

BOSWELL REGIONAL CENTER'S BULLETIN

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Governor declares March Intellectual and Disabilities Month

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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:

The tree (or at least, it *appears* to be the one) the late entertainer and TV/ radio host Paul Ott was standing by in 1941 (insert) as he shot a bow and arrow while a resident of the Preventorium at MS State TB Sanatorium is still standing.

Even more notable, the building that housed hundreds of children from the late 1920's to mid-1970's is still in use on Boswell's campus, serving as a work activity center for individuals and staff offices.

Ott mentioned his time at the Sanatorium in his book, "*Listen to the Eagle*" and attended the annual reunion of "Preventorium kids" before his passing in 2018.

IDD Awareness Month, Boswell's contributions recognized by City of Magee

Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves recently announced that March is Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Mississippi. In honor of that designation, and in recognition of Boswell Regional Center's numerous contributions to the city, Magee Mayor Dale Berry signed a proclamation designating March as "IDD Awareness Month" in the City of Magee.

Berry presented Boswell officials with a signed proclamation listing the impact Boswell employees and individuals make on the local economy.

Boswell has an annual economic impact of nearly \$59 million, the majority of which is experienced by the City of Magee. Additionally, a large portion of the center's payroll is received by Simpson Countians, who own and rent homes, pay utilities, support local businesses, attend area schools and churches and pay taxes.

BRC also operates in Simpson County several group and retirement homes, as well as supervised apartments for individuals who are served by the center.

Many of the residents in these homes:

- Pay their own rent and utilities; two have purchased homes in Magee and pay mortgages and for area services
- Possess checking accounts at area banks
- Use area physicians, hospitals and pharmacies for medical needs
- Shop for food and necessities at local businesses; and
- Spend thousands of leisure dollars at area restaurants, sporting and community events.

Berry thanked Boswell for its contributions to the city and applauded the center for continuing to grow its programs and services in the area.

"Celebrating Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month speaks to the city's values of inclusiveness and appreciation of people from all walks of life," said Berry. "We greatly appreciate Boswell's major economic impact on Magee. My goal is to continue to explore ways to ensure all residents with disabilities are given a fair chance at a better way of life."



Magee Mayor Dale Berry, center, is pictured signing a proclamation naming March as "Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day" in Magee in honor of Boswell Regional Center's contributions to the community. Also pictured are, from left: Boswell individuals Earnestine and Andrew and Boswell director Clint Ashley.

From left, campus individuals Greg, Heather, Nathan and Joann are pictured by the banner on the front gate letting the public know we honor those we serve during the month of March.



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Dr. Jim Herzog of Oxford is a clinical psychologist in private practice. Currently, his practice involves consultation with the Department of Rehabilitation Services in the Office of Disability Determination Services. He has more than 40 years' experience in community mental health through several community mental health centers, Catholic Charities, and in the VA Medical Center in Jackson. He serves as the clinical psychologist representative on the board.

Dr. Sampat Shivangi, M.D. of Ridgeland serves on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services National Advisory Council. From 2005 to 2008, Dr. Shivangi served as Advisor to the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services. Dr. Shivangi represents the Medical Physician category on the Board of Mental Health.

Dr. Sara Gleason is a board-certified psychiatrist at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, where she is a professor and executive vice chair in the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior. She is director of consultation-liaison psychiatry and a supervising attending on the adult inpatient psychiatry ward and in the outpatient psychiatry clinic. She serves as the psychiatrist representative on the board.

Manda Griffin, DNP, of Houlka is a registered respiratory therapist, a board certified family nurse practitioner, and a licensed social worker. She has worked with several hospitals in north Mississippi, as well as a medical clinic serving pediatric, adult, and older patients. She represents the social worker position on the board.

Dr. Alyssa Killebrew of Madison is a clinical psychologist in private practice who has worked at Life Help Region 6 Community Mental Health Center and previously served as Mental Health Director of the Youthful Offender Unit in the Mississippi Department of Corrections. Dr. Killebrew serves as the Third Congressional District representative on the board.

Robert Landrum of Ellisville is a family member of an individual with disabilities and been active in this field since he and his wife began taking part in Ellisville State School's Parents and Friends Organization in the early 1980s. He has served on Ellisville State School Parent's Association and the Mississippi Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. He represents the Fifth Congressional District on the board.

Teresa Mosley of Clinton is the owner of TRM Educational Consulting and is the lead psychometrist with the Mississippi College Dyslexia Education and Evaluation Center. She spent a decade in the classroom teaching students, and has also completed work for the Mississippi Department of Education in the offices of Curriculum and Instruction and School Improvement, as well numerous school districts in the state of Mississippi. She represents the Fourth Congressional District on the board.

