

Pincrest Bar & Lanes Corner Update

When Township Supervisor Todd Dunham asked if Pincrest would be willing to put together a team for the Muskegon Polar Plunge this year we were a bit skeptical that anyone would volunteer to jump! By definition, it's advertised as a cold (Polar), wet (Plunge) event, even if it does benefit a great cause. After doing a little research on what happens at the Plunge, we posted some fliers and bought a few bowling pin costumes in hopes of convincing five people to join our fundraising team. The first week was a bit slow, and we might have "designated" a few volunteers, however to our surprise by week two we needed more costumes, and our team was gaining new members every day. By the time we were headed to the Plunge we had a group of seventeen volunteers dressed as bowling pins, a ball, and league players along with lots of our bar goers to cheer them on. The best part? Together we raised almost \$10,000 in support of the Special Olympics, earning Pincrest the top fundraising award in our business segment. We're happy to say that everyone had such a great time at the event and



the after party that they've already signed up to do it again next year. A BIG thank you to Todd Dunham for inviting us to participate in something so SPECIAL. #pincrestproud

On a business note, good things are happening at the corner and this summer season we have lots of fun outdoor events lined up including

live music on the weekends, crafting classes, bike nights, food vendors, craft shows, and corn hole tournaments. Stop up and enjoy your favorite beverage, check out our outdoor spaces, and meet some friends.

As always, we hope to see you at the corner!
Aimee & Tom Johnson

Pictured: Pincrest Pin Bouys



Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind

submitted by Gwen Botting, Executive Director, Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind

Imagine if you were a child who could not see well enough to hit a baseball, or find something in the refrigerator to eat, or read road signs or billboards. Imagine if you had no idea what a tree looked like, or had never seen someone smile, or had no concept of what a starry night was like. Now imagine that you don't know ANYONE ELSE who also faces these challenges. At Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind, we provide a summer camp experience, complete with sleeping in tents, for children and youth who have never seen a sunset, or what a fox looks like. Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind holds summer camps for children and youth who are blind or low vision on the west side of Grand Rapids at Camp Optimist, only a few miles from Grand Valley State University's Allendale campus. Kids who attend our camp can do all the things most kids do at camp – rock climb, campfires, swimming, boating, nature exploration, arts and crafts, and much more. But OUB also teaches special skills that blind or low vision students need to learn to be successful in life – like how to use a sharp knife or how to grow your own lettuce or how to get around in the dark. At OUB we garden, cook every day, go on field trips, and go on hikes, and all the other

fun stuff that kids do at camp, including making new friends! We are even going on an Adventure Trip to kayak in Wisconsin's Apostle Islands in Lake Superior! It will be the trip of dreams! Good Dreams!

OUB is currently actively recruiting college-age students, particularly those who are interested in outdoor education or medical arts, to apply for jobs this summer. We need camp counselors, a custodian, a kitchen assistant and a camp nurse with an EMT certificate, LPN or RN or equivalent. At least half of our staff are also blind or low vision persons, giving our campers the best possible mentoring with successful blind young adults as their leaders. But we also need a few people who can see, drive, and attend to things that are not usually accessible to persons who are blind. This is an excellent opportunity for any person wanting to experience a different culture or way of doing things, or work with children and young people who are different but still capable – and fun – people!

OUB is also looking for children who are low vision or blind that could benefit from attending camp. You can find OUB on the internet at www.oubmichigan.org or you can email the Executive Director at gwen@oubmichigan.org. We welcome any child whose vision interferes with their learning process.

For camp information, applications and more visit www.oubmichigan.org or call 989.855.2430.



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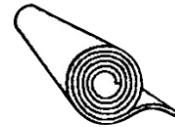
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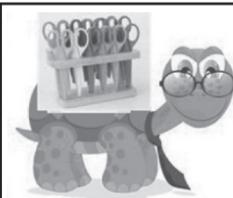
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