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A Publication for Employees, Family and Friends of BRC

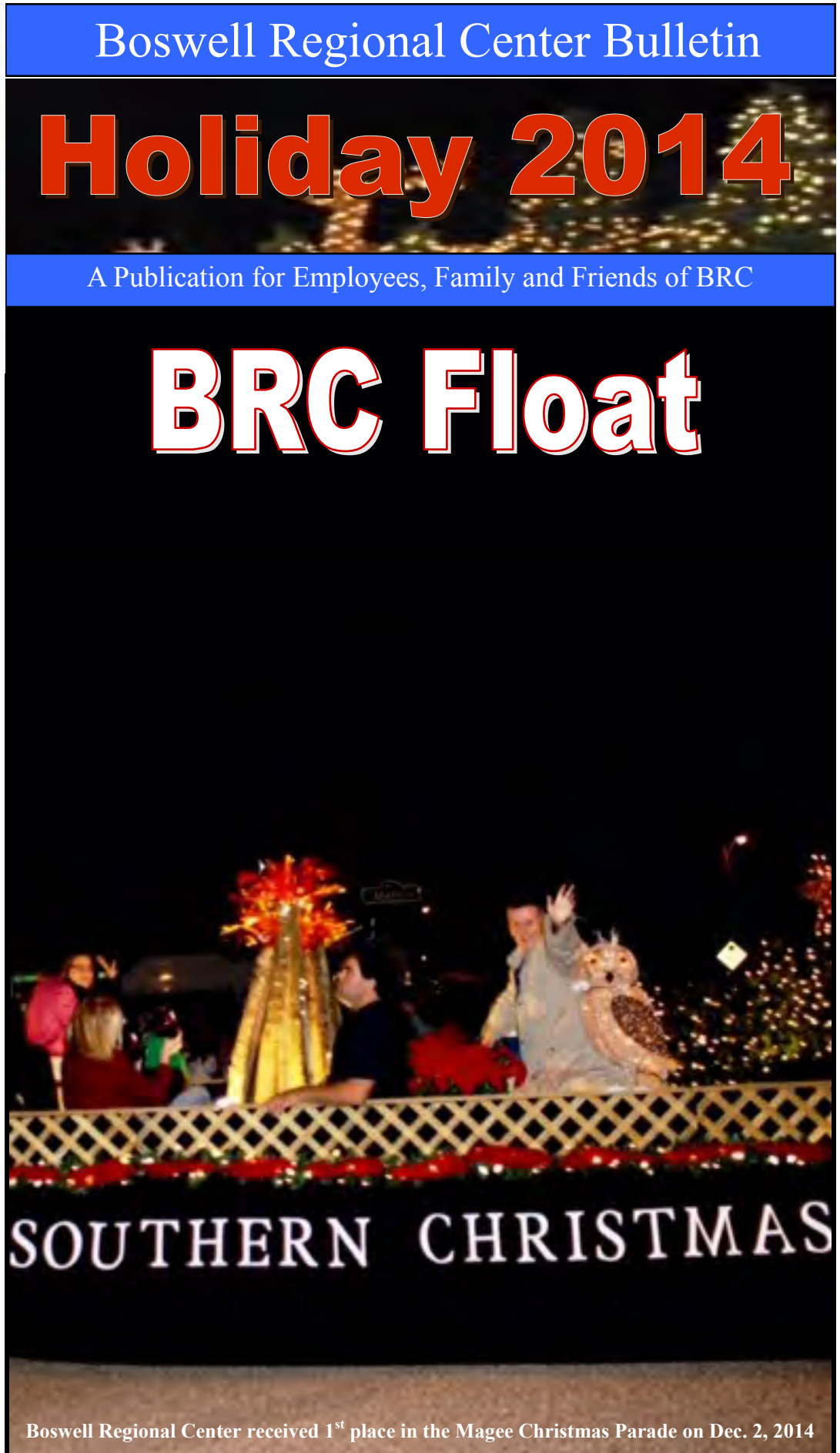
BRC Float

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The publication of the BRC Bulletin is made possible by the contributions of our dedicated and talented employees. The articles and pictures were written, taken and formatted by BRC employees. Their contributions are greatly appreciated! We sincerely hope that you enjoy this edition of the Boswell Regional Center Bulletin, Holiday 2014 Issue.



