

# Network News

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• Services for children and adults with disabilities in Wisconsin •



## Gregory C. Van Wie Hall for Women and Girls

Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek has been brought into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century! Just in time for its 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Camp Wawbeek has opened a new Hall for Women and Girls. This past October, campers, past and present staff members, and leaders from the Wisconsin Dells area and around the state, gathered to celebrate the opening of the new facility. Named after local businessman Gregory C. Van Wie, the new, fully accessible residence building features 56 camper beds, a kitchen and dining hall, several lounges, a computer lab, two beautiful fireplaces, and much, much more! The new two-story residence hall replaces the former dormitory for women and girls, which was built around 1940 and will be renovated into a nurse's station and indoor recreation area.



Easter Seals Wisconsin extends its sincere gratitude to all of the generous contributors who took part in our capital campaign. Launched in the fall of 2002, the campaign raised over \$2.5 million in ten months! Leading the campaign was the Gregory C. Van Wie Charitable Foundation, who championed this project with a lead gift of \$1.5 million. Gregory Van Wie was a Wisconsin Dells native who held a lifelong interest in the health and well-being of the

community. He appreciated how Camp Wawbeek made a real difference in the lives of individuals with physical disabilities.

Each year, almost 650 children and adults experience the joy of spending a week or two at Camp Wawbeek. Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek is one of a small number of camps in Wisconsin that provides a camping experience for individuals with disabilities, and the only one that focuses on individuals with serious physical disabilities. Previously, the camp was closed November through April. The new Hall for Women and Girls will allow Camp Wawbeek to expand its programs by offering space for events year round. The Hall will also be available for rent when camp is not in session.

For more information on Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek or to reserve space at the Gregory C. Van Wie Hall for Women and Girls, contact Becky Parkhurst at Easter Seals Wisconsin

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*Camp Wawbeek is located on 400 beautiful wooded acres near Wisconsin Dells and is accredited by the American Camping Association. Wawbeek boasts air-conditioned sleeping units, a heated swimming pool, craft shop, nature center, ropes initiative course and climbing tower, 50's style soda shoppe, health center and miles of hiking trails. The camp is wheelchair accessible.*

- Enjoy making new friends and socializing with their peers.
- Enjoy new experiences and adventuresome activities.
- Enjoy community living in units of 6-10 persons.
- Are physically able to enjoy an active camp program with only occasional assistance.
- Are able to make personal decisions with moderate guidance.
- Are able to express their interests and needs.
- Are able to participate appropriately in social and community events.

Camp Wawbeek's Trail Blazers program is open to individuals between the ages of 16 and 30, with mild to moderate cognitive delays and who:

### Who is Eligible for Trail Blazers?

Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek is proud to announce a new summer program of discovery for older teens and young adults who have mild to moderate cognitive delays. Trail Blazers, which will run July 11-16, 2004, is an exciting and innovative outdoor program for those who enjoy sharing an active life style with their peers and who benefit from the guidance of a supportive staff.

### Easter Seals Launches New Program: Trail Blazers!

Trail Blazers spend six exciting days in the sun and fresh air enjoying favorite activities, discovering new interests and making new friends. Participants will swim, sing, dance, hike, make crafts, cookout and much more. Also available are trips into the Wisconsin Dells, canoeing on the Wisconsin River, or skill testing on our ropes initiative course.

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## Easter Seals Welcomes New Staff and Board Members



**Tiffany Niederwerfer** joined Easter Seals Wisconsin in October 2003 as Director of Marketing. She has a bachelor's degree in Journalism from UW-Madison

and a certificate in Web Design. Tiffany previously worked for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dane County as Marketing Manager.



