



## WMFC Honors Volunteers at Annual Dinner



Recipients of the 1994 Volunteer Awards were, left to right, Becky Campbell, Stephen Barstow Youth Volunteer of the Year, Jeff Crosby, Orrin Barrett Volunteer of the Year, and Donna Hackett, Phyllis Breedlove Friend of the Center Award.

### BARSTOW FOUNDATION GIFT

## Stephen Barstow Wellness Program

Stephen L. Barstow was a board member at West Midland Family Center from 1983 to 1992, and one of the guiding forces toward the development of our new center. Stephen's death from a brain tumor on August 3, 1992 was deeply felt by the WMFC family. In Stephen's name, the Barstow Foundation has generously donated \$25,000 to the center's endowment fund. The earnings from this contribution will help support family health and wellness education programming at WMFC.

In 1995, we will be using these funds for family wellness instruction through the Building Strong Families parenting program. Through this program, young parents will have access to wellness education and activities for themselves and their children. In addition to health and wellness instruction, Building Strong Family participants will receive a free orientation of our fitness facilities as well as ongoing free access to the fitness program. Each class, participants will receive free snacks and recipes and improving lifestyles and behavior will be an

ongoing goal for the program.

For the past three years, Lois Burton, the program's coordinator, has offered weekly

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STEVE BARSTOW

On Sunday April 9, West Midland Family Center had the opportunity to thank all of its dedicated volunteers and benefactors with the annual volunteer appreciation dinner.

While every volunteer deserves praise and thanks, several of the most dedicated individuals were selected to receive WMFC's highest awards.

The **Orrin Barrett Volunteer of the Year Award** was presented to Jeff Crosby. Jeff is almost a permanent fixture at the center. Over the past year he has contributed countless hours to activities as varied as the New Year's Eve Family Party, the Saturday night youth program, the Fabulous Friday Program, Pee Wee Basketball, and organizing the 3-on-3 youth basketball tournaments. Jeff also took charge of ensuring that the center had an outdoor ice rink this past winter which meant that he was frequently seen outside the center during the coldest days of the year adding another layer to the ice.

This year's **Stephen Barstow Youth Volunteer of the Year** is Becky Campbell. This award was recently renamed in honor of a long time supporter and benefactor of the center. (See related story) Becky has been involved with WMFC since age two and can be found volunteering in many of the center's youth programs. In addition to being this year's Youth Volunteer of the Year, Becky has recently been rewarded for her dedication and service by being selected as a Voluntary Action Center Volunteer Award Winner and by being hired as a WMFC part-time staff member.

The **Phyllis Breedlove Friend of the Center** for 1994 is Donna Hackett. Donna is well known to most visitors to the center. She has been a volunteer with the center since 1976. Every Saturday Donna can be found working in the kitchen supporting the WMFC

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### SPRING - SUMMER 1995

Inside this edition of the Family Focus is a four-page pullout Spring and Summer program schedule. This is your guide to all youth, adult, senior and community activities offered at the center until September. Please retain for future reference.

## Orrin Barrett ... Friend of West Midland

West Midland Family Center has lost one of its greatest assets with the resignation of Orrin Barrett from the Board of Directors. He and his wife, Eleanor, are moving to a senior citizen community in Holland, Michigan. Orrin was the site director for the construction of our new building. His drive and dedication ensured that the building came in under budget and on time.

More recently, Orrin has served on our Board of Directors, Activities Committee, Accounting and Budget Committee, Investment Committee and as Chairperson of our Facilities Committee. In this capacity, Orrin has seen to it that our building has been maintained in "like new" condition, and has drawn up a long range work plan and budget that will take us to the year 2005.

His expertise in the field and his contacts in the community have been invaluable in our goal of making and keeping the center a quality part of this community. When it looked like our needs were expanding, Orrin established the Long Range Planning Committee. With the same care he gave to the construction and upkeep of the building, Orrin guided the committee towards its goal. He made sure the committee was strong enough to function on its own before he resigned.

