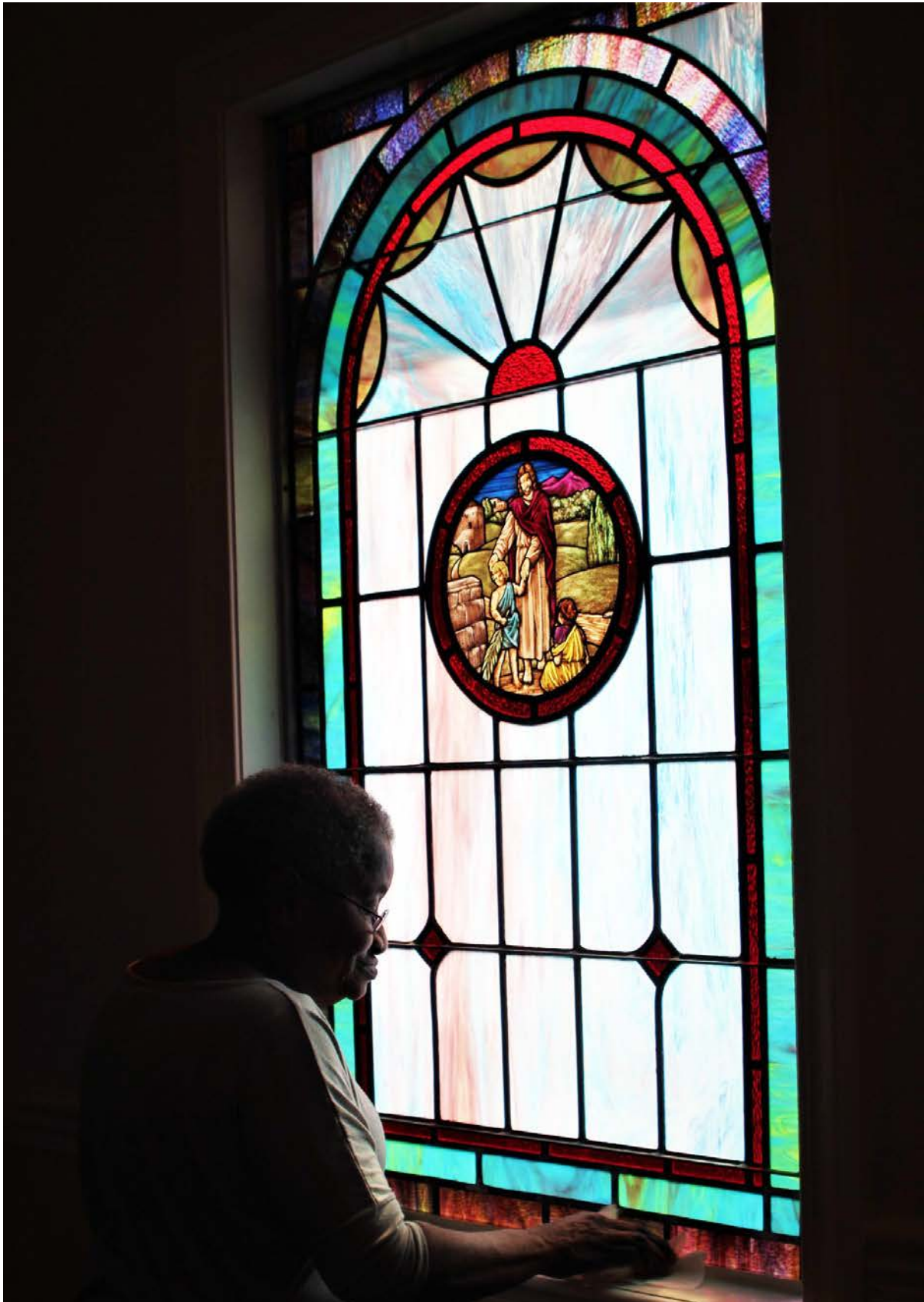


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Job Well Done!