**Becky Parkhurst** joined Easter Seals in July of 2003 as a Program Administrative Assistant. Becky works primarily for the Camp and Respite

programs. She has an Associate in Applied Science Degree, Adminis-



**Linda Laitinen-Schultz** joined the Easter Seals Wisconsin Board of Directors this year. In addition to Easter Seals, Linda is currently employed with Keller Williams Realty and serves on the Fall River School Board. Linda's previous experience includes a three-year term on the Columbus Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

## Leona Sonderegger wins Lifetime Achievement Award

Long time Madison resident, and special Easter Seals friend, **Leona Sonderegger** was recognized with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award by the Association of Fund Raising Professionals at this year's Philanthropy Day Luncheon which was held at Nakoma Golf Club in Madison. In addition to the invaluable time that Leona gives to Edgewood College, Bethel Lutheran Church, the Oscar Rennebohm Foundation and the Oakwood Foundation, Easter Seals Wisconsin has benefited from Leona's generous heart for more than 55 years! Congratulations, Leona, on this award and thank you so much for all you have done, not only for Easter Seals, but for so many worthy organizations in

## Save the date!

### Camp Staff Reunion August 20-22, 2004

Join us for what promises to be an amazing weekend at Camp Wawbeek! Highlights include: touring the new residence hall for women and girls, the newly renovated men's dorm, the new nurses station and indoor recreation area, the climbing tower and expanded ropes course, and much, much more! Cost is \$15/individual or \$20/family, which includes lodging, Saturday evening cookout and Sunday morning Hawaiian breakfast. More information will follow. Hope to see you there!

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## W.E.S.T. Adventures begins its 2nd Successful Year!

W.E.S.T. (Wisconsin Easter Seals Travel) Adventures offers a variety of trips for those who have a spirit of adventure and a need for personal assistance.

W.E.S.T. Adventures is not just a travel agent for people with disabilities. We are a full service tour operator that specializes in premium service with exceptional staff. We provide a level of personal assistance for our guests that no other travel program can match. Furthermore, our fees include all expenses but the purchase of personal items.

W.E.S.T. trips are small, intimate groups - usually eight to twelve guests. Trips are designed for adults eighteen years or over who have a disability and who enjoy the company of other guests. Individuals who use wheelchairs or other assistive devices are welcome on our trips. We also welcome guests who need assistance with eating and other activities of daily living.

W.E.S.T. trips are led by highly trained guides who have experience working with adults with disabilities. Depending on the needs of the guests and the nature of a trip, there is always at least one guide for every two guests. Each trip includes leaders who are First Aid, CPR and medication administration certified. A certified lifeguard is always available when a trip includes swimming or other water activities.



## Wisconsin Elks/Easter Seals Respite Camp

If your loved one has mild to severe physical or cognitive disabilities, or has multiple disabilities, and requires more individual attention, consider Easter Seals Respite Camp.

The respite program, established in 1992, provides a much-needed break for those who have 24-hour responsibility taking care of their loved one with a disability. Many times parents and caregivers become frustrated and burned out with the daily tasks of caring for someone with a severe cognitive or multiple disability. Respite care gives campers, ages 3 - adult, opportunities to enjoy an individualized recreation program with the benefits of a camp setting. Respite sessions are held at the Wisconsin Elks/Easter Seals Respite Center located in Wisconsin Dells. **Respite weekend sessions are still available: March 26-28, April 16-18, May 7-8.**

Activities are planned to meet the leisure needs of respite campers. Each session has a variety of fun activities, such as swimming, arts and crafts, campfires, trail rides, storytelling, nature hikes, singing, sports and campouts.

Counselors work one on one with campers to assist with personal care: dressing, eating, transferring, and toileting. The volunteers assist counselors with the camper's personal care and leisure activities.

The relationship that develops between each camper and counselor goes beyond basic care giving; a bond and friendship grows. Respite staff are carefully selected and trained to provide excellent care and to personalize activities for campers. The nurse is on-site 24 hours a day and helps meet the camper's individual medical needs.

For more information contact Easter Seals Wisconsin at 1-800-422-2324 or visit our website, [www.wi-easterseals.org](http://www.wi-easterseals.org)

## W.E.S.T. Adventures 2004!

### Chicago...Cool & Spicy

**March 12-16, 2004**

This red hot Chicago vacation gets off to a blazing start with the full court intensity of a Bull's basketball game. We'll tone it down a notch and take in the Blue Man Group. Then, we'll heat it up again at Tommy Gun's Garage... the 1920's speak-easy dinner theater with gangsters, flapper girls and a nonstop comedy review. Nothing will cool you down quicker than a stroll on Navy Pier and an easy view from the Sears Tower!

