

BULLETIN

Commitment Respect Responsibility Loyalty Communication Trust Cooperation





On the Cover:

*A viceroy butterfly
gleans the few remaining
drops of nectar from the
blooms of a lantana.*

BRC Bulletin

The Boswell Bulletin is published without cost to inform the public, employees, friends and family of Boswell Regional Center's activities, programs and progress. This publication also serves to provide information to those interested in the work conducted by BRC employees to enrich the lives of those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

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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 person, family, and community, dreams can become a reality

Where Dreams Can Become Reality

Welcome! Aboard

New team members for the month of August



August 1st Orientation Class

Seated (L-R): Linda Watson, Dana Different, Sandra Clark Patton, Varonica Burkett, Kawana Spivey, Alicia Herrington, and Special Ross

Standing (L-R): Dometrous Blalock, Brett Baldwin, Elizabeth Whitehurst, Conie Karsten, Berendia Berry, Rashonda Butler, Jessica Lyles, Jerico Conley, and Ellis Bridges

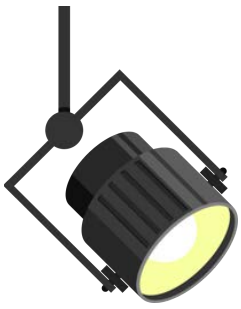


August 16th Orientation Class

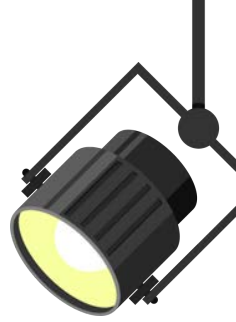
Seated L-R: Sabree Hamilton, Danae Magee, Natavia Oatis, Makayla Banks, Audrey McDuffey, Darmisha Jackson, and Aaliyah Easterling

Standing L-R: Olivia Funchess, Mary "Darlene" Dickerson, Allison "Alli" Pittman, Kendall Thompson, Michael "Brodie" Steele, Jkwon Gregory, Bridget Robinson, Kristen Davis Sidney Ducksworth, Adrana Graves, and Melvin Smith

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT



MAINTENANCE/ GROUNDS MAINTENANCE



Eric Titus, Director

from Cato, enjoys guitar, golf, and spending time with his 3 daughters. He says he wants to pay everything off before he retires and hopes to raise his children well.

WHO YOU GONNA CALL...

- When the AC goes out during a record-breaking heatwave?
- When a storm leaves limbs blocking roads and sidewalks?
- When the toilets won't flush?
- When the door alarm doesn't work?
- When light bulbs need changing?
- When kitchen equipment is broken?
- When a wall, window, or floor needs repairing?
- When you're relocating, moving or adding new furniture?
- Anytime there are activities that require more "man" power than you've got to offer?

IT'S A LOT! And just like our own homes, there's constant maintenance and always something that has to be fixed.

These guys work extremely hard to keep BRC running smoothly and looking her best, and unlike most of us, they endure some of the harshest conditions in order to keep us and the individuals we serve safe and comfortable.

Thank you!



Randy Robertson

from Houston, MS, 26 yrs at BRC, enjoys leatherwork, drawing/painting, blacksmithing & horses. He says he wants to make it another 5 yrs at BRC and likes being able to take time off when needed.



Calvin Bynum

from Magee, 11 yrs at BRC, previously worked in security, enjoys fishing and hunting. He says his favorite thing about working at BRC is that it keeps him busy.



Clayton Bates

from Mendenhall, 5 yrs at BRC, enjoys working on equipment and guns. He says he likes the relaxed work environment at BRC.



MAINTENANCE/ GROUNDS MAINTENANCE



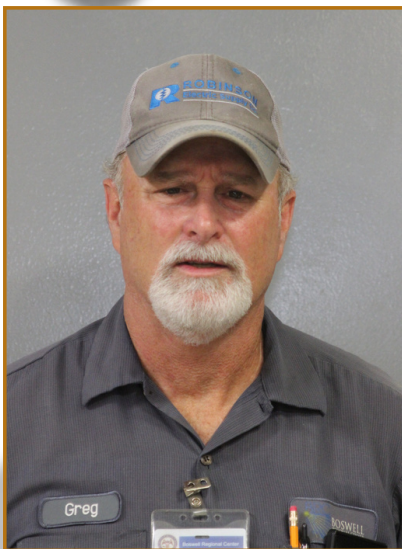
Chad Williamson
from Magee, 21 yrs at BRC
enjoys fishing and says he
looks forward to retiring.



