

2011 Al McGuire Nominee-Joel Birtles

In early 2011 we nominated Joel Birtles for the Transition to Employment Annual Al McGuire Award. Although not chosen as the final award winner out of multiple nominees he was a winner to us and we wanted to celebrate his accomplishments to date. Those that work closely with Joel at Cosmo had the pleasure of presenting him with a framed certificate of his nomination in the presence of his parents Roger and Eleanor during a nice lunch together.

Those of us who have had the privilege to work with Joel can really say he is a person you would want as a friend. He is kind, generous, helpful, determined, committed and overall just a great guy!

Joel can light up a room simply by his presence. Joel is very social and often can be found where the action is, be it on the dance floor or at a table in the cafeteria at lunch with laughter evolving from it. Joel is likely at the center of it! When he is not at work or enjoying time with his family he is actively involved with Special Olympics. He participates in the bowling, golfing and swimming program where he is an accomplished competitive swimmer. He recently volunteered for the George Reed Golf Tournament held in Regina in June and was very pleased to have met George and have a photo opp!

Joel, your perseverance and determination in anything you do is admirable. You have been a role model to many and will be to more. We are very proud of how hard you work and wish you continued success at your current placement at Dad's Nutrition.

-Sharlene Duquette, Vocational Manager



Pictured above Joel (left) and George Reed .

RDSP Information Night

There will be an information session at Cosmo on RDSP's at **7 pm on Thursday September 22.**

Anyone who has an intellectual disability, has little income and is under 45 should have an RDSP! The Government of Canada offers a gift to people with disabilities who have low or no incomes even if they make no contribution to their own RDSP. The Government makes a matching contribution to people with disabilities who have middle or high incomes. These can be a significant amount of money for people living with disabilities. The RDSP can make a difference to their long term financial security and well being. If your family member fits this criteria and does not have an RDSP, you should attend this session.

The information session will cover:

- What is the Registered Disability Savings Plan
- What is the Disability Tax Credit (Disability Amount)
- Who is eligible for the Disability Tax Credit (Disability Amount)
- Find out if you are eligible to receive a government grant or bond and how to apply for this benefit
- How to open an RDSP

In Memory of Jeff Pattison

Jeff passed away at home with loving family and caring staff close by on Wednesday July 27, 2011 at 52 after a short bout with cancer and a life long battle with cerebral palsy. Jeff and his brother John were born in Delisle, Saskatchewan on June 19, 1959. He was raised on the family farm near Donavon with 5 siblings and his Mom and Dad. Jeff and John started working at Cosmo in the early 80's after a wide range of education from being home schooled by Mom, Children's rehab center, Miss Margery's Remedial School in New Orleans, auditing classes at Western Pentecostal Bible College and the U of S . Jeff loved to study the world and it's people and their religions in books, on maps, through the internet and even in person. He had travelled to Israel, Germany, Switzerland, England, Scotland, USA, and many western provinces in Canada. Jeff's first job at Cosmo was taking the covers off magazines, and after that he worked in many different areas including taking apart gas meters and working in golf. He also spent several years in Life Skills and for the past 5 years Jeff also spent time working for Cosmo at Sherbrooke. Jeff loved the farm, family, faith, friends, animals, Camp Easter Seal, girls, coffee, and music. Jeff was a very wise, spiritual and caring man who will be missed for his wonderful sense of humour and quick wit. Jeff's memorial service was held at Sherbrooke on Saturday August 6, internment was in Donavon and a tea at Delisle.



-John Pattison with help from Janice George

Upcoming Buckaroos Show

On Friday September 23rd the Buckaroos will present a concert in the gym 10:30-11:30. The concert will feature a guest fiddler (Henry and Jack Bartel's brother in-law). Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be singing and dancing.



Wicked

It was the story of the good witch and the wicked witch from Oz and what an amazing story was told. Brian Zerr, Linda Manderscheid, Josh Ward, Kathy Dyck, Terry Boulding, Dawn Marie Dingwall, Shauna Carey-Gross and Bev Brassard had the opportunity to see this wonderful musical. After a supper at the Travelodge we went to the Teachers Credit Union Center to take in the play. To a packed house we learned the story of the friendship that developed between the two witches. The lights, the costumes and the singing were amazing and we all enjoyed ourselves so very much. A huge thank you to the Top of the Rock for generously supporting us in our evening out to see Wicked.

Bev Brassard
Recreation and Leisure Coordinator

New Participant

Mohamed Shoman

Welcome to Cosmo!

Thank You

**to Bethel United Church who
donated a electric keyboard
and some rhythm instruments
to the Cosmo Music Makers.**

From Cosmo Employee to Rock and Roll Star...

Congratulations goes out to former Cosmo employee Ryan Gullen and his band mates, The Sheepdogs, who recently won Rolling Stone Magazine's cover contest. Beating out 15 other bands, The Sheepdogs were the only Canadian band in the competition and are just the second Saskatchewan act to grace the cover of the Rolling Stone Magazine. (Joni Mitchell was the first in 1969). Way to go Sheepdogs! Everyone at Cosmopolitan Industries wishes you continued success on your exciting musical journey.



