

PEGGY LEAN

Walk into the lower level of Roseman and you will typically hear a little voice or two, or perhaps a multitude of tiny voices. If you are on the north end, you will have entered the realm of the UWW Children's Center – campus home to Peggy Lean, one of the Children's Center staff. Peggy has been working on campus for four years. She started as an LTE in this department in 2003 and secured a permanent position there when one became available about a year and half later. Prior to her campus employment, she worked in the insurance industry in Brookfield and for Conseco (formerly Washington Insurance) in Whitewater.

Married for fourteen years, Peggy and her husband, Bill, have two children – Samantha (9 years) and Sidney (7 years). Very soon, they will have a new addition to their family, as they are expecting their third child this February. Asked if she would like a boy or a girl, she smiles and says she would like to be surprised, as long as the baby is healthy. Bill is a machinist who works part-time for the Park and Recreation Department in Palmyra and part-time for Christensen Printing, also located in Palmyra.

Peggy and Bill spend a lot of time following their children's pursuits – soccer, baseball, 4-H, and showing horses. They have two horses, one that is 24 years old and one that is fifteen. Samantha, the oldest daughter helps show horses. In addition to the horses, they have a four-year-old black lab. Peggy and her family enjoy traveling and count Jamaica, Disney World, and Las Vegas among their travel adventures. She also likes to bake and is active in summer volleyball.

It is quite obvious, when Peggy discusses her job, that she is happy with her work and her environment. She loves the activity and the fact that no two days are exactly the same. Considering the fact that there are so many children that move in and out of that area on a regular basis, that is not difficult to believe. Some of her duties include maintaining all the children's records and scheduling workers for each day. This can be a challenge if someone cannot work their scheduled hours and she must find a replacement on short notice. But she handles the challenges well and feels good about the people with whom she works.

Peggy likes the fact that the campus is fairly close to her home, making her commute to Whitewater a short one. While there is construction going on all around her, she says that the construction crews are easy to work with and it has not created much of an obstacle for her getting to work. She did admit that an occasional errand in Hyer Hall required a little longer walk to reach her destination, but she has noticed no adverse affects from the extra exercise.

If Peggy is unable to attend the next meeting, to be recognized, you will know that a new delivery is likely in progress. She promised she would let us know when the baby arrives. Congratulations and good luck, Peggy!