



Boswell Regional Center Bulletin

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Making Strides

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M . Luckey

On Tuesday, August 15th, a celebration was held at the Life Links Day Service Program on Boswell Regional Center's campus. This day marked two years of sobriety for Mr. M. Luckey, an individual who resides at Ridgeview Short Term Stabilization Unit. Mr. Luckey was elated to be surrounded by a group of people who have supported and encouraged him since his admission to BRC in December 2015. Amongst the group was Mr. Wesley Hilton, Mr. Luckey's A&D counselor. Mr. Hilton shared a few words with the group of how proud he was of Mr. Luckey. Mr. Hilton added, "I began working with Mr. Luckey in June 2016. I can say his greatest attribute is his love for other people and wanting to help them. He already had the basics of AA in his

heart and has continued to progress well in the program. I wish him a long life of recovery, and I am very much looking forward to working with him in the future." Mr. Luckey stated, "I'm proud of myself for what I've done. My recovery has been great. I just love everybody for helping me through it." Mr. Luckey's parents, as well as the interdisciplinary team working with him are also proud of his accomplishment and admire his positive attitude throughout his recovery.



Solar Eclipse Viewing

Several participants at Boswell Industries got to experience an event of a lifetime...



Day Services also took part in viewing this rare event!



Eclipse cont.

On August 21, 2017, the United States witnessed a total eclipse of the sun, the first to be observed from only within this country since February of 1979. Although most viewers in the U.S., like us here in Magee, were only able to view a partial eclipse, a lucky few from Oregon to South Carolina were able to experience a couple of minutes of totality, when the full moon completely blocked the surface of the sun, with the exception of a wispy corona around the moon's edges. This is possible because of a cosmic coincidence: the sun is perceived to be the same size as the moon, despite the actual differences in their sizes and their distances from us here on Earth. In Magee, we were treated to approximately 85 percent of totality. Although we didn't receive the dramatic effect of twilight at midday that was visible further north of us, those with solar glasses, welding helmets or pinhole projectors enjoyed the sight of a mere crescent of sun. *The track of totality within the United States* from beginning to end the eclipse lasted nearly three hours. The shadows grew sharper and the sunlight looked oddly different – almost like the quality of light you would see during stormy weather despite it being sunny outside. The shadow of the eclipse was even visible under the trees as the tiny gaps between the leaves acted like giant pinhole projectors.



Spotlight on Kimberly Bingham



Years of Service: DMH-5 Years

Resides: Natchez, MS

Favorite Color: Purple

Favorite Team: College- Alcorn State University Braves

NFL- New Orleans Saints

Favorite Food: Seafood (Cajun Shrimp & Grits)

Favorite Restaurant: Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen and Zea Rotisserie & Grill

Favorite Vacation Spot: Weekend Visits- New Orleans, LA, General Vacation- Virginia Beach, VA

Favorite Music: R&B

Favorite Song: Happy Feelings – Maze ft. Frankie Beverly

Favorite Movie: Brown Sugar and Hush Hush Sweet Charlotte

Favorite Hobby: Baking, Riding Horses and Traveling

Kimberly is a native of the City that Sits Under the Hill- Natchez, MS. She is the daughter of Carrie Bingham and Johnnie Lee Evans. Kimberly is the youngest of 5: three brothers and 1 sister, and the proud parent of a very high spirited three year old, Kynslee Franklin. She is a graduate of Natchez High School (2002). After high school, she received a Bachelor's of Science Degree from Alcorn State University in 2006, and in partial fulfillment of a Master of Science Degree from Capella University in Counseling and Psychology. Kimberly has proudly served the State of Mississippi in many capacities since 2006: Case Management at Southwest Mississippi Mental Health (2006-2007); Mississippi Department of Human Services-Division of Family and Children Services as a Family Protection Worker (2007-2010); Department of Mental Health-Mississippi Adolescent Center Behavioral Health Technician and Health Program Specialist (20012-2017) Department of Mental Health- Boswell Regional Center- Program Coordinator of Brookhaven & Hazlehurst Supervised Living (May 2017-Present). Kimberly enjoys working with individuals at Boswell and is looking forward to many more years with the Department of Mental Health.