In an effort to express their appreciation for



ORRIN BARRETT

his past services, the Board of Directors named Orrin an Honorary Board Member at their March board meeting. Several Board and staff members met at a farewell luncheon in his honor to present him with a certificate proclaiming his new status. Orrin and his talents will be sorely missed by everyone involved at West Midland Family Center... and the entire community. We wish Orrin and Eleanor the best of luck in their new home.

## A New Member for the West Midland Team

If you've visited the center in the last few months, you may have bumped into a young fellow with a slightly different accent. Chances are that it was Alan Oman. Alan came to West Midland in November to volunteer in any capacity we could use him. After discovering his many talents and abilities, we now wonder how we ever got along without him.

Alan volunteers 40 plus hours a week, as our New Initiatives and Promotions Coordinator. His responsibilities have included writing various grant proposals, coordinating the Coed Volleyball League and our Aerobics Classes, developing the center's publications, assisting in our long range planning process, assisting with the development of our summer and youth programs and other numerous activities.

Gail Crosby, Director of Programs, said: "Alan's commitment and dedication has been an inspiration to me. The knowledge and experience he has brought to the center has certainly been an incredible asset. We are very fortunate that he chose West Midland." Alan was born in England and grew up in Sarnia, Ontario. He moved to Midland with his wife Julie in August 1994. Prior to coming to Michigan he was the Manager of Community and Social Services at the Family YMCA in Sarnia. Alan's YMCA experience extends over 14 years. Alan

says that "it was very difficult to leave the Sarnia Y. I basically grew up there and the staff were as close to me as my own family." He also says "I also feel very lucky to have found a place like West Midland Family Center with such a dedicated staff who demonstrate the same values that are so important to me. Everyone has gone out of their way to make me feel so welcome here."

If you get a chance, stop in and say hi to Alan next time you are at the Center.

### 1995 Donations

(Through March)

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| Dow Foundation .....              | \$300,025 |
| United Way .....                  | \$ 38,000 |
| Gerstacker Foundation .....       | \$ 10,000 |
| Paul Orefice.....                 | \$ 6,250  |
| David Barstow.....                | \$ 2,500  |
| Snow Machines Inc.....            | \$ 1,500  |
| Comerica Bank.....                | \$ 1,000  |
| Kiwassee Kiwanis.....             | \$ 500    |
| First Utd. Methodist Church ..... | \$ 300    |
| Midland Kiwanis.....              | \$ 250    |
| Mr. & Mrs. W. McLaren.....        | \$ 100    |
| Bay Valley Oil .....              | \$ 50     |
| P.E.O. Sisterhood .....           | \$ 25     |

## Judy Wirtz ... Gone, But Not Far Away!

Greendale Happy Diners has a new Site Director, and it's our own Judy Wirtz! Judy accepted the position upon the resignation of Kathy Presnell after Kathy's ten faithful years of service. The Site Director's position became vacant when Kathy accepted a position with Tendercare Nursing Home.

Judy is a member of the community, and has been employed at the Center for years. In her capacity as Front Desk Receptionist, she got to know many of the seniors who come every day for lunch at Greendale and work out in our fitness room and gym. Judy brings a great knowledge of community concerns and caring to her new position. She has developed a variety of resources in Midland County from her experience in helping families with their problems over the past several years. She has been an active community volunteer in several community programs such as the Floyd Elementary School PTA, the Midland Preschool Center, and Westtown Baseball Leagues.

Judy will be responsible for supervising the Greendale Happy Diners noon meal, home delivered meals program and all of the site's activities. Judy's goals include the expansion of the already successful Greendale program. She already has plans for several new activities for our seniors, including sewing circles, day trips and travel clubs. Judy would also like to extend an invitation to all seniors to come out, meet her, and help in the building of a dynamic seniors program.

Judy will be a great addition to our senior citizen program. Good luck, Judy!



