

Boswell Regional Center's Bulletin

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Directors and Staff Exemplify Service

On Tuesday, November 14th, BRC Director, Clint Ashley; Asst. Director, Ricky Grimes; and several staff members were happy to stay late for the opportunity to serve Thanksgiving dinner to the individuals on campus.

Recreation was in charge of the decorations and entertainment, while Nutritional Services prepared a delicious Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings.

Afterwards several staff and individuals danced to popular Christmas songs. That's just what families do. ❤️



BRC's 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.



Clint Ashley, Director

Renee Burton, Editor

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

Boswell Regional Center

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From the Editor

There's nothing quite like family.

The holidays just wouldn't be the same without the presence, comfort, and oftentimes annoyances of the ones we call our own. Each family has their own unique way of celebrating Thanksgiving. Most consist of traditional foods, fellowship, football, and, if you're lucky, an afternoon nap. It's no wonder Thanksgiving is America's favorite holiday; it's all about the things we love most. Yes, it's a lot of work, and it seems to be getting more expensive every year, but it's the one holiday we set aside to express gratitude for our many blessings, family being one of the greatest.

Happy Thanksgiving



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Welcome

to the **BRC** Family

November
1st
Orientation
Class



*1st Row- DeMichael Green,
Adrianna King, Ebony
Gardner, La'Dymond Moffett
2nd Row- Shantrell Jaynes,
Sugeydi Lopez, Teresa Davis,
Shagaria Griffith
3rd Row- Cordell Murray,
Katrina Hall, Jocktaveious
Floyd, Cassandra
Williams, Cimmeon Tatum*

November
16th
Orientation
Class

*1st Row- Ebonie Clark,
Teonna Shepard, Ashley
Easterling, Kaylon Bourne
2nd Row- Catrice McCollum,
Demi Rhodes, Latoyta
Milton, Tyler Leist, Shannon
Magee, James Williams,
Rashun Bryant, Krystan
Norwood, Malaysia
Ducksworth, Carrie
Saltsgiver*





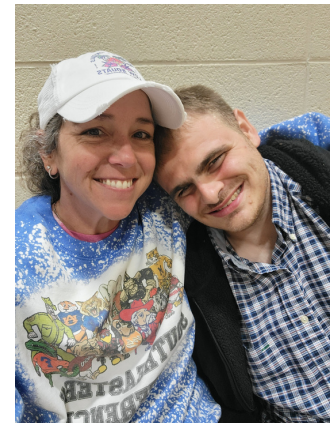
Special Olympics Fall Games



We are So Proud of You!

The Mississippi Special Olympics Fall Games took place during the first weekend in November this year. It was on the grounds of Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center, just south of Hattiesburg, MS, where more than 500 athletes competed in events like, team softball, cornhole, croquet, horseshoes, and soccer.

Of course BRC was well represented, as several of our individuals participated, some of them for the very first time, bringing home gold, silver and bronze medals. We are incredibly proud of each of them. Their hard work and determination have certainly paid off, but even more, their teamwork and sportsmanship are to be commended.



***Founded in 1968
Special Olympics
Mississippi provides
services and
opportunities to 14,723
athletes annually.***




Special Olympics
Fall Games



"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me brave in the attempt."





Department Spotlight

Business Services



Amanda Diaz, Director

Amanda is from Magee and has worked in the Business Office at BRC for 10 years. She earned her accounting degree from MS College. Currently, her hobbies include keeping up with 3 kids. She says her goal is to retire from the State and work with her husband in his business. Her ultimate goal is to raise Godly, well-rounded, successful children. Her favorite thing(s) about BRC are the flexibility, the retirement, and her co-workers.

“A penny saved is a penny earned.”

Believe it or not, this phrase did not originate in the BRC Business Office. Benjamin Franklin, the drafter of our US Constitution and whose face appears on the \$100 bill, coined the phrase back in the eighteenth century. That’s not to say the Business Office doesn’t hold us to the same high standards, however. Amanda Diaz and her team keep a tight rein on BRC’s finances and for good reason; without proper management, we would be ill equipped in providing the best care possible to our individuals.

