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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.

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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...

where dreams can become reality.

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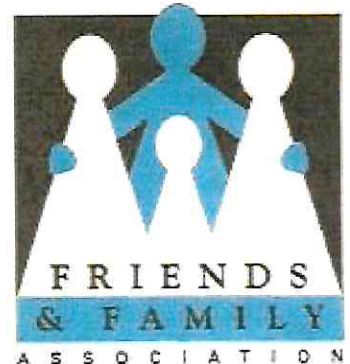
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Numbers Don't Lie

July will go down as the largest orientation month in recent history

The number of employees choosing Boswell Regional Center as their new home confirms what many of us already know, that BRC is the best kept secret in all of Simpson County, maybe even the state. Staff Development welcomed and oversaw training for a total of 36 new employees during the month of July. The first class consisted of 28 employees, the largest number seen in one class for many years. Staff Development Director, Cassie Bynum, stated that she had never seen a class this large in over 20 years at Boswell. The second class was nearly a third this size, giving trainers a much needed break.



Seated, Left to Right: Shaketha McCollum, Jacqueline Hughes, Aaliyah Sands, Kiarra Rankin, Heavenly West, Savannah Sims, and Krystal Brown.

Standing 1st Row: Tujari Oatis, Leijah Weathersby, Clara Kendle, Ericka Lopez, Quentasia Baggett, Beverly Daughdrill, Chelsey Martin, Randy Sullivan, Tamauir "Bam" Easterling, Latricia Weathersby, Regina Russell, Rohan Legister, Ashley Hooker.

Standing 2nd Row: Adriane Holloway, Mikerria Holloway, Darryl Posey, Jr., Tularius "Von" Bridges, Willie Smith III, William McCollum, Janorris Newsome, Dexter Taylor

Seated (Left to Right): Teresa Smith, Somalia Funches, Dominique King, and Arthur "Teddy" Langston

Standing (Left to Right): Asha Reese, Jerlisha Hill, Jaleesa

BOSWELL REGIONAL CENTER

Welcome Aboard



Watermelon!

From the first cut all the way to the juices running down your shirt, nothing ushers in the official days of summer quite like a good ole Smith County Watermelon. Campus individuals and staff alike enjoyed an afternoon filled with the unmistakable aroma and taste of sweet, fresh-cut watermelon. But these weren't just any watermelons, these were grown in fields owned by our very own Nutritional Services Director, Mrs. Lottie Keyes. She and her husband, Leonard, grow a variety of fruits and vegetables each year to sell to the public, and this year she brought a whole truck load of Smith County watermelons to campus for BRC Individuals. The event, slated for Green Park, had to be moved indoors due to inclement weather, but this did not hinder anyone, and at least everyone stayed cool. The main thing is, everyone had a good time and left with a belly full of watermelon... maybe even a few seeds.



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Staff Complete Supervisor Training Course



The BRC Supervisory class is an intensive 3-day class for current and upcoming supervisors. Each participant spends three days being introduced to the concepts and expectations of an effective supervisor. The class is tailored to meet the unique supervisory needs of Boswell Regional Center

Front Row, L to R: Batarsha Fulford, Bay Springs; Tiffany Rushing, Pinelake; Ashley Mobbs, Fairway.

Back Row, L to R: Lydell Sanders, Brookhaven Autism; Timmy Smith, Ridgeview; Jesse Washington, Ridgeview; Laketha Dampier, Recreation; Alicia McCann, Bay Springs

Employees of the 2nd Quarter Recognized



Markita Gholar

SPC III, Bailey House

Nominated by: Miracle Black

"Markita works at The Bailey Home, where we are required to have two staff (if available) and there was a recent time when Markita worked alone and had to physically assist 3 to 6 clients. That may not seem like much, but physically bathing and clothing even one person is very tiring. She does this without complaining so they feel safe and cared for in their home. She worked 7 days/wk for months and makes sure individuals in wheelchairs and walkers have the same experience as those who can do for themselves."

Congratulations!

Great Job!

Awesome Work!

Keep Raising the Bar!

Never Quit!



