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Job Well Done!

Employees of the Quarter

Boswell Regional Center's

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:

The saying, "The best photos just happen" is really true in this case. While shooting a photo of recreation therapist Mollye Hancock, who dressed as Dorothy in Ridgeview's Wizard of Oz-themed display during Boswell's Paint It Purple Autism Awareness Walk, the "courage" sign from the Cowardly Lion appeared in the background. A very appropriate word exemplifying those we serve.



Employees of the Third Quarter are pictured with assistant director Cindy Womack, far left, and director Clint Ashley, far right. They are, from left: Curtis Ducksworth, Support/Professional; Tiffany Cook, Campus; Renee Wade, Community and Ashley Cook, ICF Group Homes.

Annual Friends and Family meeting and Quarterly Employee Recognition Reception draws large crowd

Boswell's Friends and Family Association held its annual meeting in September, followed by the Quarterly Employee Recognition Reception. At the Friends meeting, Becky Wells was approved as president and Debbie Walker was named vice-president. Becky worked for Boswell for 25 years as recreation director before retiring. Debbie is a vice-president at Peoples Bank in Magee. Both are full of ideas and excited about moving the organization forward in the coming year.

Following the meeting, Boswell honored Employees of the Quarter, Governor's Service Award recipients and honored a retiring employee. Photos of the activities are below and on page 3.



New Friends and Family president Becky Wells addresses the large crowd of employees, parents and friends after being named president for the coming year.



The smallest family member in attendance at the annual Friends and Family meeting was excited to win a door prize.



2019 GOVERNOR'S SERVICE AWARDS



Receiving Governor's Service Awards were, front row, Janna Means, 20 years; Trusie Eubanks, 20 years and Charles Meadows, 10 years. They are pictured with their supervisors, from left: Belinda Arrington, Ronald Britt and Clint Ashley (standing in for Marty Sasser).

Leadership Laurels

Clint Ashley recognized **Jennifer Chennault** and **Wanda Davis** for working some weekends due to being short of staff. He appreciates administrative staff doing what is necessary to take care of our individuals.

Will Beeson thanked **Robin Moss** for making signs for Fall Ball.

Sonjia Kittrell recognized **Amanda Diaz**. She stated that they have been working on the GAAP packet and the cost report. This is the first packet that has to do with the Hudspeth merger, so she has put in countless hours trying to get it correct. This is above her normal daily job duties, and she has done a fantastic job.

Wanda Davis recognized the entire **2nd shift staff** for their actions the night of an incident on the unit. She was impressed with how well they performed. She also recognized those that trained the staff.

Tonya George recognized **Boswell Industries staff**. She noted that her staff has been creative in coming up with ways to keep everyone engaged and busy.

Ronald Britt recognized **Tyler Jones** for the job he does. He often goes after hours to handle situations. He also recognized **Mike Sellers and the Maintenance crew**. This past month they had to move a lot of furniture out and back in of homes.

Last, he thanked **Juanita Allen** for her efforts and how she works with **Trusie Eubanks** on clients' bills and Community staff with going through the self-assessments, P&P Revisions and Final Rule compliance.

Kara Kimbrough recognized **Boswell's social workers**. She has worked closely with them in getting the Adopt-A-Friend program off the ground. She didn't realize all they do and how dedicated they are to our individuals. She stated they have been very positive throughout the entire process. She also recognized **Cindy Quick** for helping get the Training Center set up prior to the Friends annual meeting/EOQ reception and James Randolph, who often agrees to pick up items in Hattiesburg for us. This is a great time and cost-savings.

Cindy Womack recognized **Kara Kimbrough**. She stated that Ms. Kimbrough does a lot of things behind the scenes that people do not see, such as coordinating events which takes up time. Ms. Womack appreciates all that Ms. Kimbrough does.

Beth Luper recognized the **Directors, QA staff and IT**. She stated that there was a database issue in which IT was called. Between Records, QA and IT, they got it operational.

Clint Ashley and Ms. Luper recognized **Maintenance** with helping them with the new break room at Pineview. He stated that Maintenance updated some items at Records/QA and it looks very nice.