Meet Greg Barnes



Years of Service: 15 Years- July (2002)

Resides: Magee, MS

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Team: New England Patriots

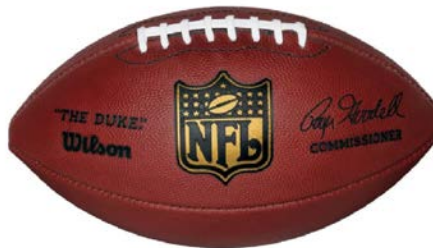
Favorite Food: Ribs

Favorite Restaurant: TGI Fridays

Favorite Vacation Spot: Orlando, FL

Favorite Music: Southern Soul

Favorite Song: It's Friday



Greg is a graduate of Dexter High School in Tylertown, MS. After finishing high school, he attended Southwest Community College and then on to The University of Southern Mississippi. Greg joined Magee First Baptist Church at an early age. In his spare time he loves to DJ! Entertaining people is a passion for Greg as he simply loves to see everyone enjoying life. He is a member of the Friendship Lodge #416 in Columbia, MS. Greg is an avid New England Patriot Fan, he states, "I am so happy it's finally football season."

BRC Tour



On September 6th, BRC had students along with their two instructors from the Simpson County Technical Center tour Boswell Industries. Courtney Nalker along with Janie Floyd greeted the class and explained to them what the people we serve do at Boswell Industries. Janie talked to the students about what she does as a Pre-Vocational Programmer, and Courtney spoke of the Supported Employment Program and Job Discovery Program. Terry Rankin then explained to the students the different contracts at Boswell Industries, including mailboxes, push rods, mop heads, and plastic utensils. Mr. Rankin then gave the students a tour of the workshop and showed them how the people we serve work. He mentioned how the work is broken down for each person and ex-

plained how the employees get paid. As the tour continued, the students asked very good questions about how many objects Boswell Industries produces, if the people we serve that work out in the community have a staff with them at all times, and how could they go about the process of getting employed at Boswell.

Mr. Rankin demonstrated how the employees put mailboxes together. They explained to the group that the people that come to Boswell Industries are working on gaining employment outside of the workshop. Staff let the students know that the contracts that the people work on help them gain knowledge and teach them a variety of different job skills to prepare them for employment. It was explained to the group that there are training videos that are shown to the people that work at the workshop to teach them about employment. These videos include dressing for an interview, how to get along with co-workers, how to talk to managers, and how to create a resume. At Boswell Industries, staff are working on helping the people create their own resumes so that, when an opportunity arises, they are prepared to give their resumes to potential employers. Mock interviews are also part of Boswell Industries' process to prepare the people for community employment.

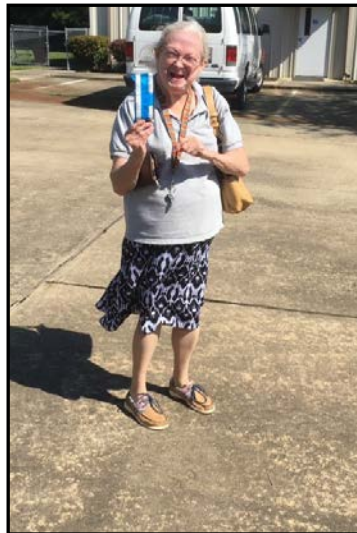
At the end of the tour the students asked where the people live that work at the workshop. Courtney explained to them about Boswell's Supported Living and Supervised Living and how most of the people we serve live in their own houses and apartments. Janie mentioned to them that Boswell has a Day Service program and went into detail about what skills the participants learn at that program. Once the tour ended, the students thanked the staff and finished the tour with a group photo. The students seemed to really be interested in Boswell Industries and many mentioned they would like to work, volunteer, or be an intern at Boswell Regional Center one day. Courtney states, "I believe overall the students and their instructors had an informative and enjoyable tour at Boswell Industries."

Community Service



On August 18th, the Magee Trojans kicked off their first football game of the year against Jefferson County. As the band marched, the fans screamed, and the cheerleaders cheered, the concession stand line became longer and longer. Boswell Regional Center continued this year just as in the past with their community service. Boswell Regional Center's individuals and staff always enjoy working the concession stand, meeting and greeting people with a smile. Magee came out on top with a "W." Best wishes this season, Trojans!

