

BOSWELL REGIONAL CENTER'S BULLETIN

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Job Well Done!

Employees of the Month

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:

Sometimes, a photo really is worth a thousand words. This photo of Woody, one of Boswell's Community individuals, greeting Donna Vella, a therapy dog that visits the day services programs, encapsulates the emotions so many of us have for our pets. It's one of our favorite photos of 2018.



Pictured with Director Clint Ashley, far left, are from left are September Employees of the Month Matt Robinson, Community, Katina Runnels, ICF Group Homes, Lillian McGill, Campus DSP and Kassie Ibbara, Support/Professional.



Clint Ashley, far left, is pictured with October Employees of the Month: DeMarcus Hooker, Campus DSP, Haley Mullins, ICF Group Homes and Tyler Jones, Community.



Leigh Evans, left, was named October Support/ Professional of the Month but was unable to attend the monthly leadership meeting. She is pictured with Cindy Womack, right, assistant director.



2018 GOVERNOR'S SERVICE AWARDS



Receiving Governor's Service Awards from Clint Ashley, far left, are, from left: Jaylyn McDonald, 20 years; Carrie Webb, 10 years; Sonya Allen, 10 years; Teresa Hinsz, 30 years and Anita Leggett, 20 years.

Leadership Laurels

"Quinston Woodard's job responsibilities changed on short notice, but he continued to do a good job of keeping the system going."

Will Beeson

"I'd like to thank all the departments and employees that made the DMH Directors' Meeting go smoothly. I appreciate Maintenance for helping with everything the last couple of months."

Clint Ashley

"Maintenance has been invaluable to Recreation in helping set up and implement our large fall events."

Cindy Sanders

"I'd also like to thank Maintenance department for their help in building the Christmas float. I also want to recognize Robin Moss and Jacob Ware. They played important roles in getting things done in a professional manner."

Rhonda McCallum

"I'd like to recognize Mr. J. Wyatt. The business office was behind on filing and Mr. Wyatt has helped us catch up and is an excellent worker. I am proud to have him as a part of our team."

Sonjia Kittrell

"Shaquella Musgrove works in the mailroom and really takes initiative in her job and never complains."

Courtney Nalker

"Phyllis Enoch and Gerald Payne have been extremely helpful to me during my transition into my new position. Other group home staff members have been helpful as well."

James Randolph

"I would like to recognize the Day Services staff. They really had to pull together during James Randolph's move and did a great job of making sure all the programs were covered."

Jamie Prine

Welcome!



Mike Davis has joined Boswell's staff as Director of Security Services. In his new position, Mike will oversee client abuse investigations, security and serve as safety officer. Mike has 10 years of law enforcement experience, including as a SWAT team member of the Magee Police Department and a member of Simpson County Sheriff's staff. Welcome to the Boswell family, Mike!



Spotlight On...

A look at some of our favorite fall activities

Fall was a busy time at Boswell for both our individuals and staff. New Recreation director Cindy Sanders brought new events to Boswell, including a Halloween haunted house and Christmas tree-lighting, among others. Boswell also hosted the Board of Mental Health in November and participated in several area Christmas parades

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



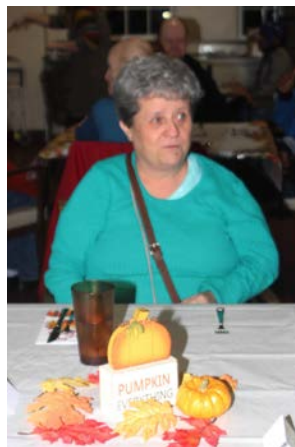
Boswell hosted the Board of Mental Health in November. To begin the meeting, C. Gaines, an individual served by Boswell, far left, gave the invocation.



Gwen Mack, a long-time fixture in Nutritional Services, has helped implement hundreds of special meals and events over her career at Boswell. She's pictured with a smaller version of the 100-year cake at the lunch following the Board of Mental Health meeting in November. The event marked her last Board meeting lunch, as she'll be retiring in February. We'll miss Gwen's famous fried chicken, baked beans and bright smile!



Recreation staff members annually assist Nutritional Services in staging the Thanksgiving dinner. Pictured in front of the old doors from the Sanatorium and Boswell are, from left: Milton King, Cindy Sanders, director, Tiffany Sims, Molly Hancock and Curtis Skiffer.



Dorothy, a long-time individual at Boswell, eagerly awaits the arrival of a turkey and dressing Thanksgiving dinner in Nutritional Services. Individuals enjoyed a traditional dinner topped off by a slice of delicious pie. They were served their meal by members of Boswell's staff.



Spotlight On...

More photos from fall activities



A giant live Christmas tree was placed on the grounds and decorated with lights. At dusk, the tree was lit, celebrating the beginning of the Christmas season. Staff and individuals joined together to sing carols and enjoy hot chocolate and sugar cookies. Bro. Rudy Jackson, chaplain, read the Christmas story to begin the program.



