



# Boswell Regional Center Bulletin

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A Publication for Employees, Family and Friends of BRC



# Paint it Pink

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# Paint it Pink

The month of October was a very busy one for Boswell Regional Center. On October 31 there were several events occurring simultaneously. One of those events was Paint it Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness. Staff and individuals served by Boswell were invited to wear pink shirts to show their support for those who survived, are going through, or passed because of breast cancer. A booth was set up by the BRC Wellness Committee to distribute breast cancer information and offer refreshing pink lemonade. Survivors of breast cancer were also honored at this event.



# MAC Thinks Pink Fight Like A Girl



The Mississippi Adolescent Center had their Think Pink Day for Breast Cancer Awareness on October 24. They had pink cupcakes, pink lemonade, and a pink memorial balloon release.

## Survivors!



Boswell recognized several staff who are breast cancer survivors on October 31 at the Drink Pink lemonade stand. They were given pink corsages in celebration of their lives. Several individuals served by Boswell are also survivors, and they were also honored and celebrated throughout the day.

# Fight Like a Girl!

By Cassie Bynum



The Ladies Hat Society painted it pink at their last club meeting. Jean Craft and club members discussed the topic of Breast Cancer Awareness. The highlight of the club meeting was participating in making a poster to display at the lemonade stand at Fall Ball. The ladies also enjoyed a light snack of pink cookies and pink lemonade.



# Spotlight on Shylah Jones



**Ms. Shylah Jones, Boswell Regional Center  
Community Day Services Director**

Shylah Shelby Jones resides in Taylorsville, MS, where she lives with her husband, Chris, and their two children, Houston (8) and Shelby (2). Shylah and her family are active members of Summerland Baptist Church. Shylah joined the Boswell Regional Center family in April of 2004. She began working at BRC as a Certified Pharmacy Technician. Shylah later advanced to the position of Academic Teacher. She was the LIFE Center teacher for two years. Shylah earned her Associates Degree in Pharmacy Technology at Jones Junior College in May of 2004. She then earned her Bachelor's of Education degree at William Carey University in 2011. She received her Master of Education degree at William Carey University in November of 2013. Shylah now serves as the Director of Community Day Services. She oversees three Adult Day Services Programs within Simpson and Lincoln counties. Shylah has thoroughly enjoyed her 10 years of service at BRC. She loves her job and the people she serves. Shylah stated, "I love making people happy, and that is what Boswell is all about."

## Day of Diversity



Day of Diversity is a coordinated effort by the Department of Mental Health's Multi-Cultural Task Force to invite everyone to join together. The overall purpose is to bring together individuals receiving services, staff, community and family members of different races and ethnic backgrounds. The Day of Diversity has been observed in Mississippi since 2001. The Governor has signed proclamations declaring October 13<sup>th</sup> the Day of Diversity. Day of Diversity was held this year at our Day Program (Dream Extreme) on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Guest speaker Ms. Charlie Neely White displayed many clothing items from Africa, money from various regions and a map which showed the different areas of Africa. Green punch and sugar cookies with green sprinkles was served, and the attendance was great!

# Simpson County Vo-Tech Tour



Melora Jackson, Division of Alzheimer's; Maria Allen, Division of Alzheimer's; Brenda White, Vo-Tech Instructor; students from Magee and Mendenhall High Schools; and Bo Huffman, Director of The Simpson County Vocational Technical Center visited Boswell Regional Center on October 15, 2014. They enjoyed a lecture along with a Virtual Dementia Tour, and the last stop was Dream Extreme Day Services.

# MAC at the State Fair



Some of the children from the Mississippi Adolescent Center went on a trip to the Mississippi State Fair. There were lots of food, fun, and farm animals.

# Special Olympics

By Clavert Sims, Jr.

The fall games are always a joyous, fun and exciting time for each and every individual that participates. With that being said, the individuals from the Pearl River Region (Area 2) enjoyed a wonderful weekend at 2014 Mississippi Special Olympics Fall Games. This event was held at Camp Shelby in Hattiesburg, MS. Area 2 had a total of 130 athletes, unified partners and coaches to participate this year. The athletes participated in Horseshoes, Croquet, Soccer Skills, Softball Skills, Flag Football, Regular Team Softball and Unified Softball at Fall Games. This was the inaugural year for the Flag Football competition, with the Boswell Regional Center and Mississippi Adolescent Center combined to put a team on the field (Boswell Trojans). The Boswell Trojans finished in third place, and we're already getting ready to bring home the gold next year. The Area 2 Millcreek Bulldogs finished in second place. The Boswell Bulldogs won the gold medal in the regular team softball competition. This was our first gold medal in regular team softball competition in five years. Unfortunately, our Unified Softball team's five-year streak of bringing the gold medal home was ended by North MS Regional Center in a close 8-7 gold medal game. We had several athletes from Boswell to medal in various events. All of the athletes, unified partners, and coaches gave it their all and had a great time at this year's Fall Games. Lastly, it is with a pleasure to extend appreciation to all that attended and participated this year. It takes planning, dedication, and communication to orchestrate and execute an event such as this.