### Disney World Extravaganza

**May 15-20, 2004**

After jetting to Orlando we will spend five nights at one of the famous Disney resort hotels. Then, we'll explore Disney's four captivating theme parks; Epcot Center, Animal Kingdom Park, Disney - MGM Studios and, of course, The Magic Kingdom. Who knows, you might even meet Mickey as we enjoy the entertainment and nightlife of Downtown Disney and Disney's BoardWalk!

### Wawbeek, The Dells & Beyond

**July 11-16, 2004**

This is your opportunity to have home base at Camp Wawbeek but go on day adventures into the Dells and around southern Wisconsin! You will enjoy a touch of the nightlife at the Rick Wilcox Magic Theatre, check out the Ho Chunk Native American Dancing, and head to the drive-in theatre. Your days will be filled with trips to Noah's Ark, Tommy Bartlett's, Circus World Museum, and shopping on the strip. The week will end with a road trip to a Brewer's baseball game, complete with tailgate party.

### Nashville-Country Music Capital

**August 2-9, 2004**

Spend 6 days and five nights in and around Nashville, the Country Music Capital of the World. We'll kick up our heels at the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Grand Ole Opry, and Dollywood! We'll experience the old south as we visit Andrew Jackson's Hermitage and take in the Cheekwood Botanical Gardens. We'll even throw in a little mystery at Miss Marple's Mystery Dinner Theater.

## Spotlight

Spina bifida has never been a barrier for Jean Driscoll, who was an Easter Seals Poster Child and spent many summers at Camp Wawbeek. Today Driscoll, the first racer ever to win the Boston Marathon eight times, is a world-famous athlete, motivational speaker, author and sports commentator. She has appeared on The Today Show, Good Morning America and Nightline, where she credited Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek with helping her to gain confidence in her abilities. Locally, Jean's story was featured on Wisconsin Public Television's show "In Wisconsin." Jean was most recently honored as the featured guest for several Easter Seals events including the Pancake Breakfast, the grand opening of the new Gregory C. Van Wie Hall for Women and Girls and the 5th Annual Fall Sprawl. Jean has also served as a role model for campers participating in our Teen Session. Thank you, Jean, for your inspiration!



Ellen, a Wawbeek Camper, with Jean.

## "Push America" Lends Some Helping Hands

Members of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity donated their time, efforts and financial resources to make significant improvements to both Camp Wawbeek and Respite Camp this year. First, 20 members spent a full week last summer making our Respite Camp's trails and picnic areas more accessible. The Pi Kappa Phi members also participated in "Friendship Visits" with campers at both camps. In October, 10 more members participated in a "PUSH Weekend", replacing the arts and crafts floor at Respite Camp. The Easter Seals campers and staff are grateful for the Pi Kappa Phi's assistance and hope to continue this important friendship!

## News Bites

Camp Wawbeek was the beneficiary of this year's Wisconsin-Upper Michigan **Kiwanis Governor's Project**. Thanks to the Kiwanis members, clubs and Governor Michael Beaudry, over two miles of roadways and trails at Camp Wawbeek have been newly blacktopped for wheelchair accessibility.

**Preview Easter Seals' camp programs** with our new promotional videos for Camp Wawbeek and Respite Camp. Please contact Becky Parkhurst at: [bparkhurst@wi-easterseals.org](mailto:bparkhurst@wi-easterseals.org) to obtain a copy. Formats include VHS, DVD and CD ROM.

## Annual Meeting Recognizes Outstanding Supporters

The 2003 Awards Luncheon and Annual Meeting held on Saturday, November 1 at Nakoma Golf Club in Madison, brought together many Easter Seals supporters. The day also brought recognition to a number of individuals and organizations who have given their time and resources to provide opportunities for adults and children with disabilities in Wisconsin.

The event was emceed by Carleen Wild Southwood, news anchor at WISC TV Channel 3. Highlights from the program included remarks from Bill Holley, Chairman of the Easter Seals Wisconsin Board of Directors, a screening of the new camp video and a slide presentation demonstrating the construction, from start to finish, of the new Gregory C. Van Wie Hall for Women and Girls, which officially opened this past fall.