Employees of the Quarter

Boswell Regional Center's

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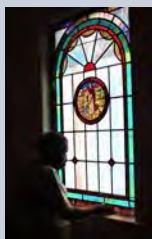
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ON THE COVER:

Giving back to others is a valuable lesson Boswell teaches the individuals we serve. Recently, a group of community individuals employed at Boswell Industries embarked on a volunteer project to clean area churches. Under the direction of director Tonya George, they first visited Galilee Baptist Church, where they vacuumed, dusted and cleaned restrooms and the fellowship hall. One of the ladies made sure the windowsills underneath the church's beautiful stained glass windows were dust-free while enjoying the colorful artistry.



JOB WELL DONE!

Quarterly Recognition Reception



Honored at the second Employee of the Quarter reception were, from left: Chiquita Price, Campus, Natisha Polk, Support/Professional and Philip Scott, Community.

Not present at the Employee of the Quarter reception was Lennette Thompson, Community ICF Group Homes.



Kerry Bynum, left, community supervised living manager, received a Governor's Service Award certificate for 30 years of service from Clint Ashley, right.



This group of friends and co-workers from Oakbrook and Ridgeview units, above, came out to support Chiquita Price, third from left, and Natisha Polk, center, as they received Employee of the Quarter awards. Others pictured are from left: Vicki Kettleman, Carla Nichols, Ann Brinson, Janet Applewhite and Mollye Hancock.

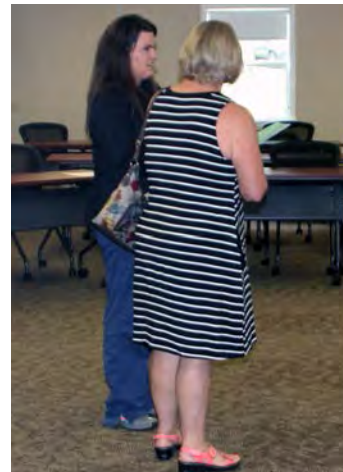
2019 Boswell Job Fair

First Job Fair of 2019 was well-attended

Boswell's human resources and public relations departments staged a job fair recently to offer area job-seekers the opportunity to talk one-on-one with Boswell officials. The fair also provided a convenient way for them to learn about opportunities in various areas of our operations. The event was well-attended and nearly every visitor filled out an application in hopes of obtaining a job at Boswell in a variety of occupations.



From right, Kerry Bynum, Kassie Ibarra and Kelly Jones greet attendees of the 2019 job fair.



Sarah Fletcher, left, infection control nurse, provides an application and description of available nursing positions to an interested applicant.

Copiah-Lincoln Community College nurses wrap up training at Boswell

During the course of their training, LPN students from Copiah-Lincoln's Simpson County Center visit Boswell several times to shadow nurses, learn about medications and patient care and obtain valuable on-the-job training. Prior to their July 11 graduation, the group visited one last time to meet with public relations and nursing to learn more about State of Mississippi employment as well as working at Boswell. They also toured group homes and Boswell Industries. Before leaving, several of them stopped by human resources to obtain applications. Pictured after their tour of the Sanatorium museum are,



from left: Alex Keyes, Chiquita Johnson, Tasjia Durr, Tamia Brown, Jennivie Bouie, Madison Martin, Abigail Davis, Starlett Gilmore, Megan Moore, Ashton Clark, Maya Porter, Amber Hayes, Marissa Boykin and Ashley Davis.



Retirements at half-way point of 2019

At the end of June, three long-time employees – each one with 30+ years of state service - decided to retire after dedicating a major portion of their lives to serving Boswell's and in one case, Ellisville State School's individuals for the remainder of their careers.

Teresa Windham, director of nursing, retired after 9 years at Boswell and the remainder at another location; Orlando Rankin, constituency services and Janice Jones, Bay Springs group home (formerly with Ellisville State School) all retired at the end of the month.