The BRC Business Office is responsible for many things, including: paying invoices, matching the PO to these invoices, running payroll, processing travel and employee insurances, coordinating credit card purchases, overseeing contracts, managing Community individuals’ accounts, rent, petty cash and special fund accounts, in addition to Campus individuals’ benefits, petty cash and special funds. Many of these are managed for MAC as well as BRC.

Shipping and Supply Inventory also falls under the Business Office. Their responsibilities revolve around checking shipments, unloading trucks, and delivering packages throughout BRC. They are also responsible for maintaining supplies for daily operations, as well in the event of emergencies.



Paula Watts

Paula is from Magee. She has been in the Business Office for 28 years. She enjoys traveling and spending time with her family. She earned a BS in Business from USM. Her goal is to retire one day. Her favorite thing about Boswell is being in a position to meet new people. What most people don't know about her is she is an introvert.

Benjie Purser

Benjie is from Mize. He has been at BRC for 18 years. He received his AA from Jones College. Before coming to the Business Office, he worked in both Maintenance and Shipping. He enjoys football, fishing and spending time with family. His goal is to raise children who love Christ and he views working at BRC as more of a calling than a job. His favorite thing about working here is having flexible time off.



Ben Robinson

Ben is also from Mize. He has been at BRC for 17 years. He has training in Automotive and H2S. His goal is to raise children who love the Lord, and his favorite thing about working at Boswell is supporting the individuals. What most people don't know about Ben is that his email name is "Daniel" and he's in the Shipping/Receiving Bldg.





Kathy Dampeer-Pittman

Kathy is from Magee. She has been at BRC for 17 years. She has worked in HR, PR, and Agency Liaison. She holds a Master's Degree from University of Phoenix. She enjoys watching her boys play football and wants to gain more mental health experience. Her favorite thing about BRC is seeing smiles on the faces of the ones we serve. She says she is an extrovert who dislikes public speaking.

Ricky Clark

Ricky is from Philadelphia, MS and has been at BRC for 10 years. He's worked at the WAC, Nutritional Services, and Maintenance. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and going to church. His goal is to keep himself in shape so he can continue working for a long time. He loves coming to work everyday to help coworkers and says he does it for the love and not for the money.



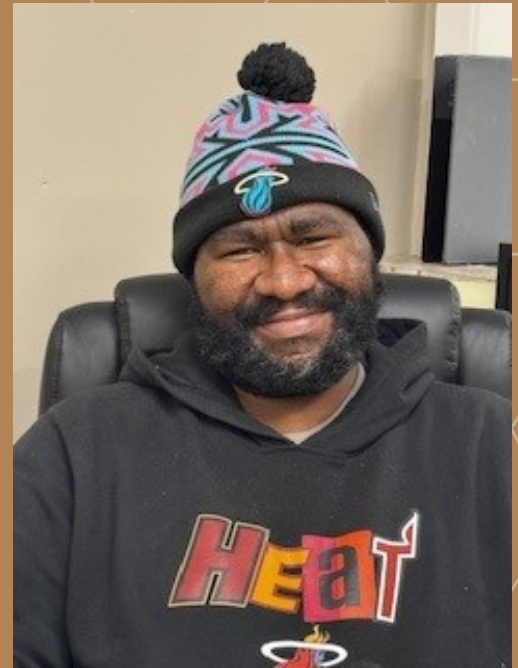
Amber Lowery

Amber is from Mize. She has been at Boswell for 7 1/2 years and holds an AA from Jones College. She enjoys watching her kids play sports, spending time with family, church and reading. Her goal is to not take life for granted and to let others see Jesus in her. Her favorite thing about working at BRC is being close to home and helping others.