Charlie Moss
from Pearl, 3 yrs at BRC,
enjoys the drag strip, looks
forward to retiring for a 3rd
time. He says he is just
thankful to be working.



Wesley Hall
from Taylorsville, 7 yrs at BRC, a MSU
fan who enjoys farming and hopes to
retire in 20 years. He says he enjoys
being able to take time off.



Greg Amason
from Magee, 21 yrs at BRC, enjoys
woodwork and building things.
He says his dad named him after
the USS Gregory, a Navy ship on
which he served.



Jimmy Wade
from Columbus, MS, 7 yrs at BRC,
likes NASCAR- favorite driver is
#34 Mike McDonald. He says he
looks forward to moving to Tupelo
next month to be closer to family.



MAINTENANCE/ GROUNDS MAINTENANCE



George Griffith

Fleet Manager, from Prentiss, has been at BRC for 1 yr, enjoys fishing and hunting. He says his favorite thing about BRC is the people he works with.



Brad Fairchild

from Magee, 13 yrs at BRC, previously worked in security, enjoys playing golf and spending time with his wife. He wants to make it to 25 yrs and be the best he can be. He says he likes the leave time & retirement at BRC.



Jeramy "Chunky" Little

from Mize, 20 yrs at BRC, enjoys collecting old bottles and watching his kids in activities. He says he loves his co-workers, and contrary to popular belief, he doesn't actually know "Everything".



E.G. Brown

From Mendenhall 3 1/2 yrs at BRC, He says he enjoys the work he does at BRC



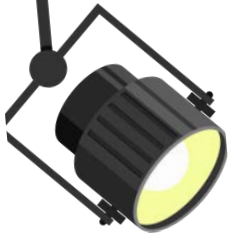
Mike Sellers

from Magee, 12 yrs at BRC, enjoys fishing and grandkids. He says he just wants to make it to the end of the day, that he likes working in Maintenance because they all try to have fun regardless of the task.



Maurice Copeland

from Booneville, enjoys fishing, watching movies and playing video games. Says he likes working on clean up at BRC. 5



MAINTENANCE/ GROUNDS MAINTENANCE



Sam Ware

Has been at BRC for 6 months, Enjoys riding at mud parks and watching Netflix. He wants to buy his own home and save up enough money to buy a 4-wheeler. He says he likes being able to look back and see the progress in his work.



Luke Amason

from Magee, has been at BRC for 11 yrs, enjoys fishing and eating seafood. He says the thing he likes most about BRC is the people he works with.



Michael McAlpin

from Mize, 6 yrs at BRC, enjoys hunting, fishing & MSU Baseball



Bryan Woods

from Brookhaven, 6 yrs at BRC, previously at the MAC, enjoys fishing and farming, plans to stay with Boswell, and enjoys the people he works with. What most people don't know about him is, he is a volunteer fire fighter and a member of the VFW



John Barnett

from Magee, 13 yrs at BRC, enjoys truck driving, farming, welding, hunting, and fishing. He says he likes to keep his house CLEAN and that he wants to retire and return to working on an anchor boat. He has 4 sons: Kolton, Isaiah, Seth, & Owen.

Not pictured:



Teri Anderson

from Mendenhall, has been at BRC for 16 yrs, enjoys barrel racing and riding horses everyday. She says her favorite thing about BRC is the people.

LONG, HOT



Summer



In which category are you?

Weeks of triple-digit temperatures and no rain in sight make us realize that, when it comes to our lawns, the majority of us fall into one of two very different categories, while a few of us fall somewhere in between:

NEVER SAY DIE!

- This person is willing to do whatever it takes to keep their lawns lush and green for just a little while longer, diligently working and watering daily in the hopes that all their efforts will, in some small way, pay off and help to preserve a remnant of summer's fleeting grandeur.

DEAD MAN WALKING!

- This person has resigned themselves to the fact that, though she does not usually play fairly, Mother Nature is ultimately in control, and no means of human intervention, regardless of the effort or intent, will make much of a lasting difference. Grass dies, but with any luck, it usually comes back.

LIVE LIKE YOU WERE DYING!

- This person, though they realize their efforts will likely prove futile in the long run, live with a sense of daunting obligation which drives them to occasionally offer supplemental watering to an already parched lawn, mostly in an effort to either keep the neighbors happy or their significant other from complaining.