Timmy Smith

SPC I, Ridgeview

Nominated by: Ingrid Mills

"Timmy started at Boswell in November 2022. He has never been late or had to call in since being hired. He is an excellent employee who goes above and beyond for all the clients. He is always the first person on the scene when a behavior occurs and makes sure the other individuals feel safe. Timmy cleans from the time he gets to work until the time he leaves. He makes sure the environment is safe for all the individuals and coworkers. Timmy is a hard worker and is dedicated to making sure all personal hygiene is done, training objectives are met, and active treatments are completed daily. He is the perfect example of an outstanding employee."

Not Pictured *Paulette Rhodes*

SPC Supervisor, Taylorsville

Nominated by: Frederick Dampier

"Ms. Rhodes works double shifts when others cannot. Her main objective is making sure her individuals are well cared for. She goes the extra mile to make sure their needs are met. She is always available to assist her individuals as well as her staff with care and compassion."



Lillian McGill

SPC, Day Services

Nominated by: Vicki Kettleman

"Ms. McGill consistently puts forth her best job performance, even when she thinks no one is looking. Her priority is the clients; she makes sure clients are properly supervised going to and from classes, and even rides the bus back, if necessary, to ensure they are safe. She and her coworkers decorated the salon at the WAC for the clients to enjoy. She helps on the units after her regular hours in the classroom if they are experiencing shortages. She is a great asset to

Each employee was recognized with an award for his/her exemplary service and was treated to a light breakfast during Monday morning meeting, in addition to receiving \$50 from The Friends and Family Association, and a coupon for a free meal at Popeye's



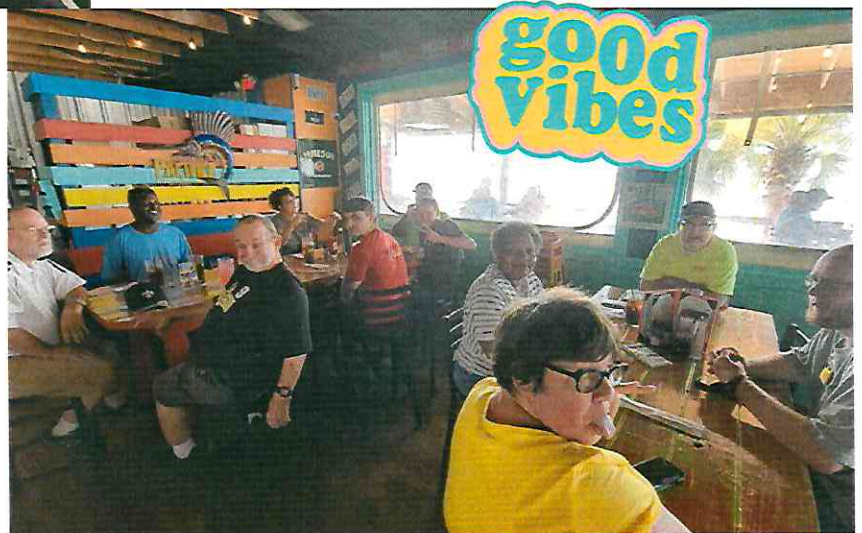
Beach Trips

Community Day Services spent a fun-filled day on the MS Gulf Coast, combing the beach, shopping for souvenirs, and eating at the famous, "Shaggy's"



"The ocean stirs the heart, inspires the imagination and brings eternal joy to the soul" ~~ Robert Wyland

A day spent with friends is always a day well spent





Beth Luper, Director, has been at BRC for 21 yrs., previously served in Program Services and Education

Department Spotlight



Records Management/Quality Assurance

Records Management/Quality Assurance is responsible for much more than most of us realize. They process, on average, over 500 Accident and Injury reports per month, including client-on-client, Crisis, IFC, and Community. They also prepare Assessment Data Reports, which tracks data for each residence. In addition, it's their job to track daily census data and make sure that the census data entered into TIER (The electronic health record used at BRC) matches the paperwork. This ensures that our monthly Medicaid billing is accurate, which also ensures that