Here are a few photos of their receptions and last day on the job:



Teresa Windham, director of nursing for the past nine years, bids a heartfelt good-bye to her staff and many other co-workers and friends in attendance at her retirement reception.



Boswell's Friends and Family Association presented Teresa Windham, center, an engraved trophy in honor of her service to Boswell. She is pictured with her supervisor Cindy Womack, left, assistant director, and Clint Ashley, director, right.



Teresa Windham's parents Jack and Pat Flynt enjoyed the retirement reception along with a host of additional family members, including her children and grandchildren.



Retirements at half-way point of 2019



Janice Jones, right, retired from service as an active treatment technician at the Bay Springs group home after serving for over 30 years for Ellisville State School and for the past several months, for Boswell. She was awarded an engraved award from Boswell's Friends and Family Association and treated to a retirement reception at her group home attended by staff and individuals from both Bay Springs homes. Presenting the award is Jennifer Gwin, left, director of the Bay Springs group homes.

Paul Clark, left, presented co-worker Janice Jones, right, with a gift card collected by her fellow employees at the two Bay Springs group homes in honor of her retirement.



Orlando Rankin, left, is pictured on his last day of employment in front of the portrait of Dr. Henry Boswell, founder of the MS TB Sanatorium, now Boswell. Rankin worked over 30 years in a variety of positions, most recently constituency services. He chose not to have a retirement reception, but stopped by to pick up an engraved award from Boswell's Friends & Family Association in honor of his dedicated service.



Summer Living!

It's summer and the livin' is easy...and fun!

Recreation department is keeping individuals busy and productive during hot summer months

By Cindy Sanders
Director of Recreation

Summer's here, which means longer days and many opportunities for outdoor fun for our individuals. Our calendar is packed with crafts, activities, special meals and treats, seasonal events and exciting trips from daylight until dark! Here are just a few of the events we have going on this summer:

- Swimming, water aerobics and water games at the pool – I'm excited to report that some of our ladies that have never before enjoyed the pool were encouraged to join us – and they did!
- "Take Me Out To The Ballgame" – We've enjoyed several outings to the local Sportsplex and high schools to cheer for our favorite Magee and Mendenhall baseball teams.
- "Welcome Summer!" picnics at the lake – Units enjoyed going down to the lake in small groups and enjoying a picnic under the trees. Fishing was also enjoyed by some of our individuals, while others liked feeding the ducks.



Erica Hubbard, recreation assistant, left, is pictured with Cindy Sanders, right, director of recreation as they get ready to hand out sno-cones to individuals.

Dancing to lively music has always been a favorite pastime of individuals and the Fourth of July was no exception, as this lady showed off her patriotic sun visor, scarf and bracelet as she enjoyed the music.



Other events:

- Memorial Day celebration, including special meals and treats
- Summer dance-off and party
- Tribute to our fathers on Father's Day
- Lemonade, sweet tea and popsicles by the lake and pool
- Glow in the dark dance
- Adventures at the car races
- "Boswell Has Talent" summer talent shows
- Kickball and softball competition at Green Park

Last but certainly not least –the Fourth of July was an exciting time at Boswell! An entertainment stage was set up at the lake and patriotic music was provided by singers from First Baptist Church of Star. Following the pledge of allegiance and patriotic program, lively music was provided by our friend and DJ Becky Wells, who also made red, white and blue bracelets for all. The fun afternoon ended under the big trees as everyone enjoyed sno-cones underneath the trees! The giant fireworks extravaganza at the Magee Sportsplex after dark topped off a fun Fourth of July!

Upcoming summer events include a performance by the Mississippi Drifters Band, watermelon slicings, chili dog feast and mini vacations courtesy of outings to Mississippi's best water parks.