# BRC Fall Festival



The BRC Fall Festival was held on October 30th, 2014, at Green Park on the Magee Campus. There was food and fun, including a magic show.

## Boss's Day



Grateful staff all across Boswell celebrated their bosses on National Boss's Day 2014. Supervisors and directors were given favorite treats, foods, and other goodies in appreciation for a job well done all year long.

## Treat Street



Yummy treats were waiting for those who happened down Treat Street at Boswell Regional Center. There was no need to go door-to-door when buckets of goodies were waiting to be handed out from window-to-window.



# Fall Ball 2014

People had a ball at the Tenth Annual Fall Ball games this year! The morning started off with baseball and a trophy awarded to the winning team. Then there was a cookout followed by a pep rally. The Magee High School Band performed and so did the Magee High School and Junior High School cheerleaders. The BRC campus and community cheerleaders also performed, representing their respective teams. Then it was time for some football! Both the Hurricanes and the Wildcats played hard and had a mix of staff and service recipients on their teams. In the end, there could only be one winner; and that winner, this year, was the Wildcats team sporting their bright yellow jerseys.



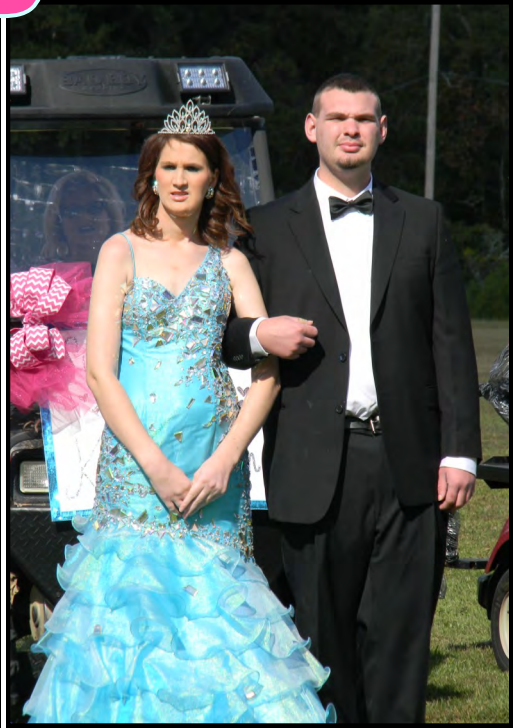
# Go! Fight! Win!

By Cassie Bynum

Football is just a game without cheerleaders. This year the Hurricane Cheerleaders worked hard to prepare for Fall Ball. They had a great time learning new cheers and painting signs. The staff members at Day Services had a delicious cake made in honor of cheerleaders for them to enjoy after practicing for Fall Ball.

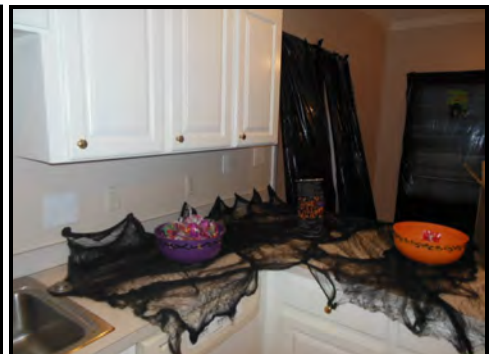
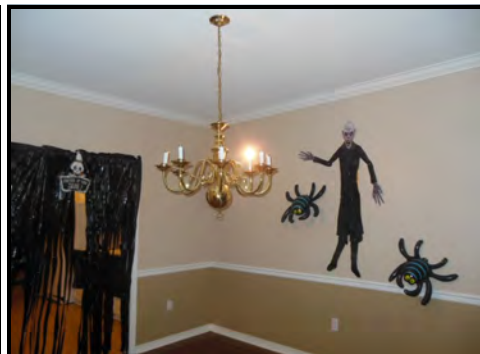


# Homecoming Court



This year's Fall Ball featured a homecoming court for the first time. Ladies from Boswell's various program areas were decked out in fancy dresses and tiaras while escorted onto the field. All got trophies, but only one could be queen. Drum roll.... And the winner is Ms. Ethel Mae!

