



The Beautiful Times

May 2012

A note from Peter Ladka, the founder of 'You Are Beautiful People':

When I first began this organization, I had no idea it would touch so many lives. We now have 120 children playing baseball and soccer and I am very pleased with what has become of it. I have learned so much about these Beautiful People and my life will never be the same. I have great hope for this organization, and feel every child deserves the chance to play sports. They have more passion than anyone I know and I truly believe Beautiful People will help them throughout their lives. The families and volunteers are what make it all happen. Play ball!

ON DECK: ("ON DECK" will be a regular part of The Beautiful Times, each issue a player and volunteer will be featured)



Kevin Novella

Age: 6 **Birthdate:** May 15th, 2005

Favorite Vegetable: Carrots

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Sport: "ball" (baseball, soccer, basketball, etc.)

Favorite Team: Yankees

Favorite Subject in School: Science

Best memory of Beautiful People: Martial Arts, Winslow Riding, and when the High School kids came to help at baseball

Do you have any pets? No, but would like to have "a weenie dog!!"

What do you want to be when you grow up? A police man because they save the

world and I'm proud of my daddy because he is a volunteer fire man.

Kevin loves cooking and his specialty is chicken cutlets! He is good at bike riding, making food and his regular chores at home, which are getting the newspaper and trashcans.

Iris Conques

Favorite memory of Beautiful People: My first buddy, James, he was a very active boy, and every time we were out in the field he'd want to play tag, instead of baseball. I especially love the last day of baseball seeing the kids get their trophies, they are so excited.

How many animals do you have? I have a mixed breed special needs dog, Homer, who has seizures, and a cat, Coal. I also have 5 rabbits, and gerbils and mice. They all came from animal shelters. One of my rabbits, Atticus, was in the shelter for 2 years when I adopted him.

Education: I went to RCC, and got my certificate in Human Services. Then I went to Buffalo State and got my degree in Special Ed. and pre-K through 6th grade. I went to the College of New Rochelle, and received my Master's in Severely and Profoundly Handicapped. I also went to Mercy College for a certificate in Pet Facilitated Therapy.

How did you get involved in Beautiful People? My husband, Jim, passed away in 2003, so I was looking for something to fill my Sundays, when I saw a picture in the paper of a group of kids from B.P., and one of the kids I recognized as having worked with at Winslow, given my love for baseball, it seemed like something I would enjoy.

How did you meet your husband? We met when he was working at Letchworth Village Developmental Center, and I was working at Hi Tor Animal Care Center, down in Rockland County. I ran the pet Buddies Program and brought the animals from the shelter to visit the patients in his building.

Anything else we should know? I really enjoy working with the kids, because they are so enthusiastic, and each one is so different. I get a chance to work with a wide range of kids from those needing physical assistance to those that are very active, and I love them all.



Did you know....?

- 9% of children ages 3-17 have ADHD. 12% of boys, 5% of girls (2010).
- 41% of children with a developmental disability have multiple disabilities (2010).
- 1 in 88 children have an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) (2012).
- Its estimated that 1 in 12,000 to 15,000 people has Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS) (2012).
- Cerebral palsy affects about 1 in 278 children (2009).

*All of the above are national stats.

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Pictured Above: From left to right, Peter Ladka, Jim Lawler, Jan Brunkhorst

Crystal Run Village Announces New Director

Jim Lawler, retiring after 14 years as Executive Director and 43 yrs. with CRVI, leaves happy, healthy and with the organization thriving and fiscally sound, just as he had hoped. Bill Sammis, Deputy Executive Director of Administrative Services, replaced Jim effective April 27. Both have long standing careers devoted to improving the lives of people with disabilities and their families.

Beautiful People is supported by the CRVI Foundation as our Sports Program Sponsor with a 4 year commitment 2010-2014. Well wishes to Jim and sincere thanks for his friendship and his role in initiating the partnership of our shared mission. Jim was born and bred for soccer so we hope he'll come see us this fall and he promises to continue visits to our baseball games. ☺

Crystal Run Village has been serving children and adults with developmental disabilities, spectrum disorders and those dually diagnosed with a mental illness since 1959. Their delivery network services include some of the following: Individual and Supportive Residential Opportunities, Day Habilitation; Educational and Vocational Services; Respite House. For information on all of the services offered by Crystal Run Village, Inc please visit www.crvl.org.



The Kids Page

Word Search:

BASEBALL

L N
B X K F
X P A C U I
U U H E T K D E
M X R B K O I T Z L
L P E S A T D P X Q W D
B M H R S S P O R L K T L Y
R A C L R Y E R Q D O E U B G J
S Y T G B C W B X I I M F G L N A L
F K I T A U Y F A T Y P I I M U S U X Q
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E Y O B E G H E L V E V
B R C I L T B H H S
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Words: (Can run horizontally, vertically, diagonally, and even backwards.)

BASEBALL
BASES
BAT
BATTER
BEAUTIFUL

BUDDY
COACH
DIAMOND
FIELD
HELMET

HOMERUN
PEOPLE
PITCHER
SCORE
TEAM

How many times can you find the word Beautiful in this newsletter? _____

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 6 – Sunday, June 24
10 am - Noon

Opening Day of Spring Season Baseball
Town of Walkkill Little League Park, Middletown
Every Sunday except May 27th (Memorial Day)

Monday, June 4
11 am

3rd Annual Golf Outing
Falkirk Estate and Country Club, Central Valley, NY

Sunday, June 24
10 am - Noon

Baseball Awards Day
Last day of Spring Season Baseball
Town of Walkkill Little League Park, Middletown

Healthy Snack Recipe

Polka-Dot Waffle Sticks

Makes: 2 Servings

Start to Finish: 10 minutes



Ingredients:

2 whole grain waffles
1 teaspoon reduced fat cream cheese
1 teaspoon blackberry, raspberry, and/or apricot jelly

Make It:

Toast waffles and cut into 6 sticks (3 sticks per waffle).
Spread each stick with cream cheese and use a spoon or squeeze bottle to dot sticks with jelly.

Nutrition Facts: Serving Per Recipe 2, Calories (kcal) 82, Protein (mg) 3, Carbohydrate (gm) 11, Fat total (gm) 4, Cholesterol (mg) 10, Saturated Fat (mg) 2, Dietary Fiber total (gm) 2, Sugar total (mg) 3, Vitamin A (IU) 97, Riboflavin (mg) 0, Sodium (mg) 129, Potassium (mg) 47, Calcium (DV %) 20, Iron (DV %) 0, Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.

Answer: 13

What would you like to see?? Got Ideas?

If you have any suggestions on something you would like to see in the newsletter please let us know. You can either send us a letter or email us with some suggestions!! If you do send an email please make the subject "Beautiful Times" You can even add a personal story that you would like others to hear about! If you want to be a regular writer or a guest writer for the newsletter please let us know, help is needed!

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