Fun Fact

What is the hottest summer on record in Mississippi?

The hottest temperature ever recorded in Mississippi was 115 °F back in 1930. However, August temperatures have not been this high since 2020, when they reached 109 °F.

Brain Tease

What's the record for the hottest temperature ever recorded on Earth?

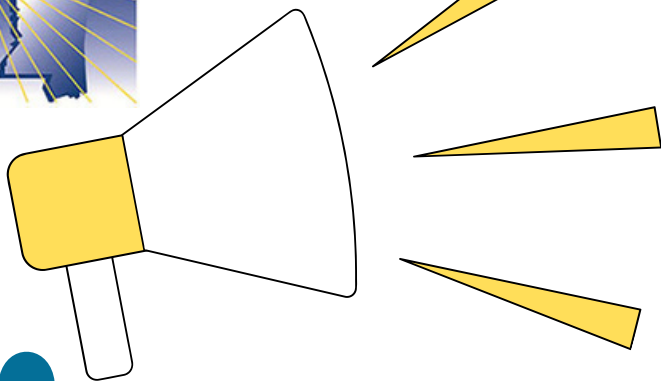
Answer on pg. 14

Nothing says lovin' like something from the oven

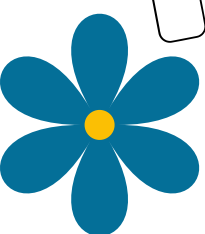
A few Community individuals decided to stay after hours at Day Services to whip up a yummy, home-made treat. It takes a nice, steady hand to pour that batter into the pan without making a mess, and everyone knows it's totally unacceptable to put the mixing bowl into the dishwasher without first sneaking a little taste.



"Life is what you bake of it."



We are
HIRING



Full- Time State Benefits

State Sponsored Health/Life Insurance Plan

Paid Personal Leave (12 hrs. monthly)

Paid Medical Leave (8 hrs. monthly)

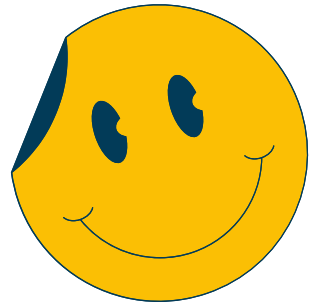
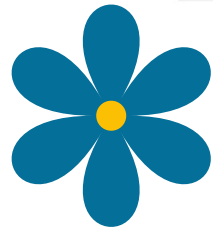
Paid Holiday Leave (10 days annually)

MS Public Employees Retirement

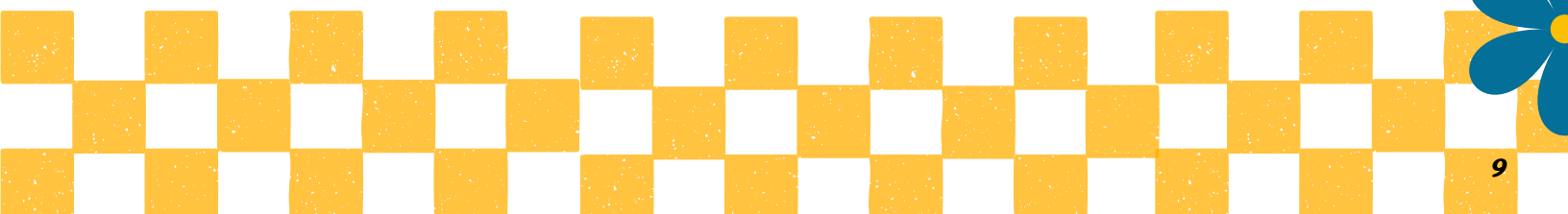
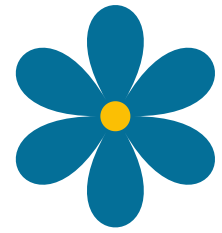
8 Hr. Shifts

Full Time and Contract Positions Available

SCAN *Here*



Join Us!





When summer heats up WE COOL DOWN



Staff and individuals got a break from the heat with a recent visit from Kool Kupz Frozen Treats. Cindy Sanders and the recreation staff organized the much-anticipated event, giving all staff and individuals an opportunity to purchase unique frozen treats from the hometown vendor. Smoother than a snow cone but completely different from ice cream, Kool Kupz lies somewhere perfectly in between.