Ice Cream Anyone?



On Thursday, August 24th, the ice cream truck drove through Dream Haven to serve ICE CREAM to the individuals attending DSA! They came at two different times in order to give everyone an opportunity to partake in the fun time of getting ice cream! L. Davis is pictured showing off her ice cream treat, and E. McInnis is pictured showing off her happy smile to be getting ice cream! Everyone had a fun and meaningful time enjoying their ice cream treats!

Happy Birthday!



E. Lott celebrated her 57th birthday with her daughter, J. Lott, on August 18, 2017. E. Lott moved to the Wesson Geriatric Home on July 11, 2017. The two were excited to be reunited for the day. They enjoyed a wonderful lunch with music and fun.

And The Winners Are...

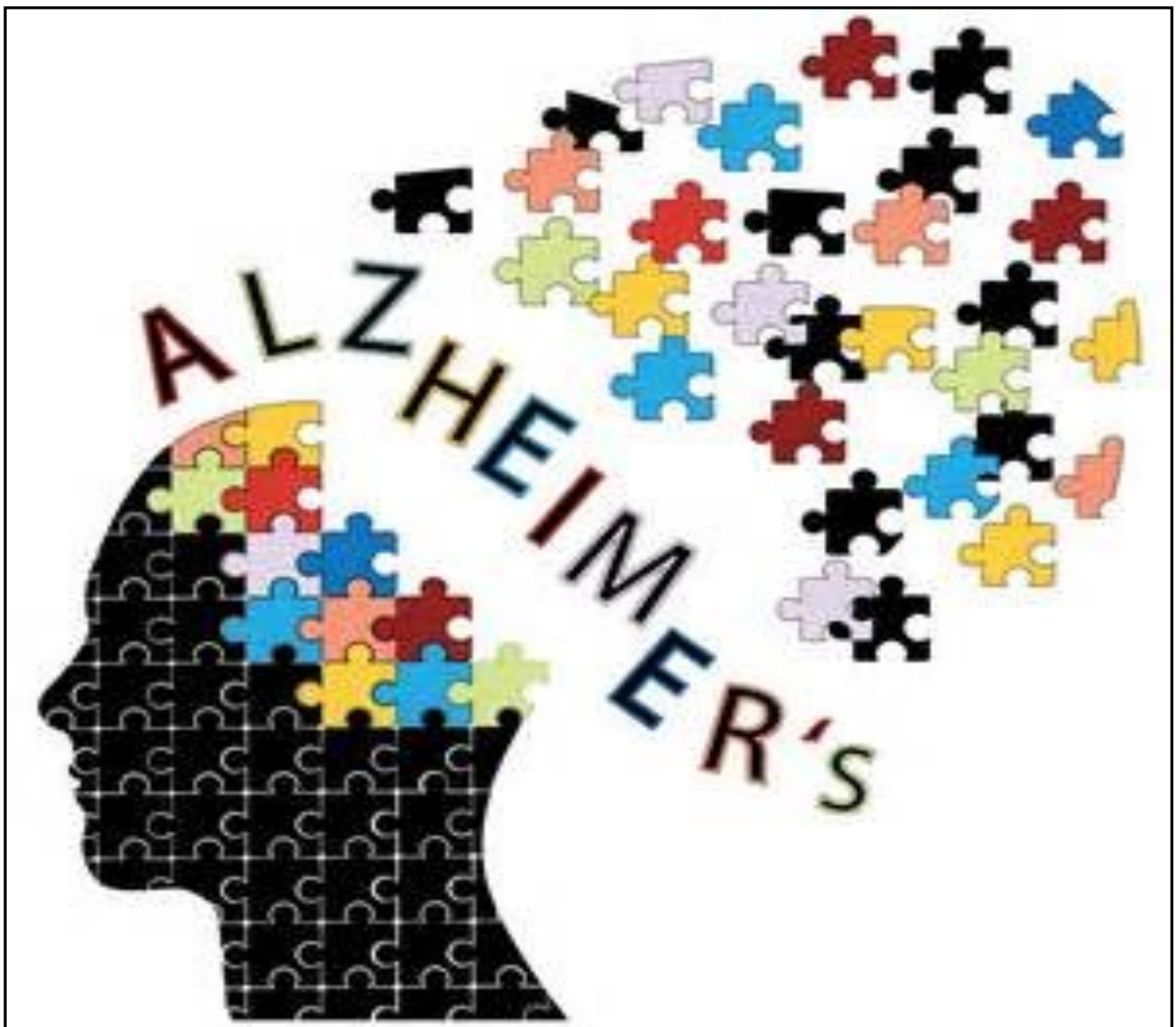


“Boost Your Brainpower As You Age”