Congratulations on your retirement!



Ruby Dampeer, far right, retired in September after serving several years as a member of Community Services. She received an engraved trophy from the Friends and Family Association and a reception in her honor. Individuals from Eastside Apartments attended her recognition ceremony and enjoyed refreshments, including a "Boswell cake" and other favorite foods. Pictured with Ruby are her husband, Howard, center, and Ronald Britt, left, director of Community Services.



Spotlight On...

A snapshot of some of our favorite fall activities

Fall was a busy time at Boswell for both our individuals and staff. The annual Arts Fair, Fall Ball Game and Homecoming, Fall Festival and Halloween Haunted House were just a few of the fun activities our individuals enjoyed.

Here are a few scenes from what turned into a very enjoyable fall!



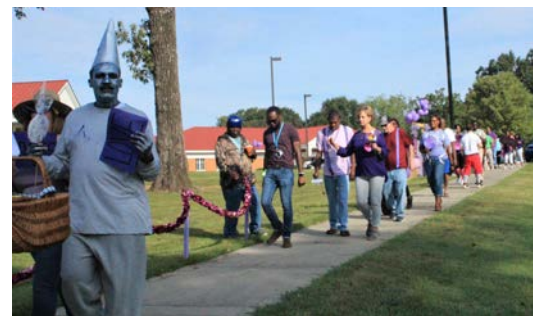
At left, Ridgeview's Wizard of Oz theme at Paint it Purple Parade was illustrated by staff in costumes and a yard sign with hopes for a cure for Alzheimer's.

At right, Oakbrook's staff created a beautiful poem, gave out flowers to participants and decorated shirts for each of their individuals at Paint It Purple.



Above, the winner of the Paint It Purple decorations contest went to Pinelake for their photo collage to help others remember the important moments of their past.

At right, the Tin Man led the way as walkers began their trek across campus to view other units during the Paint It Purple Parade.





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At left, The Fresh Prince of Bel Air was a popular Arts Fair skit. The team at the Bay Springs Group Homes worked hard to bring it to life.

At right, some of the best skits from the TV show "Hee Haw" were revitalized by the team at Dream Extreme at Arts Fair.



The guys of Fairway showcased their musical talents at Arts Fair by singing some recognizable songs from TV shows.



Memories of "Pac Man" were brought to life by the team at Ridgeview.

Fall Ball Game was enjoyed by all

After a rainout last year, everyone was ready to gather in Green Park Oct. 3 and watch the Boswell Hurricanes take on the Simpson County Academy Cougars' junior varsity team in the annual Fall Ball Game. The Hurricanes, led by coaches James Randolph, Milton King and Rick Tillman, played a great game and came out victorious over the visiting Cougars.

Pre-game festivities included a cookout in Green Park and individuals and performances by the Magee Junior High cheerleaders and Mendenhall High band. Both groups warmed up the crowd in preparation for the arrival of the Boswell cheerleaders and Homecoming Court. The presentation of the homecoming court and crowning of Queen Helen Harris was enjoyed by all. The Hurricanes' victory topped off an exciting event that will be remembered all year long.



Boswell Hurricanes (pictured on back row) hosted the Simpson Academy Cougars' junior varsity team (kneeling and standing in front) Oct. 3 during BRC's annual Fall Ball Game and Homecoming.



Boswell's cheerleaders were fired up and ready as they prepared to cheer on the Hurricanes at the annual Fall Ball Game.



Helen Harris was crowned Homecoming Queen prior to the ballgame. She is pictured with her escort Bernard Johnson.

Fall Ball Game was enjoyed by all



Robin Moss, left, makes last minute adjustments to the gowns and sashes of Community Individuals M. Jones and K. Moorman.



Organizer Will Beeson checks his very long list of activities and duties as Fall Ball Games gets underway.



Community staff member Kelly Jones, right, enjoyed watching his son Thomas play as a member of the SCA team. His wife Ashley is pictured on the left.



The Hurricanes' defensive line, left, gets ready for the Cougars' offensive game.



The joy on homecoming maid Rachel Holton's face is evident as she is crowned by assistant director Cindy Womack.

