

# BOSWELL REGIONAL CENTER'S BULLETIN

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# Leadership changes announced at Boswell

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The Boswell Bulletin is published to inform the public, employees, family members and friends on Boswell Regional Center's activities, programs and progress. This publication also seeks to provide information to those interested in the work conducted by Boswell's employees to enrich the lives of those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD).

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### ON THE COVER:



*Trying to beat the heat, Gary, a resident of Fairway, headed to Boswell's lake early one morning to enjoy a little fishing before temperatures rose.*

## Boswell, MAC get new directors

Following the retirement of Boswell assistant director Cindy Womack, Ricky Grimes, director the Mississippi Adolescent Center was named as her replacement. Filling his position at the MAC is Jamie Prine, who most recently served as Boswell's director of ICF group homes.

Ricky was named director of MAC in 2018, having previously joined Boswell Regional Center in 2014 after 26 years of honorable service in the U.S. Air Force. At Boswell, he held positions in quality assurance as night administrator and as director of support services.

A resident of Mize, Grimes earned a bachelor's degree in management of human services and a master's in business administration with a concentration in project management from the University of Phoenix. He is a licensed nursing home administrator and member of several professional organizations, including Disabled Veterans' Association, Air Force Sergeant's Association and Mississippi Energy Coordinators Association.

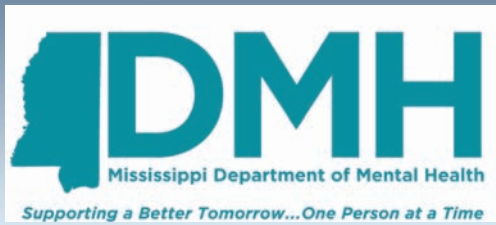


Jamie has been employed with Mississippi Department of Mental Health since 2001, beginning her career as an active treatment technician at Ellisville State School.

After transferring to Boswell in 2008 and serving as an academic teacher for six years, she was promoted to division director. She earned a nursing home administrator license in 2018 and was named to her current position in 2019. She earned master's and bachelor's degrees in education from William Carey University.



*Jamie Prine, center, was introduced to Brookhaven Mayor Joe Cox and his department directors by Boswell's public relations director, who worked with the city on a 2020 Christmas toy drive that provided gifts and party refreshments for MAC individuals. Jamie presented the city with a certificate of appreciation and engraved mugs. Accepting the gifts are the mayor, fourth from left, and police chief Kenneth Collins, fourth from right, along with other staff. The city has already expressed an interest in conducting a similar toy drive this Christmas.*



# New leaders named to Board of Mental Health

## Dr. Jim Herzog Named Chair of the Board of Mental Health

Dr. Jim Herzog of Oxford has been named the Chair of the Mississippi Board of Mental Health for the fiscal year that began July 1, 2021.

Dr. Herzog is a clinical psychologist in private practice. He received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Creighton University and a master's and doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Mississippi.

Currently, his practice involves consultation with the Department of Rehabilitation Services in the Office of Disability Determination Services. He has over forty years of providing services in community mental health through several community mental health centers, Catholic Charities and in the VA Medical Center in Jackson, as well as providing individual therapy and assessment with adults, adolescents, and children. Dr. Herzog was appointed to serve as the Clinical Psychologist representative on the board.



## Dr. Sampat Shivangi, M.D. named Vice Chair of the Board

Dr. Sampat Shivangi, M.D. of Ridgeland has been named Vice Chair of the Board of Mental Health for the fiscal year that began July 1, 2021.

From 2005 to 2008, Dr. Shivangi served as Advisor to the US Secretary of Health and Human Services in the President George W. Bush administration. He is the founding president of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI) in Mississippi and is the past president and chair of the India Association of Mississippi.

He previously served on the Mississippi State Board of Health. He has served as a house delegate on the American Medical Association representing AAPI. In 2008, he was the recipient of prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Currently, Dr. Shivangi serves on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Mental Health Services National Advisory Council.

Dr. Shivangi represents the medical physician category on the Board of Mental Health. The board is composed of nine members appointed by the Governor of Mississippi and confirmed by the State Senate. Members' terms are staggered to ensure continuity of quality care and professional oversight of services. By statute, the nine-member board is composed of a physician, a psychiatrist, a clinical psychologist, a social worker with experience in the field of mental health, and one citizen representative from each of Mississippi's five congressional districts as existed in 1974.





