



Boswell Regional Center Bulletin

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A Publication for Employees, Family and Friends of BRC

## Journey Skyward

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Several people from Boswell Regional Center and the Mississippi Adolescent Center had the opportunity to experience flying in an airplane when they attended the annual event hosted by the Arc of MS. This event was held at John Bell Williams Field in Raymond, MS. Many dreams became a reality and people served by BRC and MAC were excited and anxious about taking off. Once they were buckled up, you could see the excitement on their faces as they pointed out the window. Joy is the best way to describe their expressions. This was a moment to remember! While in the air, the passengers were instructed on some of the basic flying rules and mechanics of the plane. Journey Skyward was held in collaboration with cyclists on their "Journey of Hope." These cyclists ride from coast to coast raising awareness for intellectual and developmental disabilities. The cyclists also served as Journey Skyward volunteers and assisted passengers in and out of the plane. Overall, Journey Skyward was a huge success! A special thanks to the Boswell Regional Center Recreation Department and Employment Services for assisting in giving out bottles of water and in any other way needed.

The publication of the BRC Bulletin is made possible by contributions from 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, July 2015 Issue.



# Journey Skyward



# Spotlight on: Jennifer Chennault



**Jennifer Chennault, Director of Nutritional Services, with her family**

Jennifer Chennault began working at Boswell Regional Center in January 2010 as the Director of Nutritional Services. Before coming to BRC, she worked nine years at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, MS. at the Winifred Wiser Women’s Hospital. “I remember the day I got the call from Mr. Allen requesting that I come to visit the campus. He said, “Jennifer, this is Mr. Allen, don’t hang up.” She laughed as she recalled the phone call that day. He ended the phone call stating, “If we are playing checkers, it’s your move.” “I made a visit to the campus and saw the beautiful grounds and everything else is history.”

Jennifer graduated from Forest High School with honors in 1996. She was a Color Guard member of the Maroon Typhoon Marching Band at Jones County Junior College. She traveled to New York and performed in the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade in Times Square; this is one of her fondest memories of college. She received her under-graduate degree in Nutrition and Dietetics and graduate degree in Human Nutrition from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Jennifer is the dietitian for Boswell

Regional Center’s Diagnostic and Evaluation team. She also serves on the Activities Committee, Infection Control Committee, and is the Coordinator of the Wellness Committee at BRC. The wellness committee and its members are responsible for various wellness activities that include: health fairs, webinars, healthy snack vending, Lunch and Learns, Weight Watchers program at work, Biggest Loser contest, Safe Heart Health Screens, and National Health Observances, just to name a few.

Jennifer is married to Brent Chennault. They celebrated their 15- year anniversary in May. They have two daughters, Kaylee (13) and Madelyn (10). In her spare time, Jennifer enjoys exercising at the family-owned gym, Velocity Fitness, on Main Street in Taylorsville, MS. She enjoys supporting her children in their sports endeavors (soccer and softball). She also likes to read novels, watch movies, and refurbish old furniture. Jennifer is a member of Summerland Baptist church and helps prepare Bible Drill snacks for the children on Sunday nights.



**Jennifer enjoys a day at the beach with her family**

# Independence Day

On Thursday, July 2, MAC celebrated an early Independence Day by having a fun day outside for the clients. The Recreation Department had activities set up such as the; Jumping tent, water gun and water balloon wars, bicycle rides. Everyone enjoyed a grilled lunch of sausage dogs and ribs and later were treated to four types of homemade ice cream. A great time was had by all.



## Braves Fans



Everyone enjoyed an evening of baseball at Trustmark Park in Pearl, MS.

# Gone Fishing

Several of the guys went fishing on Wednesday, July 8, 2015, at a local pond. Although they didn't catch any huge fish, they enjoyed themselves, as you can see.



T. Beube planted and harvested a crop of okra. He's shown selling his produce to the public.



# UMMC Bioethics Students Tour Boswell

On July 24, 2015, Kathy Van Cleave (far right), Director of the Division of Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia, along with Boswell Regional Center, hosted Dr. Ralph Didlake and five of his University of Mississippi Medical Center students. They had the opportunity to visit Boswell Industries in Magee, Dream Extreme Day Program, the Sanatorium (Boswell Regional Center) museum, and to experience the Virtual Dementia Tour.

