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A perfect summer day is when the
sun is shining, the breeze is
blowing, and the birds are singing.

~ James Dent

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"Where Dreams Become Reality"

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.



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.

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Outstanding Employees of the Quarter



Roslyn Lott was nominated for Employee of the Quarter by Suzie Wilder. Roslyn received the support division's Employee of the Quarter because she embodies integrity, teamwork, and innovation. Roslyn is always willing to take on new challenges and is admired and appreciated by her co-workers.

Eric Titus was nominated for Employee of the Quarter by Assistant Director Ricky Grimes. Eric received the leadership division's Employee of the Quarter because he is able to solve problems that seem to be unsolvable. Eric is always quick to respond, and to take the lead on issues that could negatively impact Boswell and the individuals we serve.





Kaitlyn Higgins-Brinson was nominated for Employee of the Quarter by Sheri Allen. Kaitlyn received the community division's Employee of the Quarter award because she consistently goes above and beyond. Kaitlyn actively supports diversity to ensure that both workers and individuals feel welcome.

Derrick Lewis was nominated by Mollye Hancock. He was awarded Employee of the Quarter in the campus division because his performance as a supervisor is exceptional. He is dependable, attentive to the needs of individuals, and does a great job helping to create safe environments for both staff and individuals.



James Moore (not pictured) was awarded Employee of the Quarter in the group home division. James always has a positive attitude and helps create a positive environment around him. He continuously provides outstanding nursing care to all individuals, and takes initiative to complete extra tasks.



EMPLOYEE OF THE 2ND QUARTER

On July 12th, MAC employees gathered together to welcome Renee Burton as their new director and to recognize Sam O'Rorke as the Employee of the Quarter. Sam is a member of the Maintenance Department and has earned the reputation of being a "one call, that's all" kind of person. Sam, as well as all the maintenance team at MAC, responds promptly, doesn't shy away from the tough jobs, and always finishes what he starts. As EOQ, Sam received a \$50 cash award from BRC's Friends and Family Association, along with a certificate of appreciation and a free meal w/ drink from Poppa's Buffet in Brookhaven, MS. Thank you, Sam, we are honored to have you and other great team members at MAC who go the distance to get the job done.

STATE SERVICE AWARDS

Mississippi Adolescent Center proudly recognized dedicated employees who have earned service awards and longevity pins for their many years of service to the great State of Mississippi. Pictured to the right: Ian Smith (Investigator), 20 years, Lora Woods (Dorm Manager), 10 years, not pictured: Bobby Alsworth (Education), 20 years, Chris Browder (QIDP), 20 years.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Celebrating Patriotism



USA!

USA!

USA!



Staff and individuals gather to celebrate our beautiful country. Red, white, and blue adorn many vehicles as we parade through campus handing out goodies to individuals.

LPN Nursing Students Tour BRC



A CAPTIVE AUDIENCE

Each year Co-Lin LPN students tour BRC campus, group homes, community, and day services as part of their mental health studies. While they have an opportunity to encounter many people during this visit, one individual who surely made a lasting impression on them was Dan. Excited at the idea of having guests, he was more than happy to invite them to view his apartment, decorated in a multitude of trophies, blue ribbons, and mounted turkeys.



Thanks for All You Do Qualified Intellectual Disability Professionals

Qualified Intellectual Disability Professionals (QIDP) are recognized on July 15th, which has been deemed National QIPD Day. This reflects a growing recognition of the need for specialized care and advocacy in supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The role of the QIDP emerged in the mid-20th century as part of a broader movement towards more personalized and effective care for people with disabilities. This role involves coordinating services, developing individualized care plans, and ensuring the delivery of high-quality support.

Front Entrance Makeover



The BRC front entrance is getting a new look. The entrance will provide enhanced safety and security for individuals and staff. The front entrance will remain closed until further notice.

Boswell Regional Center June 2024 Retirees

Thank you for your many years of state service.



Marinell Tedford
Over 36 years of service

“Shine your light and make a positive impact on the world; there is nothing so honorable as helping improve the lives of others.”

— Roy T. Bennett



Willford Speed
Over 21 years of service



Liza Gray
Over 17 years of service

Home Sweet Home

Sisters Share Childhood Memories of the Sanatorium Museum

Joan Hale Walker and Ann Hale Donnell are sisters who, along with a younger brother, were raised on the grounds of the MS State Sanatorium. More specifically, their home was the building that now serves as the MS Sanatorium Museum. Their parents were employed by Dr. Boswell, their mother a hostess, and their father a businessman. Joan (R) remembers how Dr. Boswell hired her for her first job as a switchboard operator at the age of 15. Ann (L) says Dr. Boswell helped her get into nursing school at UMMC. For these two ladies, a recent tour of the MS Sanatorium Museum was like “stepping back in time.” Standing at what was the front yard, they recalled how big, beautiful camellias once lined the driveway and the perimeter of the property. Once inside, they roamed from one room to the next, reminiscing over the special memories made nearly a lifetime ago. The sisters say they also lived in the home next-door, as well as the two small houses across the street from the Business Office.



Joan says this is the very same switchboard desk where she worked as a teenager. She even recalls her telephone number being #4.



Director Clint Ashley makes a special effort to meet with the Hale sisters and trade stories from the past and present. The Hales said theirs' was truly the ideal childhood.



Joan and Ann spend several minutes combing through pictures, even recognizing a horse their family donated to the Preventorium children.



True Servanthood

Rev. Charles Meadows
BRC Chaplain

What is true servanthood? When you look in the dictionary for the definition, you will find out that the word "servanthood" simply means "one that serves others." In

the Gospel of John 13:5-20, Jesus gives us a biblical example of what true servanthood really is by humbling himself and washing the feet of his disciples. Jesus didn't complain or refuse to wash their feet, but instead set an example for his disciples to follow. As Christians, we are called to serve others by being the hands and feet of Jesus. Yes, sometimes we are called to do some things that we may not want to do, but instead of the complaining, we should humble ourselves and do just what Jesus commanded. I believe, in our day and time, our biggest downfall is that our pride gets in the way of serving and setting an example before others. So, I encourage each of you who call yourselves true Christians to step up and do what God has called you to do by taking responsibility and serving the Lord by being a blessing to others. I'm not saying you should go and wash someone else's feet, but if there is a need, then you should try to meet that need. Jesus said in verse 20 that "Truly, Truly, I say to you, he who receives anyone I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

I pray that the Lord blesses you all and uses you all in a mighty way.





UPCOMING EVENTS

08/04	Afternoon church service
08/11	Afternoon church service
08/14	Chapel & snacks
08/15	Kool Kups Snow Cones
08/16	Lawn Chair Luau <small>Presented by the Chamber of Conference</small>
08/18	Afternoon church service
08/21	Chapel & snacks
08/23	Elvis Presley Live in Concert
08/25	Afternoon church service
08/28	Chapel & snacks



FUN FACTS



The peridot is the birthstone for August.



August 3rd is National Watermelon Day.



August 24th is National Waffle Day.



August 26th is Women's Equality Day.