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October has come and gone, along with the leaves of many colors, leaving us with shortened days and much cooler nights, and apprehension about the approaching winter. Not only that, but the Packer's season is off to a rather dismal start, with the exception of Sunday's surprise performance against the lowly Cardinals.

In spite of the final series outcome, I'm sure our old friend Rick Ferree is quite proud of his Detroit Tigers and their superb showing throughout the baseball season and post season playoffs. I would imagine if he were still around he would be almost *unbearable* about the prowess of his beloved Michigan Wolverines! Let's hope the Lion's don't come through too...we'd *never* hear the end of that!

I've been feeling a bit nostalgic lately about Marathon Youth Services. Not for any particular reason; just a reflection on how long I've been involved with the organization, and all the changes it's faced, successfully, over the past 28 years. Without a doubt, the most trying time was 12 years ago this month when our Founder, Denny Reynolds, died unexpectedly of cancer. Not only was Denny the owner/operator of the original program, Reynolds Group Home, but he was my colleague and dear friend. He was a husband, father and man who cared deeply about whatever he did. "Integrity" is a hallmark of any discussion about Denny. His standards for himself and MYS were always set high. A quote from our website says it all: *"We will continue to strive to meet the standards set by him in his tenure as founder and director of Marathon Youth Services, Inc."*

I thought this month I would try a little different look to the newsletter...no particular reason. I've been using the same look for so long that I guess I'm a little bored with it. Let me know if you find this an improvement; or not.

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Dennis Earl Reynolds

April 24, 1953 - November 19, 1994

Welcome Kayla!

Kayla Elizabeth Hintz, born October 19, 2006 to Gretchen and Peter Hintz. Gretchen is our therapist, and now the mother of two children!

Kayla was born at 11:44 am; 8 lbs. 9 oz. and 19.5 inches. Her mom reports she has dark hair, dark eyes and a finely tuned set of lungs.

Congratulations Peter and Gretchen! All of us at MYS wish you and the family the best. (and we're already looking forward to your return Gretchen...)



News from **Reynolds Group Home** was a little sparse this month; but then they were pretty busy with all the regular activity. The census continues at 8 with the possibility that we will see a discharge in November. Get your inquiries in to either Chris or Mike soon...

Mike M reports that three of the guys attended the annual "Nightmare" presentation in Marshfield on the 21st, and Tony and a few of the guys attended the Hmong New Year Celebration on the 22nd.

Some congratulations are in order this month:

Steve got a job at the East Bay Distribution Center and started work there on October 23rd.

Mike also started a new job this month; his at Spencer's in the Wausau Center Mall on October 25th.

And **Cody** passed his lifeguard certification and will now work as a guard at the Water Park for his employer, Cedar Creek Lodge.



Staff at **Prospect Place** report that Adam is keeping busy with Special Olympics as the bowling season has not yet ended for him, and basketball practice has already begun. Adam continues to volunteer at the YMCA on Mondays and Thursdays and work at Northern Valley Monday thru Thursday. On October 28th Adam attended a Special Olympics bowling tournament and received a trophy for 1st place! On the 29th he went to a Halloween Party at the YMCA. Adam dressed up as **Clifford the Big Red Dog** for the Halloween Party at Grand Place on the 31st.

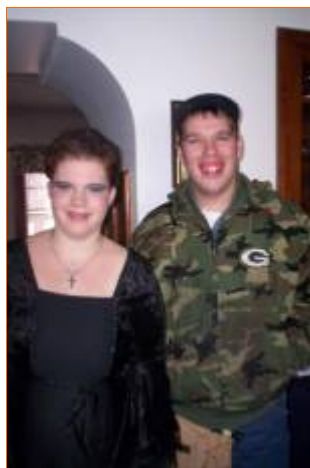
Other news from **Prospect Place** has Sean continuing to work at Northern Valley Monday through Thursday. He also continues to participate in Boy Scouts. When he came back from a home visit on October 28th he reported that his troop did volunteer work splitting fire wood. Sean also continues to frequent the Public Library and attend Bible Study group. He also attended the Halloween Party at Grand Place.

