



Boswell Regional Center Bulletin

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A Publication for Employees, Family and Friends of BRC

Pinelake had a rockin' good time when they went retro on June 19. They had a 50's theme party complete with poodle skirts and root beer floats. Carla Nichols came in first place in the costume competition. It was a hit! Rock 'n' Roll is here to stay!

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Spotlight on: Mark Wooten



Mark Wooten, Director of Community Behavior Support, pictured with his fiancé, Brittany Pruett

Mark Wooten is a native of Taylorsville, MS. He graduated high school from Sylva Bay Academy as Salutatorian in 2007. Mark earned a full academic scholarship to William Carey University where he graduated Suma Cum Laude in 2011. Mark continued his education at William Carey University, earning his Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology in 2013. Currently, Mr. Wooten is pursuing his PhD in Research, Evaluation, Statistics, and Assessment from the University of Southern Mississippi while also working on his Certified Public Manager certification. Mark began working for the state in 2012 at Ellisville State School as a Psychology Technician, moving to Boswell in 2013 as a Behavior Health Specialist at Fairway Special Supervision Unit. In 2014, Mark began working as the Director of Community Behavior Support managing the Crisis Intervention, Crisis Support, Community Counseling, and Behavior Support programs. When away from work, Mark enjoys all things musical. He plays a variety of instruments including guitar, piano, and mandolin and utilizes this talent to lead worship for local youth groups and church services. Mark also has an extensive collection of vinyl records (yes, those still exist) and has even started a small business to produce records for Mississippi artists.

Copiah Lincoln Nurses



On June 29-30 Copiah-Lincoln Community College nurses visited Boswell Regional Center as part of their curriculum. Upon arrival, they were welcomed by Steven Allen, Director of Boswell Regional Center. Their visit also included a medical services review by Teresa Windham, Director of Nursing, participation in a Virtual Dementia Tour and a visit to programs such as Pinelake Geriatric, Dream Extreme and Boswell Industries.

Pictured Back: Sasha Penten, Misty Lowery, Amanda May, Domini Benstem, Stefanie Sandifer, Karyssia McGowan, and Theresa Agee. Front: Mackenzie Britt, Mercideas Dove, Shelly Booth, Markeela Williamson, Aarimis Armstrong, and Dominique Cooper (Not pictured) Nurse instructor; Lane Flynt.

Keep Simpson County Beautiful



Thanks go to Keep Mississippi Beautiful and Mississippi State Extension Services. Because of them, two planting tables were provided to Boswell Regional Center. Volunteers from Keep Simpson County Beautiful also assisted with this project. Pictured above are Phillip Magee, BRC staff; Evelyn Copeland, Keep Simpson County Beautiful; Brad Fairchild, BRC staff; R. Clark, person served; Jeramy Little, BRC staff; and A. Mooneyham, person served; standing with the two planting tables. Pictured below are a group from Boswell making great use of the planting tables.



BRC Graduates



The State's CPM program, administered under the Mississippi State Personnel Board, serves as a training system for state employees that develops professional competency in the field of public management. Four BRC employees were recently awarded with various certificates. Pictured: Steven Allen, Director of Boswell Regional Center; Teresa Hinsz, Administrative Services Certification Program (ASCP); Janice Cockrell, Certified Supervisory Manager; Lacey Bourn, Administrative Services Certification Program (ASCP); and Cindy Womack, Assistant Director of Boswell Regional Center. Beth Luper is pictured separately on the right. She completed the Certified Public Manager program. Mr. Allen has always been supportive in developing and enhancing employees. His emphasis on training will enhance the quality of staff employed at Boswell.

Above and Beyond!



At the June Directors' meeting four Boswell employees were recognized by Steven Allen, BRC Director, for doing an excellent job and going above and beyond the call of duty. Pictured are Curtis Skiffer, Kerri East, Lisa Westbrook, and Jamie Bynum who work in Recreation

Baseball Fans

June was a good month for baseball, and it was a good month to be a baseball fan! The guys from the MAC (Mississippi Adolescent Center) got to see the Mississippi Braves twice! On Friday, June 5, 2015, and again on Friday, June 26, some of the guys enjoyed going to the Mississippi Braves game.



National Camera Day



Day Services participants and staff take a moment to say cheese for National Camera Day on June 29

Zoo Days

Several classes from the Mississippi Adolescent Center (MAC) went on educational trips to zoological parks in the month June. On June 22, students in Angelia Hardy's classroom took a trip to the Jackson Zoo. They enjoyed seeing all the animals and riding the train. On June 24, Coach Reggie Lea's and Bobby Alsworth's classes went to the Hattiesburg Zoo where they got to pet animals. On June 29, several guys went on a class trip to the Tupelo Buffalo Park Zoo in Tupelo, MS. This group enjoyed riding on a tractor-pulled wagon and seeing buffalo. All classes got to enjoy lunch or a snack while at the parks.



Union Street Park



June 9, some of the guys from Mississippi Adolescent Center went to Union Street Park in Brookhaven. It is a fun place to enjoy playing in the water as well as playing on swings and slides. It was a great way to cool off during the hot day.

Cool Treats!



On June 8, some of the guys enjoyed a cool ice cream treat on a hot day at Dairy Queen.