*The Corner of G and S* entertained us with music and rhymes. Former FARM client Allen Stea (along with his friend Dave Gunderson), closed the performance with a poem he wrote highlighting the ways Easter Seals and the FARM program changed his life.

Also in attendance were the Easter Seals Ambassadors, some traveling a great distance to be with us that day. Easter Seals Wisconsin would like to especially thank Casandra Taylor, Hunter Kelch, Kayla Swenson, and their families for joining us at this important event. Easter Seals would also like to thank each of the award recipients for sharing their words of

## Award Recipients

**Elsa Trombla Outstanding Volunteers**  
*Awarded locally to volunteers who have demonstrated an active and continuing involvement in Easter Seals and a willingness to serve where needed for people with disabilities.*

Bud Flood, Stevens Point  
Lorraine Hollingworth, Kenosha  
Robert Watkins, Trevor

**Outstanding Service Organization**  
*In recognition of outstanding efforts on behalf of people with disabilities.*

Plum City FFA Organization

**Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser**  
*In recognition of outstanding volunteer fundraising efforts to support services to people with disabilities.*

Skip Avery, Middleton

**Outstanding Media**  
*In recognition of media that have enhanced public awareness and understanding of Easter Seals and its mission.*

Erickson Publications, Madison

**Outstanding Service**  
*In recognition of outstanding commitment and service to Easter Seals Wisconsin.*

Doc Hines, State Representative for the 42nd Assembly District in South-Central Wisconsin.

**Kenneth L. Svec Concerned Citizen**  
*Presented in recognition of an individual's volunteer activities on behalf of people with disabilities outside of Easter Seals involvement or activities.*

Phyllis Rozinski, Kenosha

**Clare D. Rejahl Memorial**  
*In recognition of an individual's outstanding volunteer efforts on behalf of people with disabilities in relation to Easter Seals involvement and activities.*

Paul Karch, Appleton

**Personal Achievement**  
*In recognition of the outstanding accomplishment of a person with a disability.*

Keith Kmiecik, Kenosha

## Summer Camp Staff Positions Now Available!

Gain valuable experience while creating friendships that last a lifetime.

### Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek

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Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek is for children and adults ages 7 and up. Campers have physical disabilities with mild to no cognitive impairments. They are able to communicate either verbally or with a communication device. Some of the individuals have cerebral palsy, spina bifida, spinal injuries, congenital birth defects, amputations, etc. There will be a new session for individuals 16-30, who have a mild to moderate cognitive delay with no significant physical disability or behavioral concern. A special session for kids who have chronic asthma is also offered during the summer. Staff live in a dorm type setting.

### Wisconsin Elks/Easter Seals Respite Camp

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Counselors are primarily responsible for one camper, but work together as a team. Respite campers have more involved disabilities requiring one-on-one attention. Communication and the ability to express needs is variable. Some of the individuals have autism, behavioral issues, multiple physical disabilities, medical frailty, and severe to profound cognitive deficits. Counselors provide individualized care and recreational programs for their campers. Staff sleep in cabins with campers and have all weekends off.  
*For more information, call 1-800-422-2324 or visit [www.wi-easterseals.org](http://www.wi-easterseals.org). Applications available online.*

## Spotlight

Representative J. A. ("Doc") Hines is the recipient of Easter Seals Wisconsin's Outstanding Service Award. In addition to being a full-time legislator, "Doc" has served as a veterinarian, beef farmer, and owner/operator of a bed and breakfast. First elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly in November 2001, Rep. Hines currently sits on the Health Committee, where he spear headed an increase in state funding for



Easter Seals Respite program. This funding adds immeasurably to the stability of the Respite program, and allows Easter Seals to expand the program to meet the needs of families and caregivers.

Respite campers and families served by the respite program join the staff of Easter Seals Wisconsin in extending their heartfelt gratitude to Rep. Hines for his tremendous contribution and commitment to helping people with disabilities.

