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The Boswell Bulletin is published to inform the public, employees, family members and friends on Boswell Regional Center's activities, programs and progress. This publication also seeks to provide information to those interested in the work conducted by Boswell's employees to enrich the lives of those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD).

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ON THE COVER:

Cindy Errington was named 2021 Employee of the Year in May at Boswell's Employee Recognition Picnic.



Cindy Errington named 2021 Employee of the Year

Cindy Errington, a nurse described as "one of the most caring employees at Boswell," was selected top employee of the year for 2021 in Boswell's quarterly recognition program.

She received a cash award from Boswell's Friends and Family Association, an engraved award and personalized parking space.

Cindy's nomination form contained accolades from supervisors to peers with statements that included:

"Cindy is the ideal professional. Her work ethic is impeccable. She works long shifts and occasionally even until 10 p.m., caring for and providing medications to our individuals, and never complains."

Her supervisor added, "Cindy's rapport with one of the unit's individuals has motivated him to improve greatly from being wheelchair bound to walking. She tells him, 'Hold your head up,' 'Stand up straight,' and brags on him when he does well. She takes another on daily walks to feed the ducks. She frequently uses her calm caring demeanor to deescalate critical behaviors and outbursts."

Cindy is devoted to her church and possesses a strong faith in God that guides her outstanding character. She practices the "Golden Rule" of treating everyone with respect and doing unto others as she would like to be treated. She is called "a role model for all of us as far as her work ethic, Christian character, compassion and advocacy for our individuals."

Cindy has worked at Boswell for six years and credits her "Fairway team" for helping her excel.

"I would not be able to do my job in the way I feel it should be done if not for my supervisors and co-workers," she said. "Knowing that I have their support and knowing Boswell supports those of us that care for individuals makes me even more determined to do the best possible job that I can."



Cindy Errington couldn't hold back the tears as she was called onstage to receive her Employee of the Year award.

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Boswell's Employee of the Year for 2021, Cindy Errington, center, is congratulated by Clint Ashley, left, director of Boswell, and Craig Kittrell, right, deputy director of IDD Programs for the MS Department of Mental Health.



Cindy credits a group of friends, supervisors and co-workers from campus and her unit with being a strong support system. Pictured above following her selection as Employee of the Year were, from left: Trevor Lucas, Chilibra James, Larissa Sims, Greg Grantham, Cindy, Wanda Davis and Beth Hall.



Above left, fellow nurse Angela Murphy congratulated her friend for a well-deserved honor.



Spotlight On...

Employee Picnic provided opportunity to recognize staff, supporters

