football

player, who shared his story and challenged the youth to plan for their futures.

Youth attended "Flying Monsters" at the IMAX, heard about rescue dogs from K-9 and Friends, and saw antique cars at Jackson's. Our thanks to the night staff, coaches and YSSs for your help during the holiday break.

We're glad school is back in session and wish you all a good 2012!

