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## June 2008

### Logansport Employee Of The Month

Jan Adair

Jan went beyond the call of duty last month. Rather than bother Carmen with a rather large mess from a consumer being ill, Jan donned gloves and tackled the job herself. Definitely not in the job description, and witnessed by at least 2 other staff. Thank you Jan for being willing to help keep our consumers and staff, safe, healthy and happy.



### Welcome New Employees!

Mary Henry

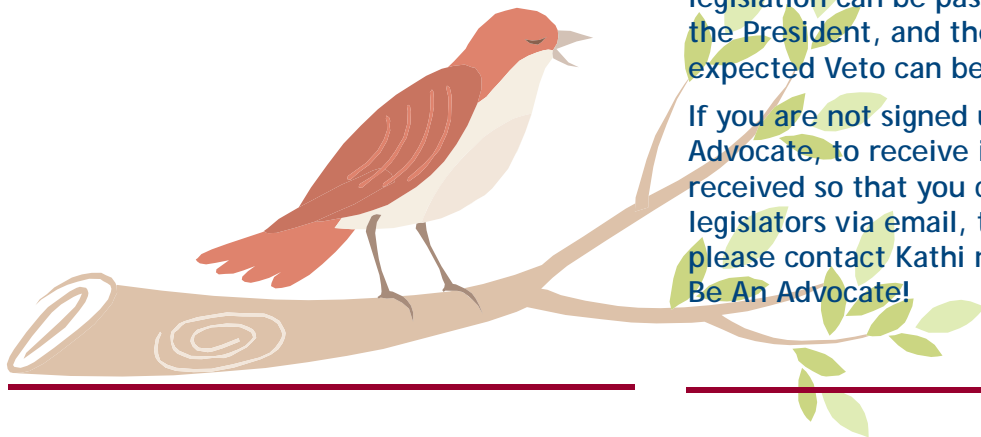
Kurt Kolanko

Jessica Waggoner

Margaret Walters

Wendy Jones

Everyone who works here should be aware that the CARF surveyors will be here on Monday & Tuesday, June 9 & 10. Thank you, all, for doing what needed to be done to prepare for the survey. Good luck! Hopefully next month we will be saying, "WOO HOO! 3 MORE YEARS!"



### Don's Message

Kathi's filling in, because Don is busy! Last month Don told you about some upcoming changes in the way consumer budgets and rates for services are being set. There are a few updates to that situation.



The start date for the proposed changes has been pushed back to January 1. This gives us time to watch closely as District 4 - starting with changes on schedule in July - goes through this process.

Also, the day services rates as originally proposed may be reconsidered. We don't know what changes, if any, will be made to the proposed rates, but we can be cautiously optimistic at this point.

Another situation we are watching is that of some proposed changes to Medicaid rules that are to go into effect on July 1. If those rules go into effect, billions of Medicaid dollars will be lost to persons with developmental disabilities, children and the elderly. Both the US Congress and the US Senate have proposed legislation to prevent these rules from going into effect, but President Bush has vowed to Veto the legislation. We need to stay in contact with our Congressman and Senators so that the legislation can be passed and presented to the President, and then again so that the expected Veto can be overridden.

If you are not signed up to be a Peak Advocate, to receive information as it is received so that you can contact your legislators via email, telephone or mail, please contact Kathi now and get on that list. Be An Advocate!

Don



### Winamac Employee Of The Month

Laura Simpson

Laura Simpson, SGL Support Worker, spends a lot of time with our consumers when not on duty. She enjoys spending time with her friends, and her friends happen to be our consumers! We all need friends, and for many of the individuals we support, friends are hard to come by. To have a friend is a special blessing. Thanks, Laura.



### Consumer Of The Month

Owen Reaker

Owen has been doing extra work in the Work Services area like cleaning and yard work. Thank you Owen for being so willing to help out with these duties!