Mike P also continues to work at Northern Valley Monday through Thursday. He also continues his independent walks daily and enjoys attending both Wausau West and D.C.Everest high school football games. Mike roots for Wausau West as that is where he attended high school. He also attended the Halloween Party at Grand Place, wearing a SCARY! Mask as his costume.

John P gained employment at Wal-Mart this month and has had perfect attendance thus far. Great job John; we're all really proud of you and your efforts! John has also been accompanying his brother while he hunts for deer, and is looking forward to when he can begin deer hunting also.

Rounding out the news from Prospect Place, Adam and Mike joined Mike's mom Linda for a night at the Jefferson Inn on October 6th. They had a good time swimming and enjoyed eating diner at the City Grill.

That Halloween Party at Grand Place was a 'grand' time for all!



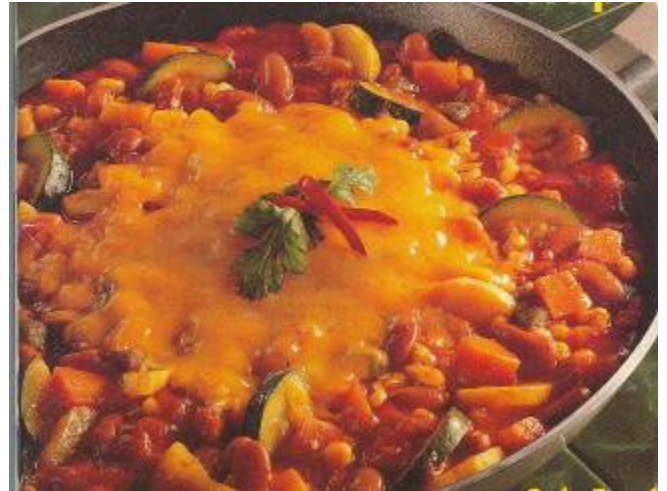
The **Halloween Party hosted by Grand Place** offered residents a variety of activities. The evening was filled with such things as 'ping-pong in the dungeon, haunted musical chairs, monster mystery bowls and graveyard poker! There was also a prize for best costume.



I'm not sure how or why, but somehow this recipe seems in keeping with the season (fall?) I know it's sure one of my personal favorites, and has become a favorite to several friends and family I have shared it with. The ingredients can be somewhat flexible, the veggies that is; but mainly it's a vegetarian dish. Give it a try...

Vegetable Fiesta

- 1 cup chopped carrots
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 1 or 2 small zucchini, halved lengthwise, cut into ¼ inch-thick slices
- 1 small yellow summer squash, halved lengthwise, cut into ¼ inch thick slices
- 1 (15.5 oz) can dark red kidney beans; drained and rinsed
- 1 (11 oz) can Whole Kernel Corn w/ red and green peppers; undrained
- 1 (8 oz) can tomato sauce
- ½ cup Salsa or Picante sauce; your choice
- ¼ cup water
- 4 teaspoons Taco Seasoning mix (I often use the whole 1 ¼ oz package)
- 4 oz shredded cheddar cheese

