

'Badboys' Win Gold
By: Calvert Sims, Jr.

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The Boswell Badboys won the gold medal in Division I Special Olympics MS State Softball Games on Saturday, June 25th. The following athletes, unified partners and coaches participated:

Athletes:

- C. Wann
- S. Banks
- W. Turnage
- C. Roberts
- R. Turner
- J. Wade
- P. Thomas (MAC)

Unified Partners:

- James Randolph
- Curtis Skiffer
- Tarius Byrd
- Calvert Sims Jr.
- Jeremy Clark (MAC)

Coaches:

- Trinessa Walker
- Ian Smith
- Pat Byrd

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, June 2016 Issue.

We would like to thank everyone for their support of Special Olympics MS and The Pearl River (Area 2) Chapter. Special thanks to PriorityOne Bank in Magee who provided Boswell Regional Center's softball team with hats!

A Fond Farewell

On June 29th everyone gathered at Dream Makers to bid farewell to Leon B. He will be moving to Georgia with his sister and her family. The room was filled with balloons as the song “Celebrate Good Times” chimed throughout the building. Some danced and clapped to the beat while hugging Leon for the last time. A table captured the attention of everyone as it was decorated with Leon’s favorite memorable times at Boswell Regional Center which included all of his Special Olympic medals, a football, a huge Special Olympics cake, pictures of staff, and lasting memories of bringing home the gold. The countertops were covered with refreshments for all to enjoy! Present were his sister, niece, nephew and great-nephew. Krystal Drones, community Administrative Assistant, made a heartwarming speech as Leon smiled really big and waved farewell.



Farewell Reception

On June 29th Gladys gave out many hugs and farewells to co-workers and friends. As she zipped her luggage, she smiled saying, "I will miss all of you." Gladys is best known for her big smiles and welcoming personality. She loved to show off her handmade knitting projects while living at State Farm. She kept her home nice and neat, and greeted everyone with a hug. She is certain to meet more friends at her new home, adding to the ones she's leaving behind. Stay in touch, Ms. Gladys!



Summer Splash



On May 13, 2016, Pinelake Geriatric Services enjoyed an afternoon filled with sun, fun, laughter, and water balloons. Everyone had a blast at our Summer Splash.

A Day at the Beach



BRC employees, Shaun Jones and Rod Skiffer, accompanied Pee Wee to the beach on June 21, 2016. They started out at the casino where he played the penny machines. Pee Wee jokingly stated he was excited to win .64 cents! Pee Wee stated after lunch he spent the rest of the afternoon soaking up rays at the beach. Pee Wee stated he had not been to the beach since he was 13 years old. He was able to put his feet in the water and touch the sand. He said he took lots of pictures, and hopes to be able to go back again soon.

MAC Family Fun Day



On May 27th, MAC had a family fun day at the facility. Family members were invited to attend. They had T-shirts made for everyone to purchase, and Recreation grilled hamburgers, ribs, and sausage dogs for everyone. Jeremy Clark and Ian Smith are top chefs and did the grilling. MAC rented 2 water slides for the individuals to enjoy as well.

Beach Trip



On June 17 and 24, the individuals at Mississippi Adolescent Center visited the Mississippi Gulf Coast in Biloxi, and enjoyed a day at the beach playing in the ocean and sand. The weather was perfect as the sun glistened the waters. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a picnic lunch.