An entertainment stage at the lake added a new twist to the annual Fourth of July celebration. Individuals and staff enjoyed sitting out under the big trees near the scenic lake. Entertainment from musicians and singers at First Baptist Church of Star kicked off the program, followed by patriotic dance music from DJ Becky Wells.





Pastor's Corner



BRO. RUDY JACKSON
Patient Advocate/Chaplain

A Cure for Hopelessness

As a pastor, I find myself many times sitting across the desk from hurting people. I have found the fuel of most of our fears is the element of hopelessness. Sometimes it is a person who just got a bad doctor's report or a marriage that is in trouble or possibly a parent who sees no hope for the future of a wayward child. Truly, the single common thread that runs through the fabric of our fears is hopelessness. So let's go to the word of God and find a cure for our diagnosis.

We find a strange story in Matthew Chapter 14 verse 22 -33, where Jesus sends his disciples out in a small ship into what would be a stormy night. Jesus knew that true faith can only be measured in an environment of hopeless situation, so he allows his disciples to face just such a problem. By now you are beginning to see that faith is the answer. Just as darkness can never share the same space with light Jesus knew that hopelessness could never share the same place in our heart with faith.

There are three facts about faith I want you to take away with you today.

I. Faith Brings Strength for The Moment: To know that Jesus has this, the one who spoke all this into existence, the one who arose from the dead leaving an empty tomb, the one who said, "I'll never leave you I'll never forsake you," is with you right now.

II. Faith Brings Sight For Tomorrow: If He is the same yesterday and today, then He will be the same tomorrow. The purpose for the storm was to show the disciples that "If I can handle what is going on now," then you should be able to trust me when you can't see what I'm doing. You can still rest in the fact that I will work this to my glory your spiritual growth.

III. Faith Bids Us Keep Our Eyes On Jesus: Peter asked Jesus as he was walking on the water to allow him to come to Jesus. Jesus said "come." Peter was doing a fine job until he took his eyes off of Jesus long enough to take notice once again of the storm raging around him and he began to sink. Jesus stretched forth his hand to save Peter as he was sinking in a sea of doubt.

What would Jesus find in your heart today: faith and hope, or doubt and hopelessness?

Let me give you a closing thought from a beloved pastor and teacher, the late Dr. Adrian Rogers, who said "Never fear to be over your head what Jesus already has under his feet."

Up the Ladder

Jamie Prine has been named director of ICF Group Homes located in Simpson, Copiah, Jasper and Smith Counties. She is a graduate of Jones County

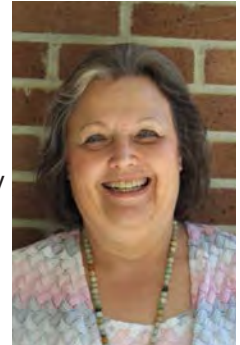


Junior College and received bachelor's and master's degrees from William Carey University. Prine, who has 18 years of State of Mississippi service, is a licensed nursing home administrator, certified mental health therapist and certified intellectual developmental disabilities therapist.

Hunter Thompson has been promoted to purchasing agent in Business Services. An employee of Boswell since 2016, Thompson earned a B.S. degree in business administration from The University of Southern Mississippi's College of Business and Economic Development. While obtaining his degree, Thompson simultaneously worked as a DSP for Boswell.



Wanda Davis, RN, has been named director of nursing. Davis attended Pearl River Community College and The University of Southern Mississippi and has experience as both a critical care and home health nurse, EMT and surveyor for Mississippi Department of Health's division of licensure and certification. She previously worked for Boswell as a nurse from 2013-2016.



Dr. Boswell's grandson drops by for nostalgic visit



Kent Dear, the second oldest grandson of Dr. Henry Boswell, dropped by Boswell's campus recently with a friend to tour the grounds and share memories of his childhood as a member of the large Boswell family.

Driving down on Sunday from Jackson with his parents (his mother, Helen, was one of Dr. Boswell's five children) to attend church services with his grandparents, enjoying Sunday lunch at Mendenhall's Revolving Round Tables restaurant and playing on the lawn of the director's home are fond memories held by Dear and his siblings.