A webinar event titled “Boost Your Brainpower As You Age” was sponsored by Boswell’s wellness committee. This event was held at the Training Center on August 15th. Two names of participants were drawn after the event to show appreciation for taking the time to attend the webinar and learn how to boost brainpower. Congratulations goes to Linda Chain (pictured above left) and Tracy Shoemaker (pictured above right). They won gift cards to McAlister’s.

The 2017 Alzheimer's Conference

The 2017 Alzheimer's Conference was held in Natchez this year. The one and a half day event focused on "Facing the Future Together." The conference will be back in Natchez again next year, but will be presented by the MIND Center at UMMC. Thanks to everyone who helped make this conference another success.



BRC Orientation Classes



July 1st Orientation Class, Back Row Left to Right: Darron Ainsworth and Jeffery Newsome
Front Row: Chelsey Traxler and Chasity Norwood



July 16th Orientation Class, Back Row Left to Right: Ty'Teanna Sims (Oakbrook), Adrianna Williams (Oakbrook), Yasandas Hayes (Security), Minnie Holloway (Medical Services), Connie Davis (Pine Grove), Breanna Stephens (Oakbrook), Daeja Dinkins (Oakbrook). **Front Row:** Stephanie Teater (Nutrition Services), Angela Gardner (Oakbrook), Gabrielle Barnes (Nutrition Services), Chenise Alford (Pine Grove), LaTorsha McCollum (Security), Andrelicia Harris (Fairway).

Pastor's Corner



**Bro. Rudy Jackson,
BRC Chaplain**

Dr. Helen Roseveare, missionary to Zaire, told the following story. "A mother at our mission station died after giving birth to a premature baby. We tried to improvise an incubator to keep the infant alive, but the only hot water bottle we had was beyond repair. So we asked the children to pray for the baby and for her sister. One of the girls responded. 'Dear God, please send a hot water bottle today. Tomorrow will be too late because by then the baby will be dead. And dear Lord, send a doll for the sister so she won't feel so lonely.' That afternoon a large package arrived from England. The children watched eagerly as we opened it. Much to their surprise, under some clothing was a hot water bottle! Immediately the girl who had prayed so earnestly started to dig deeper, exclaiming, 'If God sent that, I'm sure He also sent a doll!' And she was right! The heavenly Father knew in advance of that child's sincere requests, and 5 months earlier He had led a ladies' group to include both of those specific articles."

1 John 5:14-15 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

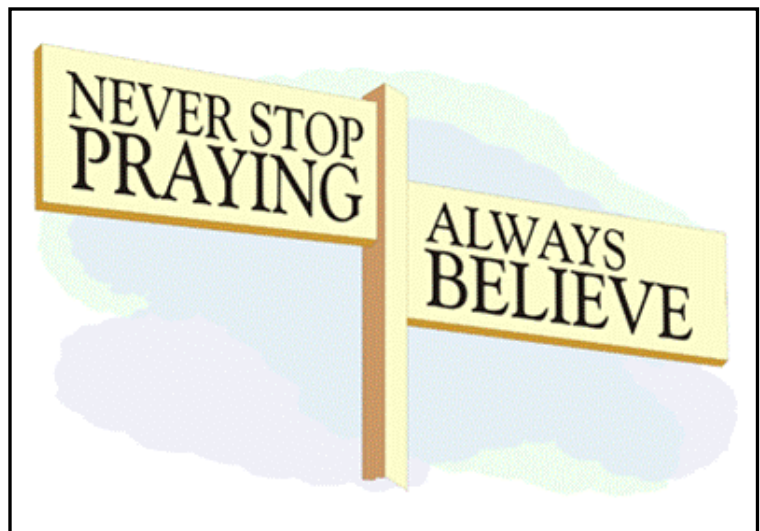
Isn't it a blessing to know that whatever you face today, that you have a Father in heaven that hears our prayers and has the ability to answer those prayers even to the greatest detail. James said sometimes we don't get our prayers answered because we fell to ask in faith, faith as that of a little child. My challenge for you today is don't fear your petition is too great or too small to be brought before God. He hears He cares and he answers.