Courtney Phillips of Indianola is the CEO of South Sunflower County Hospital and has 20 years of experience in healthcare, government, and not-for-profit organizations. He is currently involved with the Mississippi Hospital Association, Rural Hospital Solutions, Delta Council, the Rural Hospital Alliance, the Delta Trauma Board, and Mississippi Healthcare Executives. He represents the Second Congressional District.

Stewart Rutledge of Oxford is a real estate developer and a licensed attorney who has previously served on the Mississippi Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee and the Mississippi Supreme Court's Commission on Juveniles. He represents the First Congressional District and is a family member of a mental health consumer.



Spotlight On...

Valentine's Day, Heart Month and Super Bowl celebrated at Boswell

February contains two important celebrations: The American Heart Association's Heart Month, which serves as a reminder of the risks of heart disease and stroke, and of course, Valentine's Day.

Combining Valentine's Day celebrations with "Wear Red Day" reminded everyone to take care of their heart health. Information was distributed to staff that included reminders on the importance of getting regular checkups, watching blood pressure and cholesterol numbers and eating healthier.

And, all month long, units and buildings were decorated in festive colors for Valentine's Day. Special Valentine's parties on each unit were the perfect end to Valentine's Day for campus individuals.

Last, the biggest football game of the year – Super Bowl LVI - was played on Feb. 13, making it a busy weekend for staff as everyone geared up for Valentine's Day while watching the game on Sunday. Special tailgating snacks were enjoyed while watching the big game.

Here are some photos from a short, but busy month at Boswell:

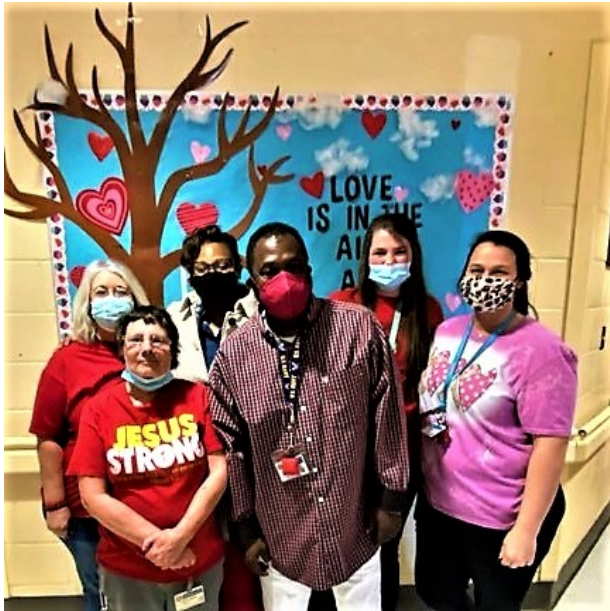


Both the ladies and men enjoyed getting together in the Rainy Day room, where tailgating snacks were available while the Super Bowl was being played.



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Community staff that dressed in red included, from left, Trusie Eubanks, Janet Runnels and Brecca Brown.

The staff at Ridgeview wore red on Valentine's Day to remind everyone to "know their numbers" to prevent heart disease and stroke AND to celebrate the day set aside to celebrate love.



The guys at Fairway wore red and even showed off their self-made "hearts" on Valentine's Day.



As usual, the bulletin boards and other areas were decorated with hearts and other festive Valentine's décor.

More Valentine's Day fun!



As usual, the Oakbrook ladies all dressed in red early and were ready for their Valentine's party well before the festivities started. Staff joined in by wearing red for Heart Month as well as the day of love.



"Let the good times roll!"



Boswell is a long way from New Orleans, but that didn't mean individuals and staff couldn't enjoy Fat Tuesday with our own version of a Mardi Gras party complete with snacks and King Cake.

Pictured getting ready to serve the first group of Mardi Gras revelers were, from left, Recreation staff members Erica Hubbard and Maci Phillips.

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day in style!

Also in March, St. Patrick's Day was observed by the wearing of green shirts and a special party complete with decorations and special party foods.

After making St. Paddy's Day hats and door decorations in art classes, individuals wore the hats to a party held on March 17. Lots of "green" food was enjoyed, ranging from punch to cookies in the shape of shamrocks.



BOSWELL REGIONAL CENTER presents



JOB FAIR 2022

MARCH 31 9 am - 3 pm

3 CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

**BOSWELL
MAIN CAMPUS
1049 SIMPSON
HWY 149
MAGEE**

**DOWNTOWN LOCATION
(FORMER FRED'S)
326 MAIN AVE.
MAGEE**

**DOWNTOWN LOCATION
(FORMER DICKSON'S
APPLIANCES)
224 MAIN AVE. S.
MAGEE**

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