According to Dear, Dr. Boswell was "stern" and made sure his grandchildren knew they must "stay away" from patients of the TB hospital and children at the Preventorium. However, his grandmother, Buzzy, a nickname obtained when her students at Magee Elementary School where she was a teacher pronounced her name as "Mrs. Buzwell," was the softer of his grandparents and made sure each grandchild felt special.



Spotlight On...

Supported Employment program fosters a sense of accomplishment in Boswell's individuals

Having to get up and report to a job every day and subsequently earning a decent wage gives everyone a sense of accomplishment and a purpose in life. Boswell's Supported Employment Program does that and more, providing jobs in the community as well as on Boswell's campus for individuals who are interested in working.

Campus positions include those in housekeeping, food service, maintenance, mail delivery and office duties. Those working in the community are employed at Walmart, restaurants and a daycare, to name a few.

Randy, one of Boswell's individuals that works on campus, is well-known for his fastidious cleaning skills. During the week he cleans Boswell Industries and campus buildings, including the museum and other buildings in preparation for special occasions. On weekends, he works in the kitchen helping out with cleaning and other duties as needed.

His famous line is, "I'll do whatever ya'll need me to do." Whether it's cleaning restrooms, washing windows or mopping floors, Randy attacks each task with the same level of commitment.

Randy resides in the Magee community and enjoys living alone in his apartment. In his rare down-time, he enjoys socializing with his neighbors, listening to music and watching one of the numerous action DVDs in his large collection.

To learn more about Boswell's Supported Employment program, contact Courtney Nalker at 601-867-3916, Ext. 104.



Cleaning out of the way areas and finding dust and dirt that had previously gone unseen is one of the hallmarks of Randy's cleaning regimen.



After individuals take a break at Boswell Industries, Randy is quick to grab a rag and wipe down the tables so they'll be clean before workers sit down for lunch.



SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT

To learn about supported employment in your area, visit www.dmh.ms.gov or call the DMH Helpline at 1-877-210-8513.



Supported Employment helps people with mental illness or intellectual and developmental disabilities secure and keep employment.



People with serious mental illness or with intellectual and developmental disabilities are capable of working competitively in the community.



Supported Employment services are available around the state.

Supported Employment helps Mississippians demonstrate their resiliency by assisting them in finding and keeping openly-competitive jobs.

2019 Election Year

Mississippi Voting Information

As many of you are probably aware, 2019 is a statewide election voting year in Mississippi. Some candidates for statewide office began campaigning last year, and if you have not seen your local candidates begin campaigning, they will probably be starting soon.

Remember that as campaign season begins in Mississippi, you will have to make sure you are registered in order to vote in the upcoming primaries and elections. Here are some dates to keep in mind:

- **The primary voter registration deadline is Monday, July 8 at 5 p.m.**— If you are registered to vote by this date, you are eligible to vote in the August primaries.
- **Primary election day is Tuesday, August 6.** — Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Runoffs will be Tuesday, August 27.**— If a runoff is required, they will be three weeks after the primary.
- **The general election voter registration deadline is Monday, October 7 at 5 p.m.**— If you are registered to vote by this date, you are eligible to vote in the November election.
- **General election day is Tuesday, November 5.** — Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

How To Register to Vote

You can find everything you need to register to vote at the Secretary of State's Y'all Vote online portal: www.sos.ms.gov/vote.

You cannot register to vote online, but you can find a mail-in application, verify your registration, and locate your polling place.

As an engaged voter, you can visit candidates' web sites to learn about their views, or attend an event in person.

If you aren't sure what district you live in or who your elected officials are, you can find them at www.openstates.org. Candidates will be asking for your votes throughout the year — remember that as a citizen, it is your right to speak to your legislators and candidates for office about any questions or concerns you have.