

# ADULT SERVICES COMMUNITY NEWS

The Adult Program held their talent show on October 25, 2007. Everyone had a great time!



## Be Aware of MRSA

MRSA (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus) is a word that has been in the news lately. MRSA is a type of bacteria that is drug resistant to antibiotics making it more difficult to treat infection. It has an evolved ability to survive treatment with antibiotics. A “Super Bug” invasion due to the over usage of antibiotics has been feared by healthcare workers for many years. MRSA that is colonized means that it is present on or in the body without causing illness but can still spread.

During World War II, antibiotics became widely used for wounds. Since then, they have been given for

many infections. This has greatly reduced the number of deaths and severe illnesses. However, it has also led to the misuse of antibiotics.

MRSA can be controlled by good handwashing and keeping cuts clean and covered. Do not touch open sores or drainage or share personal items such as razors, towels, toothbrushes or water bottles. Maintain routine schedules for cleaning surfaces and personal articles.

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