JUDY WIRTZ

### West Midland Family Center Officers and Directors

|                      |   |
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| President.....       | Bob Dostal  |
| Vice President ..... | Joe Dufort  |
| Secretary.....       | Jim Burlingame  |
| Treasurer.....       | Dick Furlow   |
| Directors .....      | Chuck Infante, Linda Kellogg,<br>Jim LaBean, Sue Thumma,<br>Joe Vanderkelen, Ralph E. Wirtz |
| Legal Advisor .....  | Tom Misner  |

### Staff

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|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Executive Director .....     | Greg Dorrien    |
| Program Director .....       | Gail Crosby     |
| Office Manager .....         | Kahren O'Brien  |
| Maintenance Manager .....    | Gerald Burkett  |
| New Initiatives .....        | Alan Oman       |
| Youth & Teen Program.....    | Jennifer Holc   |
| Youth Activities Coord. .... | Wyndy Johnson   |
| EAL Director .....           | Tracy Meister   |
| Preschool Teacher .....      | Elaine Fabinski |
| BSF Coordinator .....        | Lois Burton     |
| Night Supervisor .....       | Diane Dauer     |
| Receptionist .....           | Diane DeMott    |

# Bierlein, Central Vending Basketball Champions

Bierlein Demolition and Central Vending were crowned champions of their respective leagues at the fifth annual All Star Basketball Game. Bierlein Demolition finished the Tuesday night league with a perfect 10 and 0 record. Bierlein's win ended the five year reign of the Jockshop. Rick Dzurka was the team's leading scorer with 180 points for an 18 point average. Other team members include Art Adan, Dean DeWildt, Padro Garrett, Mike Rapanos, Rick Loose, Steve Waugh and Mike Dupuis. Tim Mantyla of the Jockshop was voted this league's Most Valuable Player, scoring 185 points with a 20.6 scoring average over 9 games. Chris Yoder of the Paper Place was the league's scoring champion with 188 points in 10 games.

Central Vending finished the season with a 9-1 record. Mario Patterson lead the team with 172 points and was voted the league's Most Valuable Player. Patterson said through his interpreter, Fred Townsend, that he would "like to thank all the little people for their help in making this season possible!" Patterson's teammates included Bob Foster, Brian Keeler, Rodney Lackey, Robert Smith, Fred Townsend and Jamee Cassady. Ken Houtman of Laplow Construction lead the scoring for both leagues with an impressive 219 points in 10 games.

This year's All Star Game topped last year's game, which was no easy feat since it was a triple overtime 88-87 game. The Wednesday night champions held on for a thrilling 107-106 victory. Wednesday night's Fred Townsend lead all scorers with a imposing 30 point contribution. The Tuesday night team's top gun for the evening was Dale Ashmore with 23 points.



Tuesday Night League Red All Stars - Front Row L-R: James Shaw, Chris Yoder, Dale Ashmore, Charlie Wilkins, Richard Little. Back Row L-R: Marty Garrison, Bruce Kohnert, Tim Mantyla, Chris Zimmerman, Rich Dzurka.



Wednesday Night League White All Stars - Front Row L-R: Pat Brandt, Tim Gross, Fred Townsend, Ken Houtman, Back Row L-R: Ron Sackett, Rodney Lackey, Chris Caldwell, Mike Dyer, Not Pictured: Mario Patterson, Dave Caldwell, James Cassady.

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## Calendar of Events

May 4 ..... W.I.C. Clinic  
May 4-13 ..... TNT Interviews  
May 6 ..... Community Rummage Sale  
May 11-12 ..... 3-On-3 Chump Change Tournament  
May 15-16 ..... TNT Selection Notification  
May 18 ..... W.I.C. Clinic  
May 19 ..... Family Day  
May 24 ..... Health Department Immunizations  
May 26 ..... Teen Jam  
May 29 ..... Memorial Day (Building Closed)  
June 1 ..... Summer Program Registration  
June 1 ..... W.I.C. Clinic  
June 2 ..... TNT All Night Party  
June 9 ..... Family Picnic and Youth Camp Out  
June 12-16 ..... TNT Training  
June 13 ..... Dow Library Reading Program Begins  
June 15 ..... W.I.C. Clinic