Philip Scott

Philip is from Prentiss and has been at BRC for 7 years. He has worked as a Job Coach, in Ground Maintenance, Security, and Nutritional Services. He holds an Associates Degree in Business Mgmt. & Marketing from PRCC. His goal is to be a better person each day and to one day retire from Boswell. His favorite thing about working here is the people he works with.



Hunter Thompson

Hunter is from Magee and has been at BRC for 7 years. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from USM and previously worked at Fairway. His goal is to grow his career here at Boswell. He says what most people don't know about him is that he likes to cook.

Jaylyn McDonald

Jaylyn is from Collins and has been at BRC for 7 years. Prior to coming to the Business Office, she worked in HR & Admin. She says Disney World is her happy place and hopes to retire one day and do professional vacation planning for Disney. She says her heart and her time belong to her grandchildren and she loves knowing that her work supports our wonderful clients.





Juanita Allen

Juanita is from Mize and has served in the Business Office for 7 years. She holds an AA degree in Cosmetology from Jones College. She enjoys gardening, crafting, and animals. She says her goal and aspiration is living for retirement and that her favorite thing about working at BRC is the clients; she says, "I love them."

Tahara Rankin

Tahara is from Collins and has been at BRC for 5 years. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from William Carey and is currently working on her Master's at Belhaven University. She enjoys shopping and spending time with her daughter. She wants to live life to the fullest and says her favorite thing about working at BRC is serving and helping the clients.



Tennia Carter

Tennia is from New Hebron. She has been at BRC for 1yr, 7 mos. She holds an Associates in Accounting from Hinds CC and is working on a Bachelor's in Business & Communication at MSU. She enjoys hunting, crafting, and mud bogging with her husband. Her goal is to be a good role model to her children and grandchildren and says she loves the atmosphere here and the people she works with.





Christen Hammons

Christen is from Raleigh and has been at BRC for 1 yr, 5 mos. She loves animals and enjoys spending time with family. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Admin. from USM. She says her goal is to continue her career here at BRC and her favorite thing about working here is building friendships with coworkers.

Centennial Cookbooks

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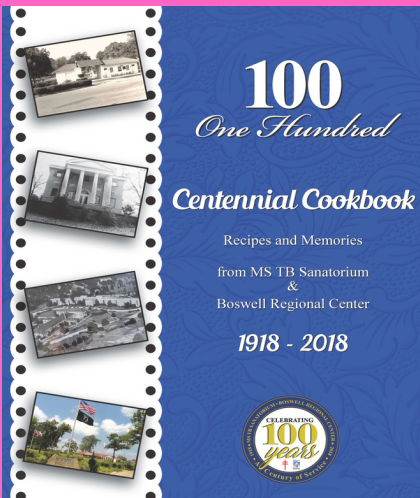
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Happy Thanksgiving