*Do you know of someone who would be deserving of one of our awards? If so, nomination forms for next year's Award Luncheon are available by contacting our office at: 1-800-422-2324 or 608-277-8288.*

# Event Highlights

## Second Annual Easter Seals Benefit Raffle/Dance

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Easter Seals Benefit Dance took place on March 22 at Schmidt's Ballroom in Wausau. Prior to the event 150 raffle tickets were sold at \$50 each. Purchase of a raffle ticket gave the buyer an opportunity to win one of 15 cash prizes of \$100 to \$1,500. Ticket holders enjoyed raffles, free beer and soda, and lunch during the afternoon. Evening activities were open to the public and included additional raffles, a country band (South-Bound), door prizes and the dance. The event raised \$8,000 to support Easter Seals programs and services. A special thank you to the Maine Lions for their \$1,000 gift.



Members of the Maine Lions club present a check to Easter Seals Wisconsin.

## Pat O'Donahue Golf Outing for Kids!

The annual Pat O'Donahue Golf Outing for Kids! was held on July 8 at the beautiful Wilderness Woods Golf Club in Wisconsin Dells. In spite of a soggy start it was a great day that netted nearly \$50,000 that will be used to fund recreational opportunities for children at Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek.

The course was filled to capacity with teams and their celebrity captains - former NFL players, Wisconsin Badger sports legends and other luminaries - as they played for fun, prizes and bragging rights. After finishing their 18 holes, participants journeyed to Camp Wawbeek, where celebrities mingled with campers, signed autographs, and posed for keepsake photos while the Wawbeek cooks prepared a steak feast for all. The Pat O'Donahue Golf Outing for Kids! has become one of our most successful fundraising events, and a highlight of the summer for campers and participants alike.



Darryl Sims, a UW Badger football alum and former Defensive End for the Steelers and the Browns, helped make the day extra special for some of the campers.

## Ride With Me for Kids

On September 20, a group of motorcycle enthusiasts came together to ride and raise funds for Easter Seals Wisconsin. Sponsored by the Association of Recovering Motorcyclists (A.R.M.) Chapter 32, this first time fund raising ride began in Baraboo and wound its way through the beautiful Sauk County countryside. It was followed by a cookout and camaraderie at Redstone Park. Everyone had a great time, \$2,500 was raised and plans are already being made to make the ride bigger and better next year.



A.R.M. members proudly show their awards.

## Easter Seals Dance and Raffle in Eau Claire

The Eau Claire Dance and Raffle was held October 25 at the Eagle's Club in nearby Hallie. In its first year, the event was a great success due to wonderful volunteers and support from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The event raised over \$5,000 and Thrivent generously provided an additional \$3,000 through their Care in Regions program, bringing the grand total to over \$8,000. Special guests from Thrivent included Neil Camrud, Mary Glassbrenner and Pete Lukowitz. Easter Seals would like to especially thank Kelly Moldenhauer from the Eagles, Jeannie and DuWayne Geurts and Dr. Alan Ostertag for their help with selling raffle tickets and organizing of the event. With such a great start, things are looking good for an even more successful Eau Claire event next year!

## The Health, Mental Health and Safety of Wisconsin Farm Families

Excerpts taken from:

by Roger T. Williams

### Chronic Stress for Wisconsin Farm Families

When media attention dissipated following the "farm crisis" of the 1980s, most people believed the farm crisis was over. Yet in Wisconsin, the crisis raged on. The plummeting land values of the 1980s were followed by a severe drought in 1988, feed shortages in 1989, low milk prices in 1990-91, a drought in 1992, floods in 1993, feed shortages in 1994, intense heat in the summer of 1995, a cold, wet spring in 1996, low milk prices in 1997, low beef, hog, soybean and corn prices in 1998-99, extremely low milk prices throughout 2000 and a cold wet spring followed by dry conditions in 2001.

While not all Wisconsin farmers have experienced all of these stressors, many have experienced chronic stress over a period of 20+ years. Farmers who are under stress for long periods of time encounter several effects from the distress, including the following:

Physical: headaches, backaches, ulcers, eating irregularities, sleep disturbances, frequent sickness and exhaustion

Mental: anxiety, anger, bitterness, sadness, loss of spirit, loss of humor, mental anguish and depression

Behavioral: irritability, backbiting, acting out, withdrawal, passive aggressiveness, alcohol or drug abuse, and violence

Cognitive: memory loss, lack of concentration, and an inability to make decisions

Self Esteem: feelings of inadequacy and failure—"I'm a failure," "I blew it"

The combination of effects will be

farm families keeps them from reaching out for help or limits helpers to a closely knit network of family and friends. The *attitude toward communication* causes families to hold things close to their chests since they don't want the "community grapevine" to know about their problems. And the *traditionalism* of farm families often keeps them from making life or career changes that might be in their best interest.