Boswell's Fall Festival and Haunted House were spook-tacular!

Boswell's individuals celebrated the week prior to Halloween with a Fall Festival, followed by a Haunted House on the 31st. Organized by Recreation, the events were filled with surprises and enjoyed by all. Here are a few scenes from both events:



At the Fall Festival, tents filled with games, prizes and staff dressed in costumes awaited individuals as they made their way down the street.



Placing a leaf containing their name on Boswell's Tree of Life was a thrill for participants.



Kassie Ibarra and Hanna Duran of HR enjoyed working at the festival's popular bean bag toss.



Throwing a ring over a "tombstone" resulted in a prize for the lucky winners.



Will Beeson's annual football throw was a big hit.

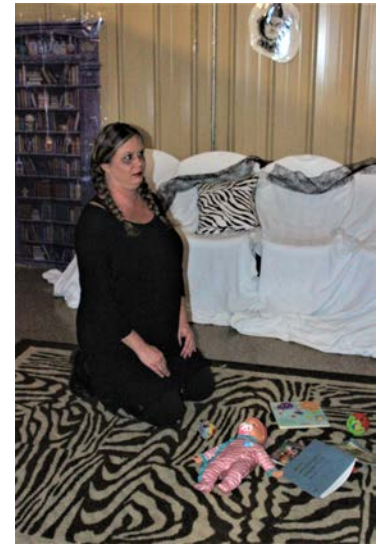


Roping the zombie bull was a thrill few individuals had ever experienced. A successful throw resulted in a prize.

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Morticia and Gomez Addams were brought to life by Suzie Wilder and Bill Blair in this year's Addams Family-themed Haunted House. .



Wednesday Addams was expertly portrayed by Amanda Gates.



"The Family" posed for a group portrait before getting ready to greet the next group of individuals.



The Haunted Kitchen was staffed by cooks Michelle Davidson, left, and Erica Hubbard, right.



A light moment between Suzie Wilder and an individual proved Haunted Houses can be fun as well as scary.

Community employees enjoy annual fishing trip to Broadhead Lake

Loading up their fishing poles, grabbing a few worms, icing down the burgers and drinks and heading out to the Broadhead family's lake near Mendenhall for a fishing tournament and cookout is an annual tradition for Community individuals and staff. For some, it's the first time they've ever fished; for others, it's a chance to engage in one of their favorite pastimes.

The weather turned cool just in time for this year's event. An enjoyable morning of fishing was enjoyed by all, especially when "the big one" was reeled in with the help of Community and Maintenance staff. Following the fishing, everyone enjoyed grilled burgers and all the trimmings prepared and served by Community employees.

Here are a few photos from this year's trip:



Community employee celebrates retirement after 20 years of service

Robertha Allbritton, a 20-year veteran of Boswell's Community Services division, decided to retire Oct. 31 after spending the majority of her adult life working with the individuals served by Boswell. A retirement reception held in her honor was hosted at Dream Extreme and attended by a large group of individuals and staff. Several individuals spoke from the heart about the care they had received and how they would miss her living and working with them. Community Services director Ronald Britt also mentioned that he always felt secure knowing Robertha was on duty during the weekends and any other time.

Robertha was treated to a Boswell cake and her favorite refreshments. Boswell's Friends and Family Association presented her with an engraved trophy.



Robertha Allbritton was presented with an engraved trophy from Boswell's Friends and Family Association upon her retirement. Presenting the award was Ronald Britt, director of Community Services.



Robertha Allbritton, seated at the head of the table, is surrounded by her family members and friends that made a special point to attend her reception hosted by Boswell.

Individuals enjoyed entering their artwork in art exhibits

An art exhibit showcasing the artwork created by individuals served by Boswell was held during the month of September in the Brookhaven Library. During the time the paintings and other items were on display, area judges chose winners and prizes were awarded to the artists, many of whom are enrolled in art classes on Boswell's campus. Artwork was also exhibited for two weeks on Boswell's campus.

K. Loggins' painting of a rooster was awarded first place in the Brookhaven exhibit. The painting was sold and he received the proceeds, as did other artists whose painting were purchased.