Boswell Regional Center received 1st place in the Magee Christmas Parade on Dec. 2, 2014

Cookies From Santa



Will Beeson, Director of the Specialized Treatment units at BRC, really got into the Christmas spirit when he and his family dressed up as the Claus family. He was Santa, wife Stacey was Mrs. Claus, and daughter Anna rounded it out as a helpful little elf. They passed out cookies and milk to the people who live at Oakbrook, Ridgeview, Pinelake, and Fairway.

Santa Visits the MAC



Everyone had a wonderful time at the MAC Christmas Party.

Brookhaven Junior Auxiliary



Christmas gifts were donated to the boys at the MAC by the Brookhaven Jr. Auxiliary.

Mt. Zion Head Start



Mt. Zion Head Start came to sing Christmas carols to the staff and Individuals

Priority One Christmas Party



Food Drive



The Food Drive for Magee First Baptist Church was a success. Donations were greatly appreciated. It is a joy and blessing to give back to our community. Staff and Individuals of BRC are grateful for the support we receive from our community. Pictured are Vera, Kay Adcox, Denise Brown, Tammy Runnels, Kerry Bynum, Craig Kittrell, and Mike Sellers.

Toy Drive



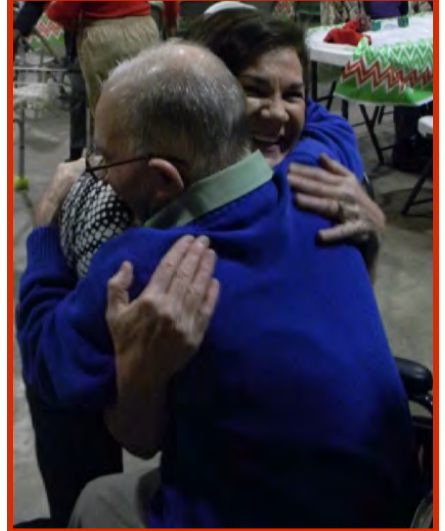
Pinelake Geriatric Unit participated in the Magee Police Department's St. Jude's Toy Drive. Staff and individuals delivered bags of toys to the Magee Police Department. Pictured are Vera, Janet, Kay Adcox, Jennifer Cole, and Denise Brown.

BRC Armory Christmas Party



James Williams, owner of Williams Catering, cooked some delicious food for the party.

D.J. Luper, Leman Cockrell, and Ronnie McDonnieal of Tyson Food manning the grill.



Christmas Boxes



The BRC Brotherhood club assembled gift boxes for needy people within their community.

Snowflake Ball

Natisha Polk, LMSW

The Snowflake Ball was held December 13th from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Northwest Rankin High School Performing Arts Center. It's an annual event through the Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services. Individuals in attendance from Boswell were: E. McInnis, S. Glosson, E. Thomas, D. Herrington, B. Thompson, T. Cliburn, J. White and B. Tucker.



BRC Choir



On December 2, the choir was honored to be chosen to sing under the direction of Ms. Claire Bevell at the lighting of Magee's Town Christmas Tree. As the crowd anticipated the lighting of the beautiful tree, they enjoyed hearing our amazing choir raise their voices in the cool night air enthusiastically singing two of our favorites, "African Alleluia" and "Everywhere I Go." The choir's soloist, D. Jackson, also blessed everyone with his remarkable rendition of "Sweet Little Jesus Boy". Under a full moon and the magical light of the enormous Christmas tree, Choir members were delighted to be part of what is sure to be a Christmas tradition in Magee. They were able to have prime seating on the choir risers to enjoy watching the exciting Magee Christmas parade, including our own first-prize-winning Boswell float. The next concert will be January 18 at First Baptist Church, Runnelstown.

For information about how your church or civic club can engage the Expressive Hearts Choir for a concert, please contact Bro. Rudy Jackson at 601-867-5000 ext. 75283.