June 17 ..... E.A.L. Serv-A-Thon  
June 20 ..... Children's Summer Programs Begin  
June 28 ..... Health Department Immunizations  
July 4 ..... Independence Day  
July 4 ..... TNT Community Picnic  
July 4-6 ..... No Summer Program  
July 13 ..... W.I.C. Clinic  
July 13 ..... Family Picnic and Youth Camp Out  
July 15 ..... E.A.L. Car Wash  
July 26 ..... Health Department Immunizations  
July 26 ..... E.A.L. Community Care Drive  
August 3 ..... Last Day of Regular Summer Program  
August 6 ..... Dow Library Reading Program Ends  
August 7-11 ..... Chippewa Nature Center Camp  
August 10 ..... Family Picnic and Youth Camp Out  
August 17 ..... W.I.C. Clinic  
August 23 ..... Health Department Immunizations

# WMFC Looks Forward to Another Exciting Summer

WMFC's summer program schedule has some exciting new additions this year. As well as our tried and true **Bookworm Buddies** and "**Sun**"sational Summer programs, new additions to our youth programs include the **Early Bird Club**, **Shuttle Service** and **Chippewa Nature Center Camp**. The **Early Bird Club** will be offered from 7:30 to 10:00 am before our regular programs start. The program is educationally focused library program ideally suited to children of working parents and those children who need extra summer tutoring. Our **Shuttle Service** will be a four stop, bus pick up for families in outlying areas.

Perhaps our most exciting new program for summer is the **Chippewa Nature Center (CNC) Camp**. For a full week between August 7 and 11, WMFC will be host to CNC's quality science and exploration camp. The camp will offer four age appropriate groups including half day programs for preschoolers and kindergarten students and full day programs for students in grades one through three. We are very grateful to Chippewa Nature Center for selecting us as an outreach site for their summer program. We are able to offer their program at a much lower cost than the normal rates.

In addition to our regular programming we will be offering a number of special one day activities for area families. These include a July 4th Community Picnic hosted by our Teens in Training members.

We are also offering Family Picnics and Youth Camp Outs on June 9, July 13 and August 10. A campfire supper will begin at 6:00 pm for all family members. At 9:00 pm parents can go home for a relaxing evening while the 9 to 14 year olds stay behind for a camp out with the WMFC staff. Registration for all summer programs begins June 1 between 6:00 - 8:00 pm.



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Auxiliary Bingo. She also volunteers many hours to organizing the clothing room as well as many other center activities. Executive Director Greg Dorrien said that "Donna never thinks about the amount of time that she spends at the center, she just always shows up to help."

This year's dinner was also highlighted by the presentation of two special awards. Orrin Barrett, a long time volunteer and board member was made an honorary board member by the center's Board of Directors. Orrin was instrumental in the development of the new WMFC facility and has recently retired

from the board. (See related story) Also selected for a special award this year was the Barstow Foundation for their \$25,000 donation in honor of the late Stephen Barstow. (See related story).

This year's volunteer appreciation dinner was capped off with a keynote address by Gerry Gotlieber of Larkin Associates. Gerry delivered a very appropriate and entertaining speech on the topic of "why volunteers do what they do."

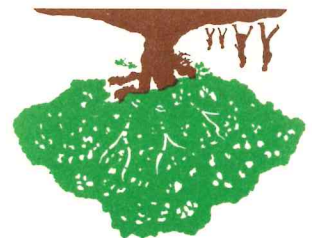
If you missed this year's dinner, remember to circle April on your 1996 calendar. It's a great night for everyone.

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meetings and in-home support for area parents. Classes are held in a friendly, informal atmosphere where education is offered concerning effective parenting skills. The class is also an opportunity for discussions to take place in a safe, confidential environment. The program has been so well received by parents that three weekly sessions are now offered: Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Thursdays 9:15-11:15 am and Thursdays 1:15-3:15 pm.

In recognition of Stephen Barstow's dedi-

cation and service to WMFC, the board of directors has renamed the center's annual Youth Volunteer Award in his honor. The award will now be known as the Stephen L. Barstow Youth Volunteer of the Year Award. The award is presented to a youth volunteer who has made an outstanding contribution to the center's programming over the course of a year. This year's recipient is Becky Campbell.



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