*The Sheepdogs pictured above.
Gullen second from the left.*

New Staff

Tara Thiemann– term Job coach
– Contract Division
Holly Best– term Life Skills
Training Division
Alaina Jack– full time Job
Coach– Contracts Division
Carrie Krawetz– Cafeteria–
Contracts Division
Scarlett Serviss– casual

Staff Changes

Holly Glow– term Pathways to
Opportunity Division
Colby Gray– full time Life Skills
Training Division
Victoria Manilo– full time Per-
sonal Supports Division
Janelle Reiley– full time Life
Skills Training Division
Jenna de Jong– full time Life
Skills Training Division
Robyn Young– casual
Ashley Fehr– term Community
and Enriched Support– Program
Division
Pam Sedelnick– full time Path-
ways to Opportunity Division
Adrienne Pelchat– term Com-
munity and Enriched Support–
Program Division
Wes Holder– term Community
and Enriched Support– Program
Division

Cosmo Says Goodbye

Jillian Frisky– Canada Summer
Jobs 2011 Student– Program Di-
vision
Ricquelle Germain– Summer
Student Works Program– Pro-
gram Division
Pam Allen– ONP belt– Waste
Reduction Division

Skipping Stones



By Brian Stones, Contracts Area Participant

Like I said Ahhhh Hello! Anybody Home? Huh Hmmm! I just want to say this quote from the Bible. "We know that all things work together for good of those that love God." (Romans ch 8:28). It's a verse from the bible I learned in a Church in Erindale called ABUNDANT LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH. You see I live on Berini Drive and it is not far. I Just Want to Say that I love living there and liking the progress I see in the Forest Grove area. Well, I must hit the road for lunch. But I'll keep you posted on any new developments in my Bieber Fever craze. See ya!
SKIPPING STONES!
P.S. TEEJAY I LOVE THE JOKES.

Reba in Concert

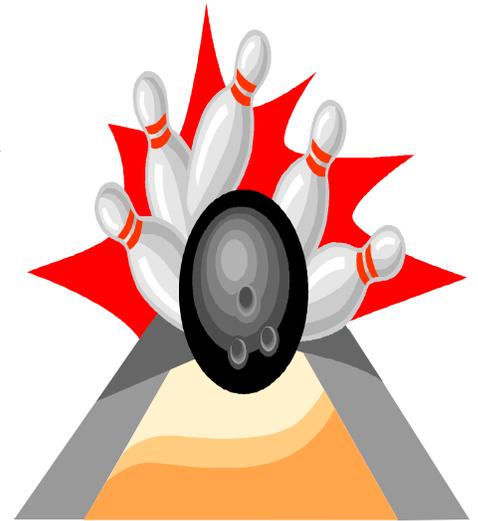
On August 9th Lisa Rolfe, Henry Bartel, Jack Bartel, Nicole Giesbrecht, Gerry Ramsey, Randy Lilly, Kim Hunter, Adelle Esopenko, Dave Parikalub and Bev Brassard were fortunate to see Reba at the Exhibition. Before the concert we went to Asian Buffet and had a wonderful supper. We then headed to the concert. Reba is still an amazing singer and entertainer; she sang many of her favorite songs and some of her new songs. We had a great time. We would like to thank Top of the Rock for their generous contribution to our evening out to see Reba McIntyre.
–Bev Brassard, *Recreation and Leisure*

Cosmo Day Bowl n' Cruise at Hunter's Fairhaven Bowl (Sept 28th)

Last year was the inaugural Cosmo Day Bowl n' Cruise. We found out that our Participants loved to be the captain of a team and the team members really enjoyed interacting in a recreational setting. This year the Cosmo Day Bowl n' Cruise will take place on Wednesday September 28th. In this event people form 5 player teams and recruit a participant from Cosmo to be the team's Cosmo Captain. The team then picks a shift time to bowl at Fairhaven Bowl and then raises funds on the Cosmo Captain's behalf. The Captain of the team that raises the most funds will win their choice of a Nintendo Wii or a digital camera. The funds from last year allowed us to put in a state of the art audio-visual equipment in the gym at Cosmo which we can turn into a theatre in only a few minutes. This equipment has certainly contributed to the entertainment options for our participants with movies, Nintendo Wii, television and music capabilities which allow performers like Brenda Baker to access the equipment. In short, last year's event provided the funds to fill a need.

This year we are raising funds to create a physical fitness program in Cosmo to address the specific needs of adults with disabilities. (As you can imagine the equipment is rather pricey.) We know of hundreds of participants who would love to captain a team. All we need are members of the community (family, friends, co-workers, supporters) to enter teams in this unique event. With the help of a company which specialized in helping non-profit organizations, we have created a web site online which allows you to register a team, join a team or sign up as a sponsor. You can even ask all your facebook friends and email contacts to go to your page and make a donation. You can get information about the event at cosmoindustries.com. The new web site for the Cosmo Day Bowl n' Cruise will be launched shortly, and will be accessed through cosmoindustries.com, so get a head start on forming your team and choosing a Cosmo Captain. **Hunter's Bowling Centres have a long and storied involvement with Cosmo and it is through their generosity and with your help that our participants can look forward to a healthier and fitter future. Please get involved.**

Ken Gryschuk
 Manager of Business Development and Community Relations
 Cosmopolitan Industries
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We are counting the days until... THE MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET FESTIVAL

Look for the poster outlining the days entertainment...

Caregivers & Parents Please Note: Participants will attend Cosmo 12:00-8:00. Please take note of the changes in transportation. If you are planning to take participants home on the day of the event, please report to the front office.

A special supper will be served for **participants only** from 4:00-5:00.