

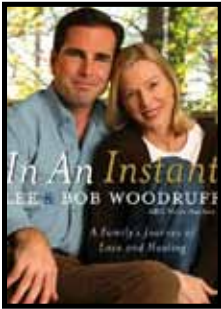
# THE EXCHANGE

*Published for parents, family members, and guardians  
of individuals served by Black Hills Workshop*

March/April 2011

## Brain Injury Conference May 5-6

The 6th Annual Black Hills Brain Injury Conference will be held May 5-6 at the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City. The event is cosponsored by Community Transitions and Regional Health Hospice House, and includes tracks for both professionals and family caregivers.



Among the presenters is Lee Woodruff, coauthor of the best-selling book, *In an Instant*. Lee Woodruff garnered critical acclaim for the compelling and humorous chronicle of her family's journey to recovery following her husband Bob's roadside bomb injury in Iraq.

Also presenting are BJ and Abby Jackson. In August of 2003, BJ Jackson was critically injured in Iraq. Jackson lost both legs and suffered severe burns on his arms, legs and back. B.J. discusses his road to recovery, overcoming odds, leadership, perseverance, and adapting to life's changes.



Patricia Haldeman will be discussing her son's traumatic brain injury at age three from a playground accident. Though undiagnosed, the injury resulted in John's death years later when he was a teenager.



Other presenters include Annette Pearson, Kari Ann Sovel, Ellie Bernier, Merri Vitse, Laura Barbera, Betty Bowers, Christina Cote, Susan Kains and Dorothy Rosby. The conference will be held at the

Ramkota Hotel 10:45 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 5 and Friday, May 6 from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. More conference details and a registration form are available on the Community Transitions' web site, [www.brainrehab.org](http://www.brainrehab.org).

## Three to perform in upcoming dance recital

Three performers from Black Hills Workshop will perform in "Mouvements des Prairie," a dance recital sponsored by Barefoot Dance Studio. **Dean Baker, Shad Bebout and Jorgia Steenberg** will perform in the recital which will be held May 29 at 6 p.m. at the Stevens High School Theatre. Tickets are \$15 for adults \$10 for under age 13 and can be purchased after May 1 at Barefoot Dance Studio 412 5th Street in Rapid City or at the door.

## Cougars bring home the gold



*The Black Hills Workshop Cougars (above) took home the gold from the state Special Olympics Basketball Tournament in Yankton March 11-12. They went undefeated in four games. From left to right are Tina Boschee, Coach Bill Molitor, Mike Studer, Rocky Allard, Matthew Blauvelt, Jenny Molitor, Aaron Flack, Coach Dennis Hettich, and Melissa Richmond. The Black Hills Workshop Wildcats had a record of 2-2 and earned the bronze medal. The players on the Wildcat team were Mike Turner, Troy Wright, Sam Scheffer, Josh Gilbert, Russell Reynolds, Freida Henschel, Todd Molitor, Mark Samuelson, and Rick Torgersen.*

*The Exchange* is published bimonthly by the Black Hills Workshop for parents, family members, and guardians of the individuals we serve. Comments and questions are encouraged and may be addressed to Dorothy Rosby, Editor, Black Hills Workshop, Box 2104, Rapid City, SD 57709; call (605) 718-6205; or email [drosby@bhws.com](mailto:drosby@bhws.com). We also appreciate your keeping us up to date on your address changes, corrections, or duplicate mailings.

## Tea honors

### Connie Whitley

Connie Whitley, the 2011 Artist of the Year, will be honored at Suzie's Royal Tea on Sunday, May 1. The tea will be held from 2-4 in the Suzie Cappa Art Center at Black Hills Workshop 3603 Range Road. Each year, those attending decorate tables and enjoy an English high tea. Contact Brian Munsell at 605-718-6207 or go to the website, [www.bhwsfoundation.org](http://www.bhwsfoundation.org) to purchase tickets. Tickets are \$50 and are sold in advance only.

Connie has attended the Suzie Cappa Art Center since 2004. She has a passion for painting and has shown her work at the Dahl Art Center, the Central States Fair, and many other venues. She has participated in theatrical performances and is a member of Outright Dance Theatre, a local mixed-ability dance company. She has also performed in bell choir and at piano recitals.

A painting created by Connie was chosen for this year's Black Hills Workshop Christmas card. Blank note cards featuring the painting have been added to the Black Hills Workshop's note card collection



## Calendar

**April 12: Aquatics begins.** Practice every Tuesday, 1-2 at the pool at Lacrosse Apartments.

**April 29: Black Hills Regional Track & Field Meet,** Black Hills State University, Spearfish.

**May 19-21: State Track & Field,** Sioux Falls.

**September 17-18: Softball State Tournament,** Brookings.

For information on any of these events, contact Joe Burmeister at 718-8341.

If you would prefer to receive the Exchange via e-mail, please send your e-mail address to [drosby@bhws.com](mailto:drosby@bhws.com). Your information will not be shared with other organizations.