



# Life Skills Times



It's hard to believe that it's already May 2019! Time sure flies when you're having fun! We've had a busy start to the new year and have a lot of things to come! But first, let's get caught up on all the latest happenings, and new faces that we have since welcomed to the team!

**Ms. Savanna Bayless** has joined our Life Skills Family and will be having a helping hand in continuing the growth, development and improvement for our Children's Services Group and Community Integration Group. Savanna has some previous experience in this field and a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. We have very much

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enjoyed having her join our team! When we asked Savanna what brought her to Life Skills, she replied, "I came to Life Skills for the opportunity to make a difference and form meaningful bonds with everyone!" If you guys see Savanna out and about, please give her a warm welcome!

**Mrs. SheyAnne Allen** has joined our Life Skills family recently. She's got a happy, open personality and says that, "she came to Life Skills to make a difference in the world helping those who need it". She's a race car fanatic, and is a great part of our team. Thank you, SheyAnne!

**Ms. Chela Schumacher** has recently come to our team. She enjoys "finding ways to show compassion, and kindness towards others". Chela gets her

inspiration from figures in time, such as Rachel Joy Scott. If you see Chela around, give her a big, warm Life Skills welcome!

**Mrs. Catrina Sparrow** has jumped right into our community here at Life Skills! She said she "came to Life Skills because she wanted to do something that made a difference in other people's lives, and to be in an environment where I'd never run out of learning opportunities." Ms. Sparrow has a huge personality, and enjoys panning for gold in the summers. We're grateful to have you!

**Mrs. Pamela Robinson** has been with our Life Skills family in Rawlins, and has joined us here in Rock Springs. She came to Life Skills "because I love people and I want to see them happy and thriving." She takes a lot of her inspirations from quotes and uses them to help inspire others. If you see Pamela in Rock Springs, say hello!

**Ms. Sam Robertson** joined our Life Skills team and keeps our

Sweets and Beets cafe running! Without her, we'd be lost! Sam believes that, "only by giving are you able to receive more than you already have" and uses this philosophy to make a difference in our Life Skills family. If you're out and about, or stopping to grab a coffee make sure to say hello!

**Ms. Ashley Lund** has jumped in to join our team recently and says she came to Life Skills because, "I love to work with people and helping people in their lives." She's an animal lover, and has a warm spot in her heart for reptiles. Thank you, Ashley!

**Ms. Jocelyn Campos** has taken the leap and joined our team recently. She said she "really likes helping people and being able to make a difference, and getting to see people smile." Ms. Campos is a tennis and hiking enthusiast, and appreciated! Thank you, Jocelyn!

If you see any of these folks out and about, please welcome them to the family! They are all truly wonderful, and we are really excited to see where the future will take us!



We would also like to take a minute to recognize the folks that have been voted in by their peers to be "Staff Of The Month." These folks have gone the entire month, and have completed all of tasks and responsibilities, and have just demonstrated that they are striving for excellence in everything they do! We have had



Linda Burgess (March), Catrina Sparrow (April) all voted in over the last few months! We are grateful for their hard work and dedication! Be sure to congratulate each of these folks when you see them!



Have we mentioned to you how much we LOVE our Sweets and Beets coffee shop?! There's nothing better than having caffeine at your fingertips! The delightful folks that work to keep the coffee shop running smoothly,



have also introduced some pretty scrumptious lunch specials on a daily basis! Our coffee shop offers the most competitive prices in town! Not only that, but through Sweets and Beets we offer our folks the

opportunity to gain real life skills through customer service, money skills, organization, and work responsibility. We would like to strongly encourage you all to give it a shot. They are open Mon-Fri 10am-3pm! We look forward to seeing you!



Comedy Night 2018 was a **HUGE SUCCESS!** While we are still waiting for the "Official" numbers, we do know that we were able to raise **OVER \$14,000** for Special Olympics Wyoming Athletes! We want to send a special shout out to our Comedy Night Committee Members **Daisy Moore & Tim Savage** for their hard work, and dedication to making this year such a success! **Melissa Noah** with Special Olympics was phenomenal to work with this year, we appreciate everything she did to help us! Be sure to give these folks a special shout out when you see them out and about in our community!



This year marked the 4th annual Life Skills PROM dinner and dance! The theme this year was 50's Sock Hop! This is always one of our favorite events of the year, seeing everyone dressed up, and dancing their night away! We would like to send out a special congratulations to our 2018 Prom King and Queen William O'Conner and Anje Shaw! Thank you to Rebecca Hanks, for making PROM a huge success!



We had a WONDERFUL and AMAZING Special Olympics season! Area games were April 25th and 26th in Evanston, Wyoming and State Games took place May 9, 10, 11th in Laramie! Our athletes had a great time and brought several medals! As

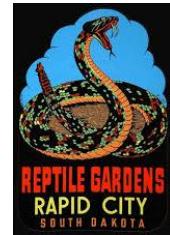


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reminder, if your athlete does NOT participate in area games, they are not eligible per Special Olympics rules to attend state games, per Special Olympics. If you have any questions, please contact our office 307-362-6422!

## Summer Fun

Our 2019 Summer Vacation Destination is Rapid City, South Dakota!



We are excited to check out Bear Country, Reptile Gardens, The Cosmos Mystery area and, take a sneak peek at the evening lighting ceremony at Mount Rushmore, and much, much more! We will depart from Rock Springs May 20th, and return May 25th!



## Down the Line...

#Cancun 2020!!! You saw that right we will be vacationing in CANCUN in 2020!! While we are still working out specifics, and details, we would encourage you to let us know if this is a trip that you would like your loved one to attend- but also, they will need a passport! If they don't currently have one, it's never too early to start the process!



2019 will bring in our 3rd CARF Survey! We are eagerly awaiting their arrival in November 2019 and look forward to the many new and exciting things that they will be teaching and sharing with us! If you and/or your loved one have wonderful stories, memories and experiences with Life Skills that you would like to share, please get in touch with Rebecca 307-362-6422 so that we can help capture those memories to share with CARF!



Check out our new website! We still have a number of features to add, it is a work in progress, so check it out and let us know what you think! [www.lifeskillswyo.com](http://www.lifeskillswyo.com)



## Juno's Corner

Hello to all my four-legged furry friends and their families! As we are approaching the warmer season remember to keep your fuzzy loved ones in mind!



While everyone loves a good walk on a warm day, keep in mind your four-legged loved one's paws. Be wary of hot asphalt and metal surfaces. Not only can it cause burns to your critters paws, it can cause a raise in body temperature and result in overheating! Be sure that while you're out and enjoying the gorgeous days to come, you're keeping plenty of water for both yourself and your pets!

## Eye on Talent

Nick Leosco is our resident Picasso! Creating wonderful images of color wrapped inside color. From hues of honey, to deep blues and oranges, Nick never fails to create images that make you think! Here he is hard at work, with a few of his most recent creations.