Have a blessed day,
Bro Rudy

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Where Dreams Can Become Reality



FIGHT AGAINST FRAUD

RECOGNIZING AND COMBATING CYBER CRIME

NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

COST OF CYBER CRIME

As cyber fraud continues to emerge as a critical threat, companies, organizations and Americans alike are paying expensive costs to recover from cyber crimes.



{17,600,000}

victims of identity theft in 2014, with an average loss per theft of **\$3,931**.¹



More than
{864,236,208}

personal records exposed since 2005.² Each stolen record cost about **\$221**.³



Companies lose about
{\$15,000,000}

every year due to data breaches.³

FREQUENT CYBER THREATS & RISKS



PHISHING:

Online communications or emails designed to lure individuals into providing sensitive information.

Tip: Trust your instincts when it comes to messages that urge you to act immediately, offer something that sounds too good to be true, or ask for personal information.



MALWARE & VIRUSES:

Malicious software designed to gain access or damage a computer system.

Tip: Update your security software, web browser, and operating system often as a defense against viruses, malware, and other online threats.



RANSOMWARE:

A type of malware that prevents or limits users from accessing their system, unless a ransom is paid to restore access.

Tip: Protect against data loss by backing up your files and keeping them safe on a physical storage device.



IDENTITY THEFT:

An act of wrongfully obtaining and using another person's information that involves fraud or deception.

Tip: Be diligent before posting personal information online and think carefully before sharing information through apps and websites.

SOURCES: 1. [US Department of Justice] 2. [Identity Theft Resource Center] 3. [Ponemon Institute]



National Cyber Security Awareness Month



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September 28th
7 am - 5 pm**

**Friday
September 29th
7 am - 3 pm**

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Training Center***

Proceeds benefit & Sponsored by
Boswell Regional Center Friends & Family Association

Cash, Credit/Debit Cards & Payroll Deduction

POSITIONS AVAILABLE
(Magee, Brookhaven, New Hebron
and Shivers)

Direct Support Professionals are needed
for all shifts and locations.

If you believe that helping people
matters, then we need you at BRC!

For more information contact:

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Programs

Boswell Regional Center programs offer an extensive range of program and service options to those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). The primary goal of each existing program using a person centered approach is to allow each person to live more independently and to fulfill their lives through meaningful days.

Programs and services offered through BRC include:

Community Options:

- In Home Services
- Community Living
- Crisis Transition Homes
- Employment Opportunities
 - Day Options
 - Behavior Services
 - Autism Services



Campus Options:

On Campus Residential Services

On Site Day Programs

Membership Information

Indicate at right which type of membership you wish by circling the appropriate amount.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please make your check payable to:
Friends & Family Association
P.O. Box 128
Magee, MS 39111

Annual Membership Fees

Single/BRC Employee - Free

Single/Non-employee \$5

Bronze \$25

Silver \$50

Gold \$100

Platinum \$500

Fundraisers

Some examples of fundraisers that have been held are:

Scrub Sales

Jewelry Sales

Book Fairs

RADA Knives

T-shirt Sales

Special Hosted Events

Purpose

To promote and support the individuals of Boswell Regional Center

To foster the development of programs on their behalf

To recognize and reward the efforts of employees of Boswell Regional Center

To raise and receive funds for the accomplishment of the above purposes.

Boswell Regional Center's



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Boswell Regional Center's Friends & Family Association is a non profit all volunteer organization that works to ensure Boswell individuals are valued and loved.

All monies received from memberships are donated to the organization to purchase items for the individuals served by Boswell Regional Center.

Donations

Donations may be made in memory or honor of a loved one:

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

By: _____

Acknowledgement should be sent to the following:

Name: _____

Address: _____

State: ___ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (___) _____

Email: _____

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