Happyth 70 BIRTHDAY, Ronald Britt

Mr. Britt is the Director of Community Services and has spent over 45 years serving the individuals at BRC. Boswell employees state they are very thankful for his hard work and dedication over the years and that he is an example to so many. Some have even given him the enduring title of "Sunshine" for his enthusiasm and heart for his job.

August 22nd



Feliz Cumpleaños

BRC ART EXHIBIT

Individuals from community and campus submitted some of their most prized works of art to be showcased in the 2023 BRC Expressive Art Exhibit held in the Rainy Day Room on campus Friday, August 25th. Nearly 150 guests in all attended the event where numerous paintings, sketches, pottery pieces, and various arts and crafts were put on display. BRC staff members served as silent judges and assisted in choosing the top ten entries, which will go on to be submitted to the Magee Public Library where they will remain on display throughout the month of September.



C.J. Jensen proudly shows a picture puzzle that he completed along with the help of Michael Delancey and Frank Bannock.



Nanette Rankin is happy to stop for a picture as she assists in organizing the artwork of several individuals from her class



Mr. Don Thames and other staff members were instrumental in selecting the top ten entries that will go on to the Magee Public Library.



Life is a Beach



Individuals from Community Day Services were treated to a day on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Between shopping for souvenirs at “Sharkheads” and dining at “Shaggy’s” the group had no problem finding ways to enjoy their outing, despite triple digit temperatures.

September

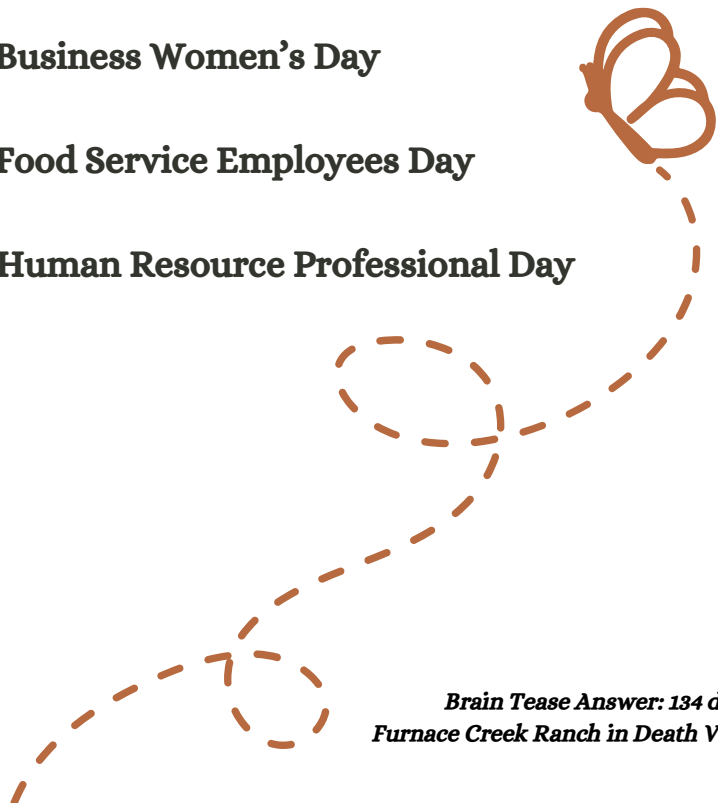
DATES TO REMEMBER:



- 4th Labor Day 🌻
- 10th Grandparents Day
- 10th Suicide Prevention Day
- 11th Patriot Day
- 13th National Peanut Day
- 16th National Guacamole Day
- 17th National Constitution & Citizenship Day
- 19th IT Professionals Day
- 20th Addiction Professionals Day
- 22nd Business Women's Day
- 25th Food Service Employees Day
- 26th Human Resource Professional Day

BRC Calendar of Events:

- 6th **BRC Campus Street Dance**
6:30 pm in front of gym
- 7th **BRC Friends & Family Meeting**
11:30-1:00 in the classroom of
Nutritional Services Building
- 28th **Fall Ball**
BRC Hurricanes
vs
Simpson Academy Cougars
Green Park 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.



*Brain Tease Answer: 134 degrees Fahrenheit at the
Furnace Creek Ranch in Death Valley, California on July 10, 1913.*



7TH ANNUAL
SUICIDE PREVENTION SYMPOSIUM
SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2023
 LOCATION: Virtual 9/19: Prevention Trainings 9/20: Live Speakers
 REGISTER ONLINE: mississippisuicidepreventionsymposium.com

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SHATTER THE SILENCE
 Suicide: the secret you shouldn't keep

SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

call **988**

Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

text **HOME** to **741-741**

Not a Dispatch Service.