### Health, Mental Health and Safety Issues

The health, mental health and safety issues of farmers can be summarized



as follows:

- 1) Exhausted and sleep deprived
- 2) No health insurance or underinsured
- 3) At risk without disability insurance
- 4) Don't seek treatment for minor accidents or chronic conditions
- 5) Don't seek counseling for mental health problems
- 6) Counselors don't understand the farm culture
- 7) Lack of access to doctors and

### Easter Seals FARM Program

*When accidents do occur or farmers experience a disabling health condition, the Easter Seals FARM Program is there to help. The FARM program fills a gap in rural health care services by helping farmers and their families cope with the effects of a disability. FARM, in partnership with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension (to form AgrAbility), helps farmers continue farming and their way of life through providing on-site assessments, technical modifications of work sites and equipment, and referral to funding sources.*

different for every farm family member. But many experience a deadly combination of anxiety, sleep disturbances, exhaustion, anger, depression, substance abuse, withdrawal from others, as well as cognitive and self-esteem problems.

While farm families may be experiencing problems, there are a number of cultural barriers that often keep them from reaching out for help. The *rootedness* of farm families (often the third or fourth generation of farmers on the land) can keep families from choosing a different career or life outside the community. The *work ethic* of families causes them to work longer hours, to milk more cows, to farm more acres and to take off-farm work to supplement their income; this workaholicism limits their ability to link with helping professionals in the community. The pride, independence and *self-reliant spirit* of

## FARM Program, DVR and Local Farmer Receive Award

Easter Seals FARM Program, Jack Borchardt and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) have been honored with the Partners Award given annually by the State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development. The award recognizes collaborations between individuals and governmental and private agencies that successfully assist individuals in reaching their employment goals.

Jack Borchardt owns and operates a dairy farm just northeast of Wausau in Marathon County. He owns 160 acres of land and rents 100 acres on two nearby farms. Jack has 82 head of cattle and is milking 43 cows.

Jack was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at birth. Although Jack's pursuits toward successful employment have been met with obstacles, his dedication and persistence enabled him to own a successful dairy farm operation.

Jack took over his parents' dairy farm operation in 1977 with the encouragement of his family and friends. The youngest of four boys, he started out with four milking cows and plenty of ambition. Jack's two brothers, Kenny and Arthur, Jr., his great nieces and nephews (Brienne, Logan and Jesse), and his farmhand Roger have been a steady source of support.

But, in 1999, Jack began to realize that most of his workforce was graduating from area schools or moving on. During the summer of 2002, after exhausting his own financial and technical resources, Jack requested the assistance of the DVR, UW Extension and Easter Seals FARM Program.

From the first disability-related accommodation, involving a milking pipeline, auto takeoff milking units and agri-speed hitches, to the high tech controls recently installed in his John Deere tractors, Mr. Borchardt is a classic example of what can result when ideas and resources come together. As a result of technological partnerships with local vendors, coupled with the federal and state vocational grants programs, Easter



Seals and DVR have been able to work with Mr. Borchardt to help him reach his long term vocational goal of continuing to farm. Now 48 years old, Jack takes great pride in his business operation and looks forward to maintaining his career as a dairy farmer until retirement.

The Partners Award was presented at Mr. Borchardt's farm on October 24, 2003. Charlene Dwyer, Ed.D, Administrator of the Division of Rehabilitation, was there to present the awards to Paul Leverenz of Easter Seals Wisconsin, Scott Karlen of DVR and Jack Borchardt. Congratulations!

*For more information about Easter Seals FARM program, call us at 1-800-422-2324 or visit our website, [www.wi-easterseals.org](http://www.wi-easterseals.org)*



*Jack demonstrates how to use some of the assistive technology provided by the partnership.*

## Mad-Town Auction

On Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> Easter Seals Wisconsin held its annual Mad-Town Auction on Fox 47. It was an exciting afternoon as funds were raised to support programs that assist children and adults with disabilities throughout the state. For the past nine years, area businesses have donated a wide array of products and services to this event and this year was no exception. Bidding was fast and furious as items ranging from sports memorabilia to cakes, from massages to interior painting and axle replacements came up on the auction block.