Pastor's Corner

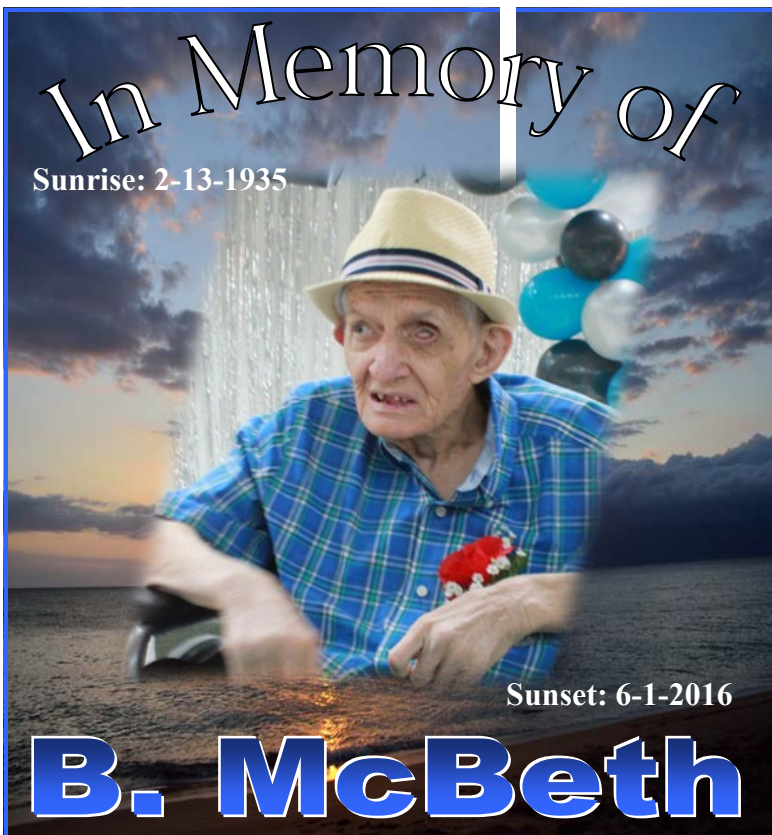


**Bro. Rudy Jackson,
BRC Chaplain**

The Gift of Humility

A truly humble man is hard to find, yet God delights to honor such selfless people. Booker T. Washington, the renowned black educator, was an outstanding example of this truth. Shortly after he took over the presidency of Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, he was walking in an exclusive section of town, when he was stopped by a wealthy white woman. Not knowing the famous Mr. Washington by sight, she asked if he would like to earn a few dollars by chopping wood for her. Because he had no pressing business at the moment, Professor Washington smiled, rolled up his sleeves, and proceeded to do the humble chore she had requested. When he was finished, he carried the logs into the house and stacked them by the fireplace. A little girl recognized him and later revealed his identity to the lady.

The next morning the embarrassed woman went to see Mr. Washington in his office at the Institute and apologized profusely. "It's perfectly all right, Madam," he replied. "Occasionally, I enjoy a little manual labor. Besides, it's always a delight to do something for a friend." She shook his hand warmly and assured him that his meek and gracious attitude had endeared him and his work to her heart. Not long afterward, she showed her admiration by persuading some wealthy acquaintances to join her in donating thousands of dollars to the Tuskegee Institute.



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Where Dreams Can Become Reality

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Jeff Martin Retires



On June 22, 2016, Boswell held a retirement reception honoring retiree Jeff Martin. Jeff began work at Boswell Regional Center in 2001 in Human Resources as a Personnel Officer. In 2005, he was promoted as Business Service Director. He worked 29 years in the “jeans” business at the Raleigh Company before coming to BRC.

As the BRC Training Center filled with family and friends to say their goodbyes, voices began to shiver and eyes began to tear up. Jeff stated, “Boswell is like family, and I will miss you all.” Retirement will allow Jeff to spoil his twin grandchildren Brooklynn and Jaxon. He’ll also have time to fish, hunt, play the guitar and support his favorite football team, Mississippi State!

Pictured left is: Steven Allen, Director of Boswell Regional Center and Jeff Martin (retiree).



Pictured above is Jeff’s family: Jason (son), holding Brooklynn; Jeff (retiree), Becky (wife), Veronica (Daughter-In-Law) holding Jaxon.

Daniel Britt Retires

On June 28th, Daniel retired from Boswell Regional Center after 30 years of state service. Staff prepared a fish fry for him along with individuals and friends. The golden brown fish is his favorite, so that's exactly what was prepared to end his last day at BRC. To top it off, a more formal reception was held in his honor. Everyone gathered to say their goodbyes and give last hugs. A presentation was given by Steven Allen, Director of Boswell Regional Center, at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Britt was presented with a framed certificate, and his parking sign representing 25+ years of state employment. Congratulations!



McLendon and Fairchild Retire

Boswell Regional Center is pleased to announce recent retirees. Each retiree is honored with a certificate, and a chance to say goodbye to their fellow employees at a retirement reception. Close family members and BRC staff enjoyed refreshments as the retirees made their rounds to hug and greet friends. This month Boswell Regional Center held a retirement reception in honor of Debbie McLendon, Business Services and Jan Fairchild, Autism Services. This event was held on June 17, 2016 at 2:00pm in the LeGrand Café. Steven Allen, BRC Director, expressed his appreciation for years of dedication and service to BRC and the ones we serve. Best wishes in your future endeavors!



Pictured: Recent retirees, Debbie McLendon, Business Services, and Jan Fairchild, Autism Services. Steven Allen, BRC Director, awarded both recipients with a beautiful framed certificate and Debbie took her 25+ year parking sign with her. Congratulations!

Funches Graduates From CSM

Uneika Funches graduated from the State of Mississippi's Certified Supervisory Management program on June 7th.