# Spotlight On...

## *Working hard for a living...*

### **Boswell's Community individuals are valuable members of area workforce**

One of the most trying aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic has been the inability of retailers and other business owners to find and maintain productive employees. Boswell is aiding several businesses in their quest to not only stay open, but to serve customers and provide necessary products and services necessary to stay viable during a challenging time.

Polk's Meats, Popeye's, McDonald's, Wendy's, Huddle House and Walmart in Simpson County have hired and now consider Boswell's individuals valuable members of their teams. In fact, the manager of Polk's Meats, which produces smoked sausages and other related products, says he wishes he had "10 more employees like Sam and Brandon." The two guys are transported to work every morning at 6 a.m. by staff. According to Polk's staff, they have to be told, "*It's time to stop working!*" by their supervisors, as they'd continue past quitting time.

Following are a few photos from a day in the life of Boswell's hard-working individuals:



*Pictured above center, Sam, left, and Brian, right, proudly pose in the front of the Polk's Meat sign on U.S. Hwy. 49 in Magee. Food safety regulations and COVID restrictions prevented them from being photographed inside the plant, so they stopped for a photo before going inside after an afternoon break. Both guys help with a variety of tasks necessary for the tedious sausage-making process, including moving supplies and products around the plant floor and helping in any other ways that are needed.*





# Spotlight On...

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*Pictured left and on the right, Community individual Pam was recently honored by Walmart in Magee for reaching 20 years of dedicated service as a member of the housekeeping team. She keeps the floors sparkling (left) and straightens and dusts shelf items (right).*



*Christine is also a member of the housekeeping team at the Magee Walmart. She was recently recognized for 15 years of service.*



*William has been a long-time fixture in Walmart's parking lot, performing the valuable service of corralling carts and bringing them inside for customers.*

# Summer retirement receptions

## Retirees given heartfelt send-offs in June

Several employees, some of whom had worked for Boswell for their entire career, retired in June and were honored with an engraved trophy presented by Boswell's Friends and Family Association. In some cases, employees chose to have a reception to which family and co-workers were invited.

Below are some photos from summer retirement receptions:



*Bobby Prince, center, is pictured with several of his family members. Bobby retired after 31-1/2 years of state service. His last position was as a trainer in Staff Development.*



*Clevis Hall, seated, is surrounded by just a few of her co-workers and long-time friends from Oakbrook. Clevis faithfully worked with Boswell's ladies for 25 years as DCWA.*



*Janet Applewhite, third from left, had a close bond with her co-workers at Ridgeview, some of whom are pictured here. She served for 30 years with the men, most recently in Ridgeview, as a QIDP, or qualified intellectual disability professional.*



*Pictured at the reception are, from left: Clint Ashley and retirees Clevis Hall, Janet Applewhite and Bobby Prince with engraved trophies.*



*Debbie Coghlan, pictured on the left, a nurse at the Taylorsville Group Homes, retired in June and was treated to a reception in her honor. Director Fred Dampier, pictured on the right, came in on his day off to attend and present Debbie with an engraved trophy from Friends and Family.*



# Attempting to get back to normal in Summer '21...

Despite the reoccurrence of COVID-19 in the state, by limiting numbers and following state guidelines, Boswell was able to hold a few socially-distanced events and welcome a few groups after restrictions lifted and gatherings were allowed.



Employees of the 2nd Quarter were named in June and received a certificate and cash from Friends and Family. Pictured from left are Clint Ashley, Janet Runnels, Support/Professional; Jasmine Brown, Campus DSP; Eloxus Brown, Community and Ricky Grimes. Not pictured is Wilson Crosby, Community ICF.



Copiah-Lincoln's Simpson County Center held its July LPN Pinning Ceremony in Boswell's Auditorium. Graduates, several of whom have expressed an interest in coming to work for Boswell after passing nursing boards, are pictured with their symbolic lamps, left, and below, on the front steps of the Auditorium.



Susan Shoemaker, above, nursing supervisor in Community Services, spoke to the nursing graduates, right, about opportunities for advancement and other positive aspects of a nursing career at Boswell during their tour of campus and community homes.



# More Summer '21 fun

## MAC enjoyed socially-distanced ice cream social

Boswell's Friends and Family Association sponsored an ice cream social at Mississippi Adolescent Center to show appreciation for the staff's hard work and dedication during the past year. Plans to gather and enjoy the cool treats were disrupted when Covid numbers in Mississippi began to rise. However, employees still enjoyed making their own ice cream sundaes. As a result of the event, several employees signed up to become Friends and Family members. Here are a few photos from the fun event:

