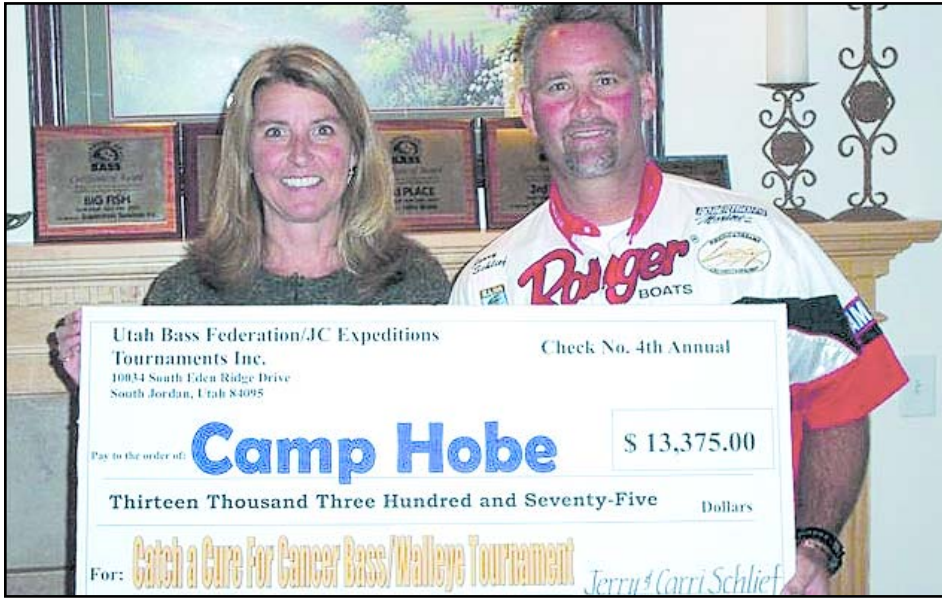


Fishing tournament for children with cancer



Carri and Jerry Schlieff of West Valley are sponsoring the annual Catch a Cure for Cancer event on June 25.

By Kimberly Martinez

Professional angler and West Valley City employee Jerry Schlieff definitely knows how to combine his love for fishing with an event to raise money for terminally ill children. It all began five years ago, when he and his wife Carri wanted to help out children getting through the dregs of cancer. What they came up was a fishing tournament called Catch a Cure for Cancer.

"We just want to help by giving something back, and anytime children are involved, it makes what we do that much more important," Schlieff said. Catch a Cure for Cancer is now getting ready for its fifth annual bass and walleye competition at Starvation Reservoir in Duchesne. Schlieff is ecstatic to say that 100 percent of the funds raised goes to kids at Camp Hobe.

Camp Hobe is a summer camp sponsored by Primary Children's Medical Center. The camp allows children with can-

cer and their siblings to share experiences with other children with cancer. The camp's mission statement says it is "to create an atmosphere that enhances self-esteem, foster independence and friendship, and creates a sense of belonging." It's located in Settlement Canyon near Tooele and provides for their camper's medical needs as well as for outdoor fun such as swimming, fishing, arts and crafts and sports activities. After the Schlieffs made the visit to the camp in 2000, they have made it their mission to raise money for children who need a retreat from the hospital and create some positive childhood memories.

With the support of the Utah B.A.S.S. Federation, Tournaments Inc. and JC Expeditions, the couple has put on a first class event that provides memories for all those involved. The registration fee is a \$100 for either the bass or walleye division, or \$200 for both. First through fifth place

Disabled adults find employment through WVC Work Activity Center

By Kimberly Martinez

The Work Activity Center was founded in 1955 by a group of parents whose children had disabilities. The West Valley Center at 1275 West 2320 South is one of three locations in Utah whose mission is "To enhance the quality of life and promote independence for people with disabilities through employment opportunities in the community." The center is a non-profit organization with funding through The Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD), The Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS), fundraisers and private sources of donations.

WAC's hard working team assists individuals with severe and multiple disabilities with training and employment alternatives. Judy Nielsen, Employment and Supports Coordinator, focuses on getting as many of these people employment opportunities.

"Everybody needs to have some motivation or goal and this gives them that sense of individuality," Nielsen said. WAC continually networks with companies and educates the public to understand that people with disabilities can work. The center is able

winners are given cash prizes. Schlieff is impressed with the support each year, and for the winners who don't even think about keeping their prize money and hand it right back to add to the donations. After the tournament, they all enjoy a great barbeque and share their fishing stories.

Over the years, \$50,000 has been raised, and the Schlieffs would like to see that number grow. The tournament is June 25, and with Starvation's boat limit of 50. For more information on the tournament, visit www.catchacureforcancer.com or call the Schlieffs at 446-5256.



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to accomplish through various programs.

- In-House Training is continually offered at the West Valley Center. Various companies have out-sourced work to help those who can better be served "in-house." Making jump ropes and bundling newspapers are just some of the tasks that they enjoy doing.

- Individual Placement is designed for the worker to go to a business. Staff will accompany him/her during training and slowly fade away as the worker demonstrates competency. The worker is always given additional support if needed.

- Group Placement or Enclave is a great way for a group of about six to work together at a business and are accompanied by a staff member. These individuals will do the work of what should take three people, and the company only has to pay for the work of three. Currently groups are placed at businesses such as Frito-Lay and Dan's Foods.

If you have employment opportunities or you would like additional information about the Work Activity Center please contact Kathryn McConaughy at 977-9779.

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