Boswell's float, decorated to fit the "Dr. Seuss" theme of the Magee parade, was filled with Whoville homes and residents. Individuals and staff both enjoyed riding on the float in the Magee parade and in surrounding areas.



Hanna Duran, left, and Dawn Anglin, right, helped serve hot chocolate and cookies to individuals who were seated throughout the grounds to enjoy the tree lighting.



Volunteers that helped make the Christmas tree-lighting a success included, front, Peggy Kelly; second row, Cindy Sanders, Curtis Skiffer, Beth Hall and Luvennia Banks; back row, Dawn Anglin, Clint Ashley, Hanna Duran, Cindy Womack, Bro. Rudy Jackson, Lisa Hill and Angela Hubbard.



One of the tableaux at the Haunted House included the "kitchen" filled with ghoulish treats. Serving them up were, from left: Janna Means, Rita Traxler and Cindy Sanders.



Will Beeson made a perfect Frankenstein, later succumbing to an "operation" in the surgical suite.



"Who ya gonna call?...Ghostbusters!"



Suzie Wilder, HR director, was a good sport, dressing up in head-to-toe costume as the "friendly witch" to greet guests to the Haunted House.

Boswell donates Magnolia trees to cities of Magee, Mendenhall

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Mississippi Tuberculosis Sanatorium and later, Boswell Regional Center, Boswell's Friends and Family Association donated a magnolia tree to the Cities of Magee and Mendenhall in appreciation of their support over the past century. A matching tree was planted on Boswell's campus.

A magnolia tree was donated to the Magee City Park to show appreciation for the city's donation of 200 acres and \$2,000 to build the Sanatorium, which opened in 1918. Many Magee residents have been employed at either the



Sanatorium or Boswell and both centers have enjoyed a strong partnership with city leaders. Pictured at the tree-planting on Dec. 19, 2018 were, from left, Boswell Director Clint Ashley, Cindy Womack, Assistant Director, Magee Mayor Dale Berry and Brock, an individual served by Boswell.

A matching tree was donated to the City of Mendenhall and was planted at the city's Sportsplex complex. The donation was made to show appreciation for



the city's support of Boswell's group homes in and around the Mendenhall area. Since the TB Sanatorium opened in 1918, many residents of Mendenhall have been employed at either the Sanatorium or Boswell. Pictured at the tree-planting on Dec. 19, 2018 were, from left, Mendenhall Mayor Todd Booth, Margaret, an individual that resides in one of Boswell's Mendenhall group homes, Cindy Womack, Assistant Director and Clint Ashley, Director of Boswell.

Keep Simpson County beautiful donates daffodil bulbs to Boswell Regional Center



Evelyn Copeland, pictured far right, director of Keep Simpson County Beautiful, donated hundreds of daffodil bulbs to Boswell Regional Center to beautify its campus in time for spring. Pictured with Copeland are, from left: Gene Lee, grounds supervisor and Marty Sasser, maintenance director.



Miss Connie Sue, right, a long-time individual served by Boswell and since its opening, a resident of the community-based State Farm Apartments, is very fond of her program manager Daisy McLaurin, left. The two are so close they even got the same curly hairstyle. According to Daisy, "Since Miss Connie Sue asked me to do it, I was happy to oblige."



Pastor's Corner



BRO. RUDY JACKSON
Patient Advocate/Chaplain

May You Glean God's Grace In 2019

2018 is behind us and 2019 is before us. I've heard it said that what lies behind us and what lies before us are all small matters compared to what lies within us. May we have a renewed reverence and love and trust in our God for this New Year.

Frances Havergal says it best in this poem:

*Another year is dawning, dear Father let it be,
In working or in waiting, another year with thee.
Another year of progress, another year of praise,
Another year of proving thy presence all the days.
Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace,
Another year of gladness, the glory of thy face.
Another year of leaning upon thy loving breast,
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.
Another year of service, of witness for thy love,
Another year of training for holier work above.
Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be,
On earth, or else in heaven, another year for thee.*

1 Corinthians 10:31 *Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*

**Happy New Year,
Bro. Rudy**

DMH UPDATE



*Supporting a **Better** Tomorrow*

BY MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF MISSISSIPPIANS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, SUBSTANCE USE PROBLEMS, AND INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

One Person at a Time.

DMH and the Community Mental Health Centers are working to expand the number of crisis stabilization beds in Mississippi. In October 2018, LifeCore Health Group (Region 3) opened four crisis beds and just this week Community Counseling Services (Region 7) opened eight beds.

Funding for the expansion of crisis beds came from a shift in dollars from DMH's institutional budget to the Service Budget in FY19 to reduce the reliance on institutional care. It is anticipated that by the end of June 2019, the state will have 42 additional crisis stabilization beds. The beds offer time-limited residential treatment services designed to serve adults with severe mental health episodes that if not addressed would likely result in the need for inpatient care.