BRC will be paid correctly for services rendered. Keeping an accurate account of this information prevents organizations like ours from unintentionally committing Medicaid fraud. This is a daily requirement and underscores why it is so important for their department to receive necessary information on a daily basis. They "house" old records for other departments, such as Medical and HR and also assist other departments and facilities in finding client documentation so that they are able to do their own jobs in an efficient manner. It is very important

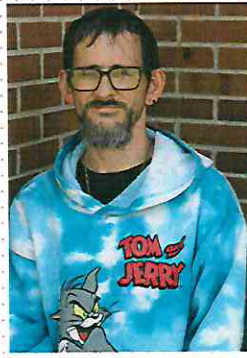
for information to be entered correctly and in a timely manner due to multiple users, including surveyors, accessing TIER for the purpose of reimbursement, investigations, updating key information like hospitals, doctors, families, and surrogates. They are also responsible for the set up, update, and deactivation of user accounts; resetting passwords, unlocking user's accounts; setting up of new admissions, discharges, transfers; deletion of inaccurate documentation and troubleshooting everyday problems users encounter.



John Gaines
From Flowood, has been at BRC 16 yrs. and was in the mail room prior to Records Mgt/QA



Tiffany Ainsworth
From Mendenhall, has been at BRC less than 1 yr., enjoys time on the river and w/family



Warren Cochran
From Laurel, has been at BRC for 5 yrs., likes collecting Batman and things of Horror.

Leigh Evans
Has been at BRC 14 yrs. previously in Dietary, enjoys rockhounding, reading, gardening, and cats.



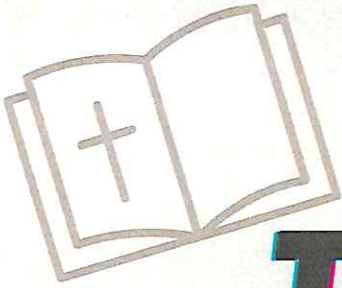
Jennifer Kittrell
Lives in Mize, has been at BRC 18 yrs., was previously in Payroll, enjoys time with family/friends



Not Pictured: Linda Chain from Mt. Olive, has been at BRC for 29 yrs as Team Secretary and QA.

Amy Sullivan Admin. Asst. has been at BRC 1 1/2 yrs.

Bobbie Durr has been at BRC 29 yrs.



THE PASTOR'S CORNER

"DON'T WORRY,
BUT
HAVE FAITH."



Bro. Charles Meadows
BRC Chaplain

Read: Matthew 6:25-34

As humans, we all have the tendency of worrying what will happen tomorrow and in the days to come. No one is immune from worrying, because it is of the flesh. Sometimes people worry about whether they will be able to provide for their families and pay the bills. Most of us have experienced hardships in one or both of these areas and have worried ourselves sick. As a Christian, instead of worrying, we should have faith that no matter what, the Lord will provide for our every need. I know it may be easier said than done, but it is the truth. As a minister of the gospel, there was a time when I didn't know if I was going to be able to pay for college. I was attending Southeastern Baptist College in Laurel, MS, and midway through my junior year, I was going through a tough situation in my personal life. I was so mentally and spiritually drained from worrying that I contemplated quitting school and stepping away from the ministry. It was during that time that I was convicted of even thinking of quitting, so I continued to press on. This lady, who worked at the school, heard about my situation and decided to pay the remainder of my tuition. Jesus taught his disciples and all those who heard him to not worry but have faith. So as I read Matthew 6:25-34, I am reminded that, yes, in this life I will experience hardship, but the Lord will provide my every need. He may not give me what I want, but He will always provide for my need. It is my prayer that when you begin to worry about things, that you will give it to the Lord and allow Him to take care of your problems. Jesus said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

(KJV).

God Bless



Dawn Anglin

March 31, 1969 - July 27, 2023

During her 26 year career, Dawn had the opportunity of sharing her life with many members of her Boswell family. She also had the privilege of impacting numerous employees with whom she interacted daily. Due to extensive illness, Dawn made the selfless decision to retire from BRC to spend valuable time with her family and to ensure their needs were met.