Thanksgiving Trivia



- **How much did the world's most expensive Thanksgiving dinner cost?**
 - \$181,000.00 (It was designed to serve 12 people and included edible gold flakes.)
- **How many women were at the very first Thanksgiving celebration?**
 - only 4 (there were 22 men and 25 children; most women died on the voyage to America.)
- **How much does the heaviest turkey on record weigh?**
 - 86 lbs. (It was auctioned in London for \$6,692.00. An average turkey weighs about 15 lbs.)
- **What professional football team has played nearly every Thanksgiving since 1934?**
 - Detroit Lions (They played every Thanksgiving Day except 1939-1944 due to WWII.)
- **What did President Calvin Coolidge famously receive as a Thanksgiving gift?**
 - A Raccoon (Vinnie Joyce of Nitta Yuma, MS sent him a coon to eat, but he made it a pet.)
- **How long did the first Thanksgiving last?**
 - 3 days (In Nov. 1621, they had so much bounty they decided to extend the celebration.)
- **What food did the Colonists & Native Americans NOT have at the first Thanksgiving?**
 - Turkey (The original guests likely indulged in lobster, seal, swan, and venison.)
- **What president refused to declare Thanksgiving a national holiday?**
 - Thomas Jefferson (He thought designating a holiday of prayer violated the 1st Amendment.)
- **What do Thanksgiving and "Mary Had a Little Lamb" have in common?**
 - They were both created by the same woman (Sara Joseph Hale lobbied for three decades)
- **What was NOT part of the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade?**
 - Balloons (The parade made its debut in 1924 & included animals from Central Park Zoo.)
- **What is "Good Housekeeping's" tie to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade?**
 - 1927, GH's illustrator, Tony Starg, loved puppetry and made parade floats come to life.
- **A Thanksgiving turkey mix-up inspired a what popular meal trend?**
 - Frozen TV dinners (The solution of a Swanson employee ordering 260 TONS of turkeys.)
- **How many turkeys do Americans prepare each Thanksgiving?**
 - 46 Million (Thanksgiving without a turkey would be like Christmas without a tree.)
- **Who was the first American president to grant a pardon to the White House turkey?**
 - President John F. Kennedy (Pres. George H. W. Bush made it an annual event in 1989.)
- **Do turkeys actually gobble?**
 - Yes, but only the males (Females, turkey hens, make a cackling sound.)
- **According to Americans, what is the best part of Thanksgiving?**
 - The leftovers (Most Americans 8/10 prefer Thanksgiving leftovers to the actual meal.)
- **How many calls does the Butterball turkey talk line get each year?**
 - 100,000 (Since most people roast the big bird only once a year, there's also a text line.)
- **How many pumpkin pies do Americans eat every Thanksgiving?**
 - estimated 50 million (More people prefer apple pie overall - pumpkin pie comes in 2nd.)
- **What is the busiest day of the year for plumbers?**
 - The day after Thanksgiving (kitchen drains, garbage disposals, and yes, toilets too)
- **How many people go shopping on Black Friday?**
 - Over 32 million (69% of Americans chase Black Friday deals like there an Olympic sport.)
- **What day is honored every last Thursday in November?**
 - Nat'l Day of Mourning (The Native American Wampanoag population was virtually wiped out due to conflict and diseases brought in by European settlers.)



The Pastor's Corner



The Power of the Tongue



Rev. Charles Meadows
BRC Chaplain

One thing I was taught growing up was that if you couldn't say anything nice to someone then don't say anything at all. The power of one's speech can have either a positive effect or a negative effect on a person's day. We have the power to build people up and we have the power to tear people down just by what we say, and my friends this shouldn't be the case. As Christians we are to be positive examples to others not a stumbling block. The Apostle James used two illustrations to explain the power of the tongue. The first illustration compared the tongue to bits that are put in a horse's mouth, and the second illustration compared the tongue to a rudder on a sailing ship. Even though the bits that were put in the horse's mouth were small it still had the power to direct the horse's course. Also, even though the rudder on a ship was the smallest part of the ship it likewise had the power to direct the ship's course. Our tongue, even though it is a small part of the Body, possesses great power. James 3:10 says "Out of the same mouth proceeded blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things out not to be."(KJV)

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Upcoming Events

December

- 2nd** *Jingle Bell Junction
Downtown Collins, MS*
- 5th** *Mingle on Main 5-8 pm
Mainstreet Magee*
- 6th** *Locator Sign Decoration Contest*
- 7th** *Lighting of the Christmas Tree (Evening)*
- 8th** *Dream Haven Christmas Party*
- 11th-15th** *Campus Christmas Parties*
- 12th** *Priority One Bank (Community)
Christmas Party 5 p.m.*
- 15th** *Corinth Baptist Church (Community)
Christmas Party 11 a.m.*
- 18th** *Joni & Friends to Campus & Connections*
- 20th** *DMH Directors' Meeting*
- 25th** *Christmas Day*
- 26th** *Additional state-approved Day Off*