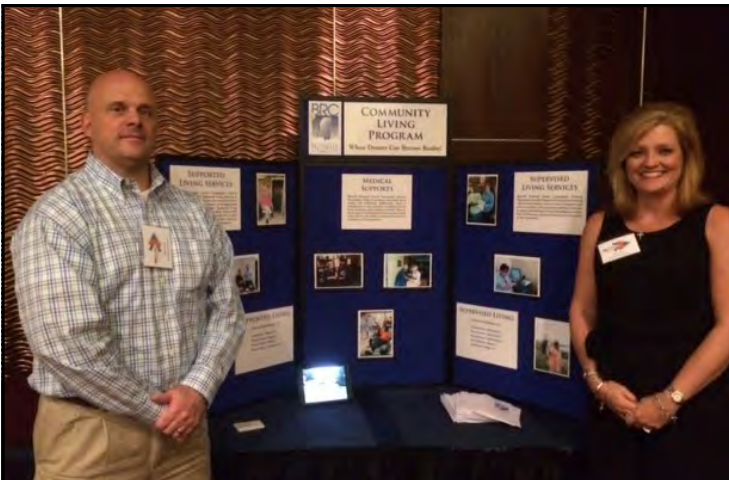
# Halloween at the MAC



The guys at the MAC had a Halloween Party with a Haunted House and Hayride. Here are some highlights from their fun night.

# MH/IDD Joint Conference

The Mental Health/ Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Joint Conference was held from Tuesday October 28 to Thursday October 30 at the IP Hotel and Casino in Biloxi. The theme for this year was “Moving Forward: Innovation, Integration, and Intervention.” Ms. Lisa Bryant of Boswell’s Autism Services was one of the conference speakers. Mr. Ronald Britt, Director of Community Services, was also a speaker. Several others from BRC and MAC did poster presentations to highlight the many programs and services available.



# Paul D. Cotton Leadership Award



Boswell Regional Center Director, Mr. Steven Allen, received the Paul D. Cotton Leadership Award during the Mental Health/Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Joint Conference.

The Paul D. Cotton Leadership Award is presented to a Mississippian who demonstrated exemplary leadership in the field of services for persons with intellectual disabilities. The award recipient is selected from the membership of the Mississippi Chapter of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities based upon nominations from the members. The award is named for Paul D. Cotton, Ph.D.

Dr. Cotton is a noted pioneer on the provision of services to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Mississippi. Dr. Cotton is formerly a director of Ellisville State School and was director of Boswell Regional Center until his retirement in 1992. He has held numerous other positions and been the recipient of many honors.

## Mission Statement

**Boswell Regional Center offers Specialized program options to Mississippians with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. These programs are designed to identify the necessary supports for successful community transition. With collaboration between the individual, family, and community, dreams can become reality.**

*Where Dreams Can Become Reality*

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# Kinloch Gill Memorial Award



Boswell Regional Center's Director of Autism Services, Mrs. Lisa Bryant, received the Kinloch Gill Memorial Award at the annual MH/IDD Joint Conference. The Kinloch Gill Memorial Award is bestowed upon a person who exemplifies a commitment to excellence in the field of community mental health and intellectual and developmental disabilities and services. The award is named in memory of Dr. Kinloch Gill, who was a leader in establishing the community mental health system in Mississippi.



Pictured above is a group photo of the many BRC and MAC employees who were in attendance at the MH/IDD Joint conference.

# BRC Employees of the Month



During the October Directors' Meeting, Boswell Regional Center recognized Employees of the Month in the area of support/professional staff. Employees of the Month for September are Randy Robertson, Maintenance; and Reba Craft, Pinelake Geriatrics. Congratulations to you both!!!!

# BRC Governor's Service Awards



Boswell Regional Center employees receive Governor's service awards in recognition of a total of 50 years of state service. They were recognized for the dedication to BRC at the October Directors' Meeting pictured are Linda Chain (20yrs), Robin Moss (20yrs) and Tiffany Wyatt (10yrs). Congratulations!



# MAC Employee of the Month



During the October Directors' Meeting, Mississippi Adolescent Center recognized Employee of the Month for September. Pictured are left to right: Ronald Lomax, recipient; and William Gates, Director of MAC. Congratulations Ronald!

## Pastor's Corner



**Bro. Rudy Jackson**  
BRC Chaplain

### "Puppies for Sale"

The signs have a way of attracting children. Soon a little boy appeared at the sign and asked, "How much are you gonna sell those puppies for?" The store owner replied, "Anywhere from \$30-\$50." The little boy reached into his pocket and pulled out some change. "I have \$2.37, can I look at them?"