REMEMBERING THOSE WE'VE LOST

Anthony Waltman

February 7, 1968 - July 12, 2023

Though he was born in Biloxi, MS, Anthony was best known by his friends at the BRC Group Home in Taylorsville, MS.

A graveside services was held at MS State Hospital on July 14, 2023, where friend and staff gathered to pay their respects and share special memories.





BRC Hosts IDD Directors Meeting

On Thursday, July 20, 2023, Boswell Regional Center proudly hosted The Mississippi Department of Mental Health IDD Directors Meeting. Directors from across the state convened on BRC campus to discuss opportunities for better serving MS Individuals with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities. ***Pictured above (Standing L-R): Craig Kittrell, MDH Deputy Executive Director for IDD Services; Kristin Merritte, DMH Chief Clinical Officer; Rinsey McSwain, Director of Ellisville State School; Clint Ashley, Director of BRC; Ricky Grimes, BRC Assistant Director; Jerry Barnes, Director of Hudspeth Regional Center; Betty Pinion, DMH Director of ID/DD Waiver; Pamela Harkins, Director of IDD Community Support Program; Kerry Nichols, Director of North MS Regional Center; (Seated L-R): Dr. Edith Hayles, Director of North MS Regional Center; Cindy Cooley, Director of South MS Regional Center; Angela Alexander, Assistant Director at Hudspeth Regional Center; and Jamie Prine, Director of MAC (MS Adolescent Center).*** Lunch was catered by McAlisters Deli, and BRC's Nutritional Services provided salad and light snacks.



Boswell Regional Center Attends MAIDDP Event

On Tuesday, July 25th, Community Services staff attended the Annual Mississippi Association of IDD Providers event hosted in Hattiesburg. The purpose of the event was to link individuals and families with service providers across the state. The event gave providers throughout Mississippi the opportunity to network and discuss areas of provision as well as share other pertinent information with one another.

Pictured: Community Services Director, Ronald Britt, showcasing information boards and various pottery pieces made by BRC individuals.



It's NEVER too hot to wet a line!



Individuals from Community enjoyed spending a little quality time fishing at BRC lake on Friday morning, July 28th. Special equipment was provided for those with adaptive needs. Everyone had a great time and even caught a few fish.

Fishing is not an escape from life, but often a deeper immersion into it.

~~ Harry Middleton



UPCOMING EVENTS



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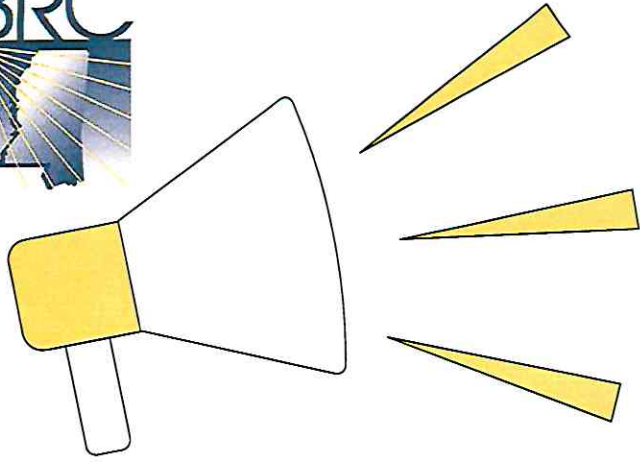


National Immunization Awareness Month

National Eye Exam Month

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| 8th | Primary Election (go vote) |
| 11th | Touch-a-Truck & Car Show
(Green Park 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.) |
| 18th | Water Day (campus) |
| 24th | Blood Drive
(In front of LeGrand 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.) |
| 25th | Expressive Art Exhibit
(Rainy Day Room 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) |



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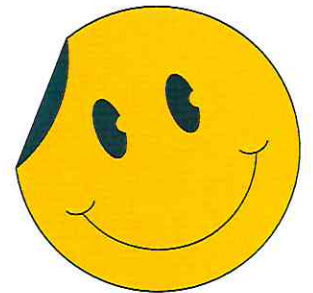
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