Pastor's Corner



Bro. Rudy Jackson, BRC Chaplain

Worry is faith in the negative, trust in the unpleasant, assurance of disaster and belief in defeat. Worry is wasting today's time to clutter up tomorrow's opportunities with yesterday's troubles.

A dense fog that covers a seven-city-block area one hundred feet deep is composed of less than one glass of water divided into sixty trillion drops. Not much is there, but it can cripple an entire city. Let me share three wounds that worry has to offer.

I. Worry is a Wound in the Flesh of Man

Continuous worry, doctors say, causes our bodies to release stress hormones that circulate in the blood stream. They say over a prolonged period of time, raised levels of these

chemicals can start to have a toxic effect on the glands, nervous system and the heart. It will eventually lead to heart attacks, increased risk of stroke, and stomach ulcers. Like grit in the gears of machinery, it will take its toll in time.



II. Worry is a Wound in the Heart of God

Worry says three things to God. One, you must not be omniscient (all knowing) or you would know the situation I have. Two, if you do know you must not care. Three, if you do know and do care you must not be able to do anything about it. These are not things we would ever say directly to God, but this is the message we send when we worry.

III. Worry is a Wound to a Frail Faith

If faith had a measuring stick, worry would be in the negative. Hebrew 11:1 says it best, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Faith and worry can no more share the same heart than light and dark can share the same space. Don't tell God how big your problem is; tell your problem how big your God is!

Joshua 1:9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Mission Statement

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Where Dreams Can Become Reality

BRC May EOMs



During the June Directors' Meeting, Boswell Regional Center recognized the Employees of the Month for May. Congratulations to Tracy Shoemaker, Constituency Services; and Alice Stokes, Ridgeview.

BRC Governor's Service Awards



Boswell Regional Center employee receives Governor's Service Awards in recognition of 10 years of state service. Doya Langston Lockhart was recognized for the dedication to BRC at the June Directors' Meeting.

MAC May EOM



The Employee of the Month for May at MAC was Karmisha Bowman, who works A shift RLS.

A Fond Farewell



On June 30, 2015, a retirement reception was held in honor of Gwen Hobbs who retired from the Maintenance Department. Many of her co-workers filled the LeGrand Café to say their last goodbyes before she starts a new chapter in her life. Hobbs exits BRC with 31 years of State Service. Hobbs stated, “I have enjoyed my time here at Boswell Regional Center and the Maintenance Department is my heart.” Congratulations and best wishes! Gwen Hobbs is pictured above with Steven Allen, Director of Boswell Regional Center.

Friends and Family Sponsors 2014-2015

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JOURNEY SKYWARD

With the
Journey of Hope!



(Journey of Hope is a cross-country bicycle trek beginning on the west coast and ending in Washington, D.C. The Event raises funds and awareness for people with disabilities.)

The Journey of Hope is a ride with a purpose!



Saturday, July 18, 2015

John Bell Williams Field

(Raymond, MS)

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Join Us To

Meet the Cyclists!

And

**Be a Co-Pilot in an
Airplane!**



We have limited spaces for flights –if you want to fly, please RSVP as soon as possible to Matt Nalker@601-355-0220 or Rickey Anderson @ 601-969-4009.



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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Magee, MS 39111



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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

Person First Language

Person-first language emphasizes the person, not the disability. By placing the person first, the disability is no longer the primary, defining characteristic of the person, but one of several aspects of the whole person.

YOU SHOULD SAY:

person, people

person with an intellectual disability,

people with disabilities

people without disabilities

person who has a congenital disability

person who has (or who has been diagnosed with)...

person who has Down Syndrome

person who has autism

person with quadriplegia, person with paraplegia, person diagnosed with a physical disability

person with a physical disability

person with a cognitive disability

person of short stature, little person

person who is unable to speak, person who uses a communication device, communicates with eyes or gestures

people who are blind, person who is visually impaired

person with a learning disability

person diagnosed with a mental health condition or a mental illness

YOU SHOULD NOT SAY:

consumer, client, individual, resident, recipient, patient

mentally retarded, slow, moron, idiot, retard

the handicapped, the disabled, crippled

normal, typical

person with a birth defect

person afflicted with, suffers from, a victim of....

A Downs, mongoloid

the autistic, an autistic

a quadriplegic, a paraplegic, a spastic

a cripple

mentally retarded, slow, moron, idiot, retard

a dwarf, a midget

non-verbal, dumb, mute

the blind

learning disabled

crazy, insane, psycho, demented, mental patient

Person First Language

student who receives special education

special education student

person who uses a wheelchair or a mobility chair

confined to a wheelchair, wheelchair bound, non-ambulatory

person who is hard of hearing, person with a hearing impairment

the deaf, deaf and dumb, mute

walks on her own

ambulates/ambulatory

remind her by saying...

verbal cues or prompts

distracted

off task, non-compliant

pays attention

on task, compliant

accessible parking, bathrooms, etc.

handicap parking, bathroom, etc.

she/he needs/uses

she/he has problems with/has special needs

person who is paralyzed

invalid or paralytic

person who has a condition

disease

direct care worker/direct support professional

caretaker

person who is successful, productive

has met goals and objectives

person who has an addiction

a drunk, alcoholic, druggie





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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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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