Spotlight on Bill Blair

Bill Blair resides in Mize, MS, where he lives with his wife, Kelly, and children: Luke and Lani. Bill and his family are active members of Trinity Baptist Church in Laurel, MS, where he also serves as Pastor. Bill is a graduate of Magee High School, Belhaven College, and Luther Rice Seminary/University. He is also a Certified Public Manager through the Mississippi State Personnel Board. Bill joined the Boswell family in November 1995, working in the Recreation Department for one year and later transferred to the Vocational Services Department where he worked ten years. Bill had a brief departure from Boswell in 2006 when he worked with Region 8 Mental Health Services. In 2007, he returned to Boswell to work in what was then known as the Risk Management Department. In late 2009, Bill was named Director of the Medical Review/Quality Assurance Division (formerly Risk Management), where he also currently serves. Bill feels that he has been extremely blessed to have been given the opportunity to be an employee of Boswell for the past 19 years. He feels that his employment with Boswell is more than just a job, but that it is in itself a ministry where he is able to serve others. He feels that God has provided him with this opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the individuals and employees at Boswell.



Bro. Bill Blair
Director of MR/QA

Mystery Monday



Boswell Regional Center had the honor to be featured on Mystery Monday on WJTV Channel 12. Mystery Monday is a weekly feature done by Jacob Kittilstad of WJTV where he features unknown or forgotten history around the state of Mississippi. This time, the focus was on the history of the Sanatorium which resided on the BRC campus until 1976. The BRC museum was filmed as well as the building that was known as the Preventorium where the children lived. Jacob talked to Boswell staff as well as Dr. Touchstone from Flora, Ms., who was a doctor at the Sanatorium from 1966-1976.

Pastor's Corner



Bro. Rudy Jackson
BRC Chaplain

As we have written our history in 2014 and are about to enter a new year, I'm reminded of what Joshua told the children of Israel in the third chapter in the fourth verse as they were about to cross the Jordan river into the promised land. They were told to keep their eyes on the Ark of the Covenant, "for ye have not passed this way heretofore." As we begin to tread the waters of 2015, we too have not passed this way before. Should the Lord tarry, we have a new year lying before us and lots of people are getting their paper out and scratching out their new year's resolutions. Some will vow to diet and some resolve to do better on the job, but I want to give you a challenge from a spiritual standpoint. My challenge for you is that you will grow closer to the Lord this year than you have ever been before in your life. This growth will be nourished through devotions in the home and consistent Bible study, endless prayer and commitment to church attendance. As

Joshua challenged his people in this time of new beginning: "Keep your eyes on the Lord", and have a Happy and Blessed New Year.



Dear Father let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with thee.
Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.
Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace,
Another year of gladness,
The glory of thy face.
Another year of leaning
Upon thy loving breast,
Another year of trusting,
Of quiet, happy rest.
Another year of service,
Of witness for thy love,
Another year of training
For holier work above.
Another year is dawning,
Dear Father, let it be,
On earth, or else in heaven,
Another year for thee.

Community Christmas Party



Faye McInnis named Outstanding Staff for Supported Living



Phyllis Duckworth named Outstanding Staff for Supervised Living



Ronald Britt, Director of Community Services



BRC Community Staff pose during a Christmas Party held at Corinth Baptist Church. At the party, duffel bags with initials on each one were given as Christmas gifts to the ones we serve. A special thanks to Corinth Baptist Church and The Friends and Family Association of BRC for helping to make this possible.

Oakbrook PJ Party

Oakbrook individuals were so excited about their First Christmas PJ party on Thursday night, December 4th. Wonderful food and hot chocolate were served before each received a Christmas gift. Each wing on Oakbrook had their own Christmas tree which was in the process of being decorated. It was truly beginning to look a lot like Christmas!



Chairman of the DMH Board, Dr. Shivangi, tours Boswell Programs



Dr. Shivangi, Chairman for the Board of Mental Health, and Mr. Steven Allen

Brookhaven Christmas Parade



The guys from the MAC attended the Brookhaven Christmas parade on Thursday, December 4. One of the individuals at the MAC who attends Brookhaven High School is in the ROTC and marched in the Christmas Parade with his school.