All who participate in the Virtual Dementia Tour have a temporary glimpse into the daily struggles of those who are permanently disabled by cognitive and physical disabilities associated with aging and dementia. The Virtual Dementia Tour (VDT) is an empathy exercise developed by a company called Second Wind Dreams. The mission of Second Wind Dreams® (SWD) is "to change the perception of aging through the fulfillment of dreams and the offering of innovative educational opportunities to caregivers and their communities."

Dr. Ralph Didlake is a professor of surgery and director of The Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities at UMMC. We hope to see him again next year!



# Chris Caughman visited BRC

Steven Allen, Director of Boswell Regional Center, is pictured with Chris Caughman, winner of the Republican primary for Mississippi State Senate District 35. Chris toured various programs, and talked to some staff and to some of the ones we serve. Chris was open for discussion on any legislative issues or views.



## Stennis Graduate

*Congratulations to Belinda Thames Arrington on graduating from the State Executive Development Institute at the John C. Stennis Institute of Government and Community Development at Mississippi State University on May 22nd.*

# Caught in the Act!



Several BRC staff were recently caught in the act of doing a great job when Unit Administrator Will Beeson made rounds. They were rewarded with a treat compliments of Sonic of Magee! They were each given a coupon allowing them to buy one Sonic Cheeseburger and get one FREE!



# The Bureau of Building and The Mississippi Department of Archives & History

On August 4, 2015, The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Property Management, and The Mississippi Department of Archives & History visited Boswell Regional Center. Pictured below is: Steven Allen, Director of Boswell Regional Center; Katie Blount, Director of The Mississippi Department of Archives & History; and Glenn R. Kornbrek, Director of The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Property Management.



# IT Tip

Posting too much personal information online can be dangerous. Social engineering is a method that is used by cyber criminals to manipulate people into sharing sensitive information or to take an action, such as downloading a file or sending money to the scammers. In the Traveler Scam, criminals use the information posted on social media, such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, by family members traveling overseas to trick you into sending money. The scammers will contact you pretending that some emergency has taken place and request that you send money. They use the information that is posted online to convince you that they know the family who is traveling and therefore they should be trusted. Posting information online can also make you more susceptible to home break-ins. Criminals will monitor social media for information alerting them that you are not at home.

## **Tips to help protect you against Social Engineering scams include:**

- When posting information on social media, use discretion about what information you post.
- Check your security settings on social media to ensure that you are only sharing information with trusted people, like friends and family.
- Don't post information that tells people you are not at home, such as "checking in" on Facebook at a store.
- Don't send money to people you don't know.
- When on vacation, wait until you return home to post pictures. Posting that you are on out of town is a green light for criminals to break into your house.

## IN MEMORY OF

Sunrise:

10/03/1943



Sunset:

07/21/2015

## C. VARNADO

# BRC Blood Drive



Ann Brinson stops by to give a potentially life saving blood donation.



*Ms. Amy Rose participated in the Watermelon Festival 5K Walk on July 18, 2015 and won Overall Master Female.*

# Governor's Service Award



Boswell Regional Center employee receives Governor's Service Award in recognition of 10 years of state service. Melissa Pittman-Ards was recognized for the dedication to BRC at the June Directors Meeting. Congratulations!

# BRC June EOMs



During the July Directors' Meeting, Boswell Regional Center recognized Employees of the Month for June in the areas of support and professional staff: Gary Runnels, Employment Services, and Nina Magee, Fairway. Their hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated.

# MAC's June EOM



MAC's June 2015 Employee of the Month was Lacey Bates. Lacey works A Shift and is a registered nurse.

# Dr. Gibson Retires

While it's hard to see our co-workers retire from Boswell Regional Center, we are happy that they'll be free to participate in all those things they've been planning on doing upon their retirement. Whether it's to enjoy fishing, hunting, traveling, spending time with family or other employment, we congratulate them on reaching this milestone and wish them well. Each retiree is honored with a certificate and a chance to say goodbye to their fellow employees at a retirement reception.