Emma Scott Retires

On June 29th a retirement reception was held for retiree, Emma Scott, at Dream Haven in Brookhaven. It is hard to see our co-workers retire from Boswell Regional Center, but we are happy that they'll be free to participate in all those things they've been planning on doing upon their retirement. Emma states, "I will enjoy my grandchildren and church activities as well as other community events." Congratulations and best wishes!



Pictured: Cindy Womack, Assistant Director of BRC and Emma Scott, retiree

Bynum Graduates From CPM



Cassie Bynum, BRC employee, was recently awarded a certificate in Public Management for successfully completing the six management and leadership courses in the State of Mississippi's CPM program. The state CPM program is administered under the Mississippi State Personnel Board which serves as training for state employees to develop professional competency in the field of public management.

BRC May EOM



During the June Director's Meeting, Boswell Regional Center recognized Employee of the Month in the area of support staff. Employee of the Month for May is Tytanna Brown, SUCCESS Program. Congratulations and thanks for all you do!

Gov.'s Service Awards



Boswell Regional Center employees received Governor Service Awards in recognition of a total of 70 years of state service. They were recognized for their dedication to BRC at the June Directors' meeting. Pictured are: Lawanda Gregg (10 yrs), Ashlee Robinson (10 yrs), Denise Brown (20 yrs), and Terry Rankin (30 yrs). Congratulations!



MAC May EOM

Mississippi Adolescent Center's Employee of the month for May 2016 is Demetria Lewis. She is an A shift RLS Staff.

BRC Orientation Classes



June 1st Orientation Class: Front row L-R: Brandall Smith (SUCCESS), Jason Tillman (CS-Pinegrove), Stephanie Wells (Ridgeview), Luvennia Banks (Auditor) **Back Row L-R:** Jared McDonald (CS-Pinegrove), Brandi Patterson (CS- Pinegrove), Talana Price (CS-Rials Creek), Mariece James (CS-Pingrove), Jessica White (CS-Rosewood).



June 16th Orientation Class: Front row L-R: William Hinton (Psychology), Minnie Dampier (Oakbrook), Asha Nutall (Fairway), Latrenda Longino (CS-Cedarcrest), Dewayne White (Ridgeview) **Back row L-R:** Daneisha Sanders (Pinelake), Miranda Swalm (Emp. Services), Brittany Easterling (CS-Supp Liv), Jarvis Gray (Magee Autism), Devan Mikell (Fairway), Jasmine Craig (Pinelake), Merria Speight (Emp. Services).



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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 23, 2016

John Bell Williams Field

(Raymond, MS)

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Join Us To

Meet the Cyclists!

And

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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.



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July 2016

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Evidence-Based Treatment Planning for Social Anxiety

In this course you will not only learn about the process of empirically informing your treatment plans for social anxiety disorder (SAD), but you also will gain extensive knowledge about some of the most commonly identified ESTs for SAD, along with some considerations for relapse prevention. To apply your learning, example vignettes of selected interventions are provided.

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This course will assist you in understanding and applying the Personal Outcome Measures® approach to youth and families of young children. The lessons, stories, and interactive activities in this training cover the basic concepts and applications of Personal Outcome Measures®. This training is useful to anyone working with youth and/or families with mental health issues, developmental, intellectual or other kinds of disabilities, family issues, or other needs that require extra support.

For more information about Relias Learning, please contact Michael Jordan at 601-359-6515 or by email at Michael.Jordan@dmh.state.ms.us

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September 8, 2016

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Advanced Professional Social Work Continuing Education:

2016

Trauma Series: Matthew Vasquez, PhD

May 20

Trauma informed practice for social workers: An advanced overview of traumatic stress and innovative approaches to its treatment (3CEs)

June 11

The new science of neglect: An overview of brain development, affect regulation, and the implication for social work practice (3CEs)

July 16

Understanding trauma and traumatic stress for health care professionals (3CEs)

August 13

(Repeat)

Trauma informed practice for social workers: An advanced overview of traumatic stress and innovative approaches to its treatment (3CEs)

Child Maltreatment Series: Tamara Hurst, PhD, LCSW

September 16

Recognizing and reporting child maltreatment: An overview for helping professionals (3CEs)

October 14

Understanding forensic interviews of children for mental health, health care, and criminal justice professionals(3CEs)

November 18

Labor and sex trafficking: What is it and does it happen here? (3CEs)

Each class: \$60 Regular/\$45 Early Bird

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Class Time: 9:00 am – 12:15 pm

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Registration Opens on April 20, 2016



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For more information contact:

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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

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Bronze \$25

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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



Boswell Regional Center

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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:

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