Thank you to everyone who made this event such a success; especially to the bidders who helped raise over \$20,000 for people with disabilities!

Our hosts for the day were Kim Sveum and Jeremy Nelson of FOX 47, Ginger Martin of WOLX, Andy Witt of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, and Kristin Erickson of Erickson Publications.



*Kristin Erickson and Andy Witt served as hosts during the televised auction.*



Thank you to Camp Wawbeek ambassador Casandra Taylor and her family for participating in a live interview on behalf of Easter Seals Wisconsin. Thank you also to the volunteers from UW Madison Circle K for answering phones.

## Pancake Breakfast

Almost 200 people attended the breakfast held on October 5th raising over \$5,000 for Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek. Jean Driscoll (see article on page 10) was the featured guest, at an event that was packed with activities - a raffle, trail rides with a tractor and wagon and a performance by the Canepa School of Dance. A big thank you to all 84 of our event sponsors!

## Fall Sprawl

Eighty-five people walked, ran and wheeled in the 5th Annual Fall Sprawl at Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek in Wisconsin Dells on Saturday, October 4th. Olympian and Paraolympian Jean Driscoll was the featured speaker for the event. The 10K/5K event brought in close to \$5,000 in direct support of Camp Wawbeek camperships.



*A Fall Sprawl participant and Jean Driscoll get a bite to eat after the event.*

A big thanks to the Mason Lions Club and the Wisconsin Dells Key Club for volunteering at the Fall Sprawl. Thank you also to our sponsors: Home Care Medical, Sports Impressions, SYSCO, Championship Awards, Sprint Print, Travelin' Tune, WNFM, WBDL, WRDB.

## Upcoming Events

### Wausau Dance

**March 13, 2004**

Schmidt's Ballroom Bar & Grill  
2:00 pm - midnight

Games and raffles in the afternoon followed by a dance in the evening, this event is fast becoming an area favorite! Info: Brenda at 1.715.834.9452

### Spring Fling Carnival

**March 28, 2004**

noon-3:30 pm

Planned activities at this family event include: inflatable moon walk, bean bag toss, hay rides, treasure hunt, face painting, Easter Bunny, raffle and yummy food. Info: Kelly Housman at 608.254.2502

### Fox Valley Auction

**April 18, 2004**

11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
UPN 32

Exciting televised auction broadcast in the Fox Valley area. Call to donate an item, or to receive an auction guide prior to the event in order to review items and plan your bidding strategy. Info: Terri at 1.800.422.2324 ext. 109

### Pat O'Donahue Golf Outing for Kids!

**June 29, 2004**

Wilderness Woods Golf Club, Wisconsin Dells  
7:30 am - 6:30 pm

After a day of golf with celebrity athletes, participants enjoy a steak fry and auction at Camp Wawbeek while mingling with campers. Info: Terri at 1.800.422.2324 ext. 109

# Support

Our successful Capital Campaign, which established the new hall for women and girls, is near completion! There are several significant renovation projects that still need funding at both camps:



- ½ of the former female dorm at Camp Wawbeek is being renovated into a new health center that will include a new nurses station, an examination room, isolation rooms for campers or staff who are ill, restrooms and living accommodations for nurses.
- ½ of the former female dorm at Camp Wawbeek is being renovated into the new “Kiwaniis Café.” It will be a 50’s style soda shoppe with a karaoke stage, wide screen TV and VCR, soda fountain, games, dance floor and sun porch.
- The male dorm at Camp Wawbeek is getting a new roof, renovated bathrooms and showers with new fixtures, lighting and ventilation, a remodeled fireplace and electrical upgrade.

Please contact Ken Saville, Vice President of Program Development at Easter Seals Wisconsin (608-277-8288 or 800-422-2324, ext. 108, ksaville@wi-easterseals.org) for more information on how to give a gift to this program.

The individuals and companies below have generously contributed \$250 or more to the Capital Campaign. Thank you for making our dreams come true!

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