The store owner smiled and whistled. Out of the kennel came his dog named Lady, running down the aisle of his store followed by five little puppies. One puppy was lagging considerably behind. Immediately the little boy singled out the lagging, limping puppy. He asked "What's wrong with that little dog?"

The man explained that when the puppy was born the vet said that this puppy had a bad hip socket and would limp for the rest of his life. The little boy got really excited and said, "That's the puppy I want to buy!" The man replied, "No, you don't want to buy that little dog. If you really want him, I'll give him to you." The little boy got upset. He looked straight into the man's eyes and said, "I don't want you to give him to me. He is worth every bit as much as the other dogs, and I'll pay the full price. In fact I will give you \$2.37 now and 50 cents every month until I have him paid for."

The man countered, "You really don't want to buy this puppy, son. He is never gonna be able to run, jump and play like other puppies." The little boy reached down and rolled up his pant leg to reveal a badly twisted, crippled left leg supported by a big metal brace. He looked up at the man and said, "Well, I don't run so well myself and the little puppy will need someone who understands."

The man was now biting his bottom lip. Tears welled up in his eyes....He smiled and said, "Son, I hope and pray that each and every one of these puppies will have an owner such as you."

~ IN LIFE, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO YOU ARE, BUT WHETHER  
SOMEONE APPRECIATES YOU FOR WHAT YOU ARE, ACCEPTS  
YOU AND LOVES YOU UNCONDITIONALLY. A REAL FRIEND  
IS ONE WHO WALKS IN WHEN THE REST OF THE WORLD  
IS WALKING OUT.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

## From BRC Director Steven Allen

*I love quotes and saw this one this morning and thought about all of us in DMH:  
"Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle."  
~ Abraham Lincoln*



Place Your Order Today

## Pottery Sale



*5-Oaks Collection*

**Christmas is fast approaching so place your order today**

*Orders cannot be guaranteed to be ready by Christmas after November 21*

*Items include - Crosses, Servers, Ornaments, Mississippi pieces, coasters, bowls, mugs, trivets, and much more*

*Prices range - \$1.00 - \$30.00*

*To place your order stop by - Dream Extreme Gift Shop on the 1st & 3rd Friday of each month 12:00-4:00PM at 224 Main Ave. S Magee, MS 39111*

*If you are on campus stop by - 5-Oaks Monday - Thursday 8:00AM - 4:00PM*

*For More Info - Call 601-867-5000 ext. 75163*



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# LUCKY 7 RUN

11.15.2014

Special Olympics  
Mississippi



## Feeling Lucky? Run for Special Olympics!

Special Olympics Mississippi is hosting the first Lucky 7 Run, a seven-mile charity fun run on November 15, to raise funds for Special Olympics Mississippi and the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Join us for seven fun miles from Legends Grill in Flowood, across the Ross Barnett Reservoir Spillway, and finishing at McB's in Ridgeland with live music, games and a good time for a great cause.

### 7 Mile Run

In the Lucky 7 run, you can sign up as an individual and run the entire seven-mile course yourself, you can sign up as part of a relay team, or you can participate in our one-mile fun run. A relay team can be made up of 3-7 participants who will decide which leg of the course they will run.

### 7 Mile Poker Run

Participants who are participating as individuals will have the opportunity to up their ante to the Poker Run edition, a high-stakes version of the Lucky 7, for an extra \$10.

For the 7-mile poker run, participants will wear an armband that allows them to collect a playing card at each mile. The best hand at the end of the race will receive a Grand Prize! If you would like to participate, please select "7 Mile Poker Run" in the event category.

### 1 Mile Fun Run

We will also host a one-mile Fun Run after the Lucky 7 for people who want to join in the fun without committing to seven miles.

### Course

The race will begin at Legends Grill, 5352 Lakeland Drive in Flowood, head across the Ross Barnett Reservoir and end at McB's Grill, 815 Lake Harbour Drive in Ridgeland. The paved course will follow a seven-mile track. Shuttles will be available to transport runners, volunteers and spectators from both restaurants.



Sat., Nov. 15, 2014 at 3 p.m.  
Rain or Shine

	By 9/15	9/16-11/14	On 11/15
1 Mile Fun Run	\$14	\$14	\$14
7 Mile Run	\$21	\$30	\$36
7 Mile Poker Run	\$31	\$40	\$46



**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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**Friends & Family Association  
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*Where Dreams Can  
Become Reality!*

## 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

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## 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.

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