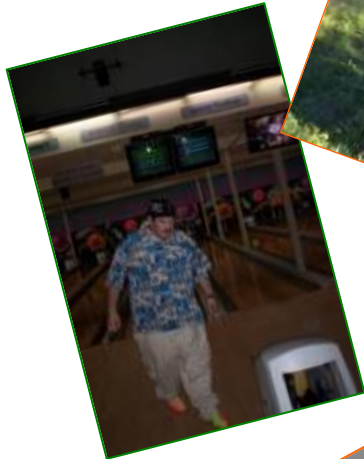
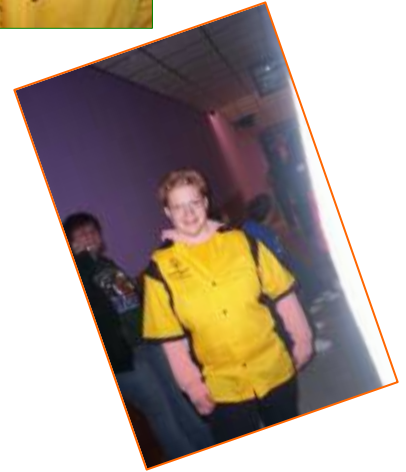
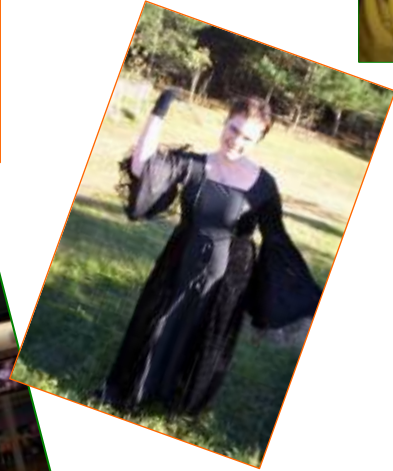
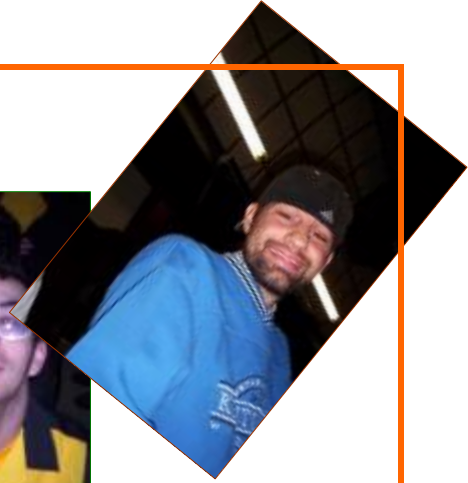
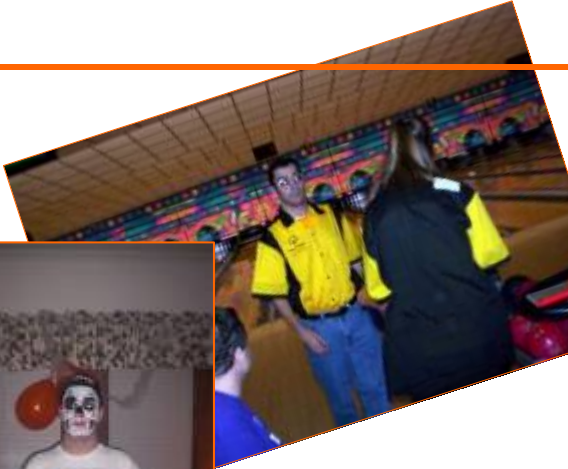


1. Spray a large nonstick skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Heat over medium-high heat until hot. Add carrots and onion; cook and stir 8 to 10 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender, adding 2 to 3 teaspoons of water if necessary to prevent sticking.
2. Stir in all remaining ingredients except cheese. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low; cover and simmer 5 to 7 minutes, stirring once. Remove from heat. Sprinkle with cheese. Cover; let stand until cheese is melted.

Makes 6 (1 cup) servings

October was a big month in the ongoing **Special Olympics bowling competition**. On Saturday October 14th, our bowlers faced off with other bowlers from around the area at Dales Weston Lanes in a bid to bowl at the upcoming State Tournament. All of our bowlers did an excellent job bowling, as well as representing MYS with great sportsmanship. Our bowlers were also successful in qualifying two bowlers for the State competition! Dustin Pingel from Grand Place and Sean Stoeger from Prospect Place will be representing MYS in the Special Olympics State Tournament. Our residents placed as follows:

<u>Hamilton House</u>		<u>7th Street Suites</u>		<u>Prospect Place</u>		<u>Grand Place</u>	
Kyle G	5 th			Sean S	3 rd	Dustin P	2 nd
Shawn H	4 th	Crystal	3 rd			John F	4 th
Tong Y	7 th						
Sam W	4 th						



There were so many good pictures this month from the bowling excursions and the Halloween Parties that we're just sharing a few.