**Pictured: Steven Allen, Director of Boswell Regional Center, and retiree, Dr. Larry Gibson. Best Wishes!**

# Rankin Signs With MSU

On Friday, July 31st Boswell Regional Center had a visitor on campus, Martinas Rankin, Mississippi State University Offensive Tackle. Rankin was recruited from Mississippi Gulf Coast C.C. (Perkinston, MS) Class of 2015. He committed to Mississippi State on 12/17/2014. He stopped by The Sanatorium Museum where Public Relations Director, Kathy Dampeer-Pittman, took the top left photo of Steven Allen, Martinas Rankin, Bill Blair, Orlando Rankin (Martin's Father), and Willie Willis. Rankin also had a chance to visit his mother, Cassandra Rankin, at our community site. The bottom left photo is of Tara Blackwell, Trusie Eubanks, Martinas Rankin, Yolanda Brown, and Dwuanyel Greer. Boswell Regional Center wishes you the best season ever! Go Dawgs and HAILSTATE!



Martinas Rankin™  
8,820 Tweets

Tweets Media Favorites

Martinas Rankin™ @MTRan... 5/24/15  
In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths..-Proverbs 3:6



# Pastor's Corner



**Bro. Rudy Jackson,  
BRC Chaplain**

## “Don’t Faint”

Isa.40:31 says, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." Many people have fainted physically. It is usually caused by a disturbance in blood circulation due to fatigue, pain, shock, abnormal blood pressure, arterial blockage, or heart failure. In the spiritual realm many faint and do not realize that it keeps them from reaping now and in eternity what God desires they glean. We are promised to reap in "due season" if we faint not (Gal.6:9). There are so many things in this new year that we must not allow to cause us to "pass out" or "faint" spiritually speaking:

**I. Fiery Furnaces.** One of the most well known accounts in the Bible is that of the three Hebrew children who were thrown into the fire (Daniel 3). Peter spoke of the "fiery trial" through which we must pass in the here and now ( 1Pet.4:12). Trials come to us, they complete us, and they conform us. Many have gone through the "fiery trial." Be like the Hebrew children, who when

facing the fiery furnace said, "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace and He will deliver us out of thy hand O king" (Dan.3:17).

**II. Frustrating Brethren.** I think of how Paul had problems with John Mark (Acts 12). Paul and Barnabus became divided over taking him on another missionary journey. Paul was frustrated over Demas forsaking him, loving this present world system more that the Apostle (2 Tim.4:10). Also there was a layman by the name of Diotrophes who frustrated John—and wanted more than anything else to have first place among the brethren, and he had rejected John (3 Jn.1:9). There are frustrating brethren who "say" and "do" things they should not in life. Those that frustrate us are in our lives for a reason, they teach us how to forgive, to show patience, and merciful love, and how to grow in grace.

**III. Failing Health.** If your health fails you this year, you should still make up your mind, by God’s grace, you will continue and not faint. (2Co 4:16-18) For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

**IV. Foggy Vision.** The Bible says, "We see through a glass darkly"(1 Cor.13:12). Sometimes we do not see as clearly down the road as we want to see, but we must realize that one day we will be "face to face" with our Redeemer, "face to face" to see and know.

**V. Faltering Faith.** In Mark 9 a son had an evil spirit in him. The demon was trying to destroy him. If the father would only believe, all things were possible. The father of the boy cried, "Lord, I believe, help thou my unbelief." Our faith may falter but it does not need to fail.

## 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 reality.**

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Announcing the...

# Contemporary Fashion Event

Come shop this seasons hottest trends!



Including Ladies Apparel and the Hottest Brand names  
in Handbags, Fragrances, Watches and Electronics!

**Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

**7 am to 5 pm**

**The Training Center**

Sale Presented by: The Friends & Family Assoc. of Boswell Regional Center  
Payroll Deduction available for eligible employees, Cash, & All Major Credit Cards Accepted

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE**  
**(Magee, Brookhaven, New Hebron**  
**and Shivers)**

**Direct Support Professionals are needed**  
**for all shifts and locations.**

**If you believe that helping people**  
**matters, then we need you at BRC!**

**For more information contact:**

**Human Resources**  
**601-867-5000 Ext. 75079**

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## Programs

Boswell Regional Center programs offer an extensive range of program and service options to those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). The primary goal of each existing program using a person centered approach is to allow each person to live more independently and to fulfill their lives through meaningful days.

Programs and services offered through BRC include:

### Community Options:

- In Home Services
- Community Living
- Crisis Transition Homes
- Employment Opportunities
  - Day Options
  - Behavior Services
  - Autism Services



### Campus Options:

**On Campus Residential Services**

**On Site Day Programs**



**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: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Membership Information

Indicate at right which type of membership you wish by circling the appropriate amount.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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