Speak with a

TRAINED CRISIS COUNSELOR

Asking for help

*is a sign of **STRENGTH***

not weakness!

Mental health activists and practitioners across the country work to reduce the prevalence of suicide and provide support to those who struggle. Suicide Prevention Week and Month provides an opportunity for open hearts and minds to begin having vulnerable conversations. It is a time to educate ourselves, support the people in our lives, and take action to reduce suicide rates on a mass scale.

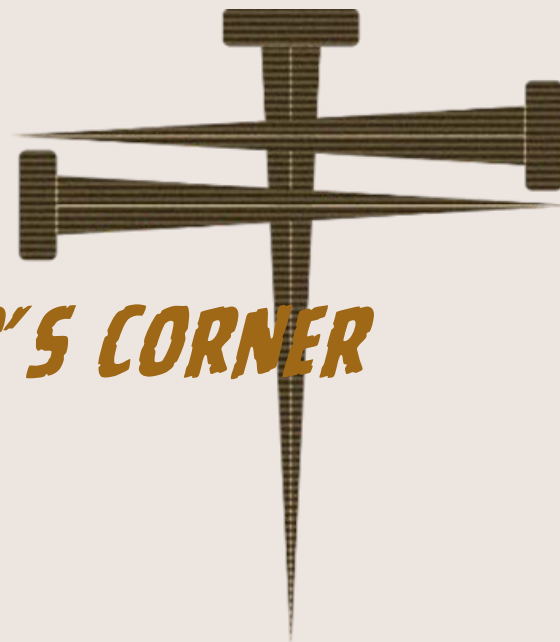
Statistics about Suicide:

The statistics on suicide are disheartening and can be overwhelming, nonetheless, they reveal a big picture of the issue at hand.

- In 2020, suicide was the 12th leading cause of death overall in the U.S., claiming over 49,500 lives.
- Rates of suicide are highest among male Native Americans, at 37.4% per 100,000.
- The #1 method of suicide is the use of firearms, 57.9% of males and 33% of females.
- Suicide is the #1 cause of gun deaths in the U. S., at 60.3% of the number of gun deaths by intent.
- LGBTQ youth are 4x more likely to attempt suicide than their peers.
- Between 2007 and 2018, suicide rates among those age 10-24 increased by nearly 60%.



*Rev. Charles Meadows
BRC Chaplain*



THE PASTOR'S CORNER

THE LOST ARE JUST AS IMPORTANT

I thank the Lord for the opportunity to share with each of you a portion of His word, and I pray that this devotion encourages you to share the gospel with those in this world. Anytime I have the opportunity to share the Word of God with others is a blessing, and it is my prayer that those who are lost come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. One passage that comes to mind when typing up this devotion is Luke 15. In this chapter of Luke's gospel are three parables that deal with the lost and what our response to them should be as Christians. As Jesus was preaching to the sinners and tax collectors, the Pharisees were off to the side condemning Jesus for preaching the good news to those who were not living according to God's word. Jesus responded by telling three parables: the parable of the lost sheep, the parable of the lost coin, and the parable of the two sons. In each of these three parables there was something lost, something found, and a celebration that took place when that which was lost was found. In our society we have a bunch of people who are like the Pharisees in this passage, who look down upon those who are lost in sin and believe it is beneath them to be a witness. At one time I had a negative outlook on those who were in jail, but since the Lord dealt with me on this issue, my heart breaks for those who are lost. Also, sometimes a person has a point of acting like the older brother getting jealous because they are not getting more attention than those who have come to Christ. As a Christian we should celebrate each time a person gets saved because this is one less soul that has to spend eternity separated from God. The Lost are just as important as those who are saved. Read Luke 15 and be blessed.

*Sincerely,
Rev. Charles Meadows*

Adios August

Individuals from the Taylorsville Group Home bid a long awaited farewell to the month of August with a day trip to one of Bay Springs' best kept secrets, Neco Park. The park includes a handicap equipped walking track, a pavilion, and a playground with swings, slides, and a climbing gym... but what might be the best thing of all is the splash pad, just right for those hot summer days. The park is a great asset, not only to the citizens of Bay Springs, but to neighboring cities as well.

Everyone had an absolute BLAST, and no lifeguards were needed.

