

THE EXCHANGE

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Special Needs Trust booklet available

Jess Pekarski and Becky Vogt, both attorneys from Costello, Porter, Hill, Heisterkamp, Bushnell & Carpenter LLP, presented a Special Needs Trust Seminar to families on October 5. If you were unable to attend “Wills and Estate of Parents, Grandparents, and Siblings of Children and Adults with Disabilities,” but are interested in learning more about the subject, booklets are available from the seminar. Contact JoAnne Schriver, Black Hills Workshop’s Director of Development at 605-718-6204.

Rich Maxwell honored



Rich Maxwell has been selected for the *Wind Beneath our Wings Award* which is presented by the Chamber of Commerce’s Health & Human Services Committee. He will be honored at the annual Health & Human Services Awards Luncheon November 5 at the Radisson. Rich came to the Black Hills Workshop after 20 years of service to his country in the

United States Air Force, including two tours of duty in Vietnam. He has been with Black Hills Workshop for 13 years. He assists adults with disabilities who live in the community with their medical appointments, shopping, banking, leisure, social activities, and more. Without his assistance, many people would be more dependent on their families or would be unable to live as independently as they do.

Rich coordinates the logistics and transportation needed for scores of people with disabilities to participate in bowling, softball, dances, Special Olympics, and many community events. He has used his own equipment, as well as his vehicle, to assist people when they need to move. His advocacy for people includes making sure they have the opportunity to take the trips of their dreams. And he shares his love of the outdoors, especially fishing, by taking people with disabilities on an annual fishing excursion to Lake Oahe. No matter how many fish they catch, Rich guarantees a great experience!

Rich manages the medical needs of well over a hundred people, tracking when their appointments are due, scheduling the appointments, providing transportation, and making sure that any follow-up recommendations are completed. This is no easy task, considering that he must know the person’s work schedule, preferences, days off, and other needs. We and the people we serve are the beneficiaries of Rich’s dedication, enthusiasm, and experience every day. He truly is the “Wind Beneath our Wings.”

Alice in Galaland Oct. 30

Alice in Galaland will be a night you’ll never forget! The Gala committee is creating an “Academy Awards” atmosphere with awesome decor based on *Alice in Wonderland!* As always we offer fabulous food and it’s a dress-up event offering a great raffle and entertainment. But the best part is meeting the winners. Congratulations **Richard Booth, Matthew Blauvelt, Benjamin Roth, and David Tanner**, this year’s *Outstanding Achievement Award* winners. **Andrea Schaefer** of Barefoot Dance Studio will also be honored with our Community Connection Award. And **Forest Recreation Management**, and the **Forest Service** together will receive our volunteer award.

Tickets are \$70 and can be purchased by contacting Joanne Schriver at 605-718-6204 or going to the Black Hills Workshop Foundation web site, www.bhwsfoundation.org. All proceeds from this year’s Gala will go toward furnishings for two accessible homes we are in the process of building near the Civic Center.



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Calendar

•**Bowling** is held every Thursday at 10:30 and 3:30 at Robbinsdale and at 3:30 at Meadowood.

•**Regional Special Olympics Bowling Tournament** at Meadowood on October 22 starting at noon.

•**Halloween Dance**, Sunday, October 31 from 2-4:30 in the Black Hills Workshop Gymnasium. Prizes for the best costumes. Dance to music by Yo Vinny.

•**State Bowling Tournament**, November 12-14, Aberdeen.

•**Christmas Dance** Sunday, December 5, 5:30-8:30 at the Ramkota. Dance to music by Yo Vinny.

For information contact Black Hills Workshop at 343-4550.

Haunted House October 22 & 23

The Black Hills Workshop will host its annual Haunted House Friday and Saturday, October 22 and 23 from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at the Workshop, 3603 Range Road. The Haunted House is open to the public but is not recommended for children under the age of 8. Admission is one nonperishable food item which will be donated to the Food Bank.



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