



The New D News

September 2012

Employee of The Month: Alan Donaldson

The Employee of The Month, Alan Donaldson has been recognized for the month of August for his efforts working extremely hard, volunteering in the community several times at several places. Alan's work ethic is excellent as he does whatever is asked of him with

no complaints whatsoever. Alan says it was an honor to be recognized and it felt really good to know he was doing his job well. Alan would like to return to his previous job at Sebewaing Industries as a machine repairman.



Participants Awarded Certificates

Participants have been working hard in the curriculum room putting in as many as 120 hours to earn a certificate. The following individuals have worked many hours to earn their Introduction to Computers: Patricia S., Brian A., and William

W. After completing the introduction to computer these individuals have gone on the learn Microsoft Excel: Trevor D. and Peggy G. Lena D. continued to work on her typing and earned Intermediate Typing participation award.

The participants who participated in the writing contest were writing state representatives in order to express their point of view, telling their stories as to where funding might go i.e., MPA and MPBA. Unfortunately, the writing

didn't seem to work, as funding was cut anyway. Writing contest participants were awarded a certificate by Patsy Powell for a job well done; the certificates went to Almena S., Ashlee W., Eric C., Kim R., Allison B., Peggy G., Melissa A.

Public Resources

- * Salvation Army Dental Clinic on September 14
- * Salvation Army September Food Giveaway September 20, 10 A.M.
- * United Way dial 211 talk to trained professional about hundreds of health and human services available.

Wal-Mart contributes to Lawn Crew

The lawn crew expanded recently received new contracts with the Bay-Arenac ISD Career Center and the Bangor Township schools and nine private contracts. It became so large that a New D named Eric Turner Support Service Assistant. Wal-Mart helped the lawn

crew by donating steel-toed boots for members of the crew. New Dimensions would like to thank Wal-Mart for their donation.

Bell ringers get ready!

Applications are being accepted



starting October 1.

On a lovely summer morning at the lovely workplace of New D., I never thought in my wildest dreams that my mobility would be hindered by a garden hose. But, as it turned out that's exactly what happened to me. That day, I was itching to try something new, so, I decided to try some garden work. Let me set the scene: Boa and I walk outside to the garden. The garden hose is lying on the ground like a snake waiting to attack. As I turn my wheelchair around towards some weeds that need to be picked, I feel myself hit a bump, it was...THE HOSE!!! I thought I could wheel over it in a straight line but I get caught on the hose and I can't move. I go back, forward, back again, forward yet again, then back



The attack of the garden hose.

but to no avail. Little did I realize that, by my going forward and backward at a frantic pace was causing the hose to wrap itself completely around my chair underneath towards the bottom of my chair. I'm motionless... OH NO!! "Boa" I say, "grab James for me." Boa then went inside to find James. Boa found James, YES, I'm rescued! James sees the predicament I'm in and says, "Trevor you goofball!" And he laughs (yeah, James, really funny, hardy har har.) James then proceeds to try and push my chair manually off the hose but he can't move it either. James

then finds the hose wrapped around the

chair. Natosha is out there helping in the garden and has witnessed the entire event before James came out. "Good thing you aren't wearing nice clothes today, James", Natosha says. James gets down on his hands and knees in the grass and begins to pull the hose out. At first a little bit of hose comes out. James keeps pulling, pulling, pulling. More hose comes out, more, more, more!! The hose that doesn't seem to end finally does. I'm saved, YAY!! ALL HAIL JAMES!! After that, Holly heard of the incident and gave me some sage advice. She said: "Why didn't you just ask Boa to move the hose?" Again, I say to that, hardy har har. But, because of the advice that Holly gave me, I wish I could repay her by seeing to it that Holly be my personal assistant if I work in the garden from now on. Oh, what can happen in a day. And if Cindy C. hadn't had the day off, none of this would have happened. Oh, what a day.

By Trevor D.

The New D. Fundraiser Dinner-Dance Cruise on The Princess Wenonah

Recently, several New D. participants and staff attended the annual fundraiser aboard The Princess Wenonah. Boarding began at 6:00 p.m. on August 22nd and departed at 6:30 p.m. for a three hour cruise down the Saginaw River. Dinner was served shortly after departing and included such delicacies such as the tasty favorites as chicken, potatoes, and the favorite dessert enjoyed by all, strawberry shortcake. Along the river we got a good look at the destroyer ship called the Edison. Live music was provided by The Juice Roosters, a local rock band. Many of the passengers danced while enjoying the live music; Patsy was a great dancer by all accounts.

Cruise tickets were drawing for prizes that were generously donated by local businesses. Alison B. won a Home Depot gift card courtesy of Home Depot: Traci T. won 4 Loon Tickets which were donated by Brady's business systems, many more prizes were given away before we docked. While on the cruise tickets were sold for a 50/50 raffle, the winner was Patsy Powell who

generously returned her winning to



Robbyn Remembered



On August 13, 2012, New Dimensions lost a wonderful volunteer with the passing of Robbyn L. Robbyn was a true inspiration to every par-

ticipant who worked one-on-one with her.

Robbyn also enjoyed working in the New D. garden as one of Robbyn's specialty hobbies was gardening. Robbyn made the New D. garden her own.

Robbyn touched every heart of every New D. participant and staff she came into contact with, an instant friend to everyone.

Robbyn will definitely be missed by everyone at New D. Rest in Peace, Robbyn L. (1978-2012)