MAC Thanksgiving Party



BRC Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving dinner was held at Nutritional Services on Boswell's Magee campus on Tuesday, November 25. There was no lack of delicious food for the individuals to enjoy as they partook of the smorgasbord of scrumptious goodness that was served that evening.



Brothers in Training



Every year staff at Boswell Regional Center take Mandt recertification classes. Mandt teaches staff about respecting others at all times and how to interact appropriately on those occasions when there may be behavior problems. The two brothers pictured above, Michael Rankin (standing) and Orlando Rankin (hugging), are practicing a skill that can be used to protect a person, if needed.

Employee of the Year



DeShun Williams was named Supported Employment Employee of the Year. Pictured is DeShun Williams, Employee at Wal-Mart in Hazlehurst; DeShun's Mother, Ms. Regina; and David Tedford, Director of Boswell Industries.

Nursing Staff Costume Ball



The nursing staff from Brookhaven had a costume ball

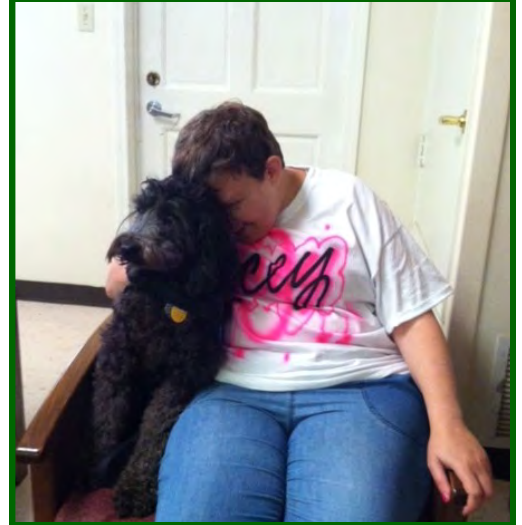
Mission Statement

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

Pet Therapy with Donna Vella



Brookhaven individuals love visiting with Donna Vella

MAC EOM



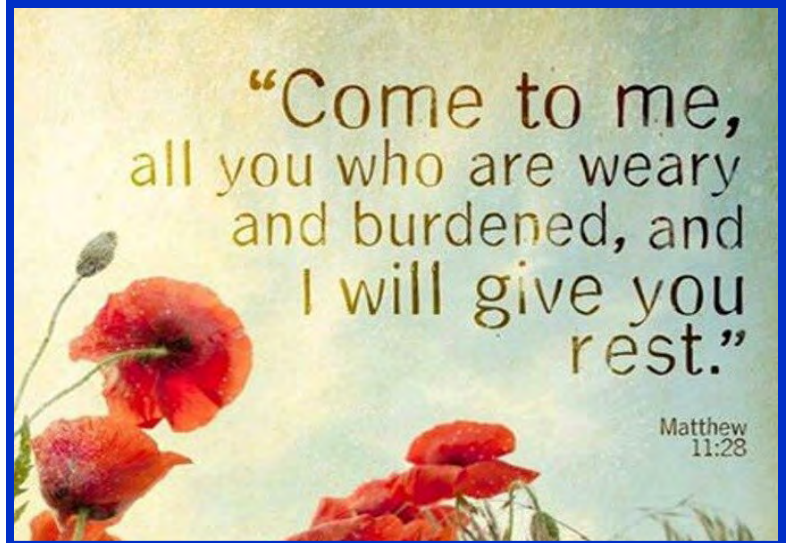
Mr. James Keys was named the Employee of the Month for Mississippi Adolescent Center for the month of October. He is a second shift RLS employee.

October Employees of the Month



During the December Director's Meeting, Boswell Regional Center recognized Employees of the Month in the area of support/professional staff. Employees of the Month for October were Bertha Griffith, DD Community Services, and Angela Tanner; Maintenance. Congratulations to you both!!!!

In Memory Of David Hill



In Memory Of D. Johnston





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
P.O. Box 128
Magee, MS 39111**

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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

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.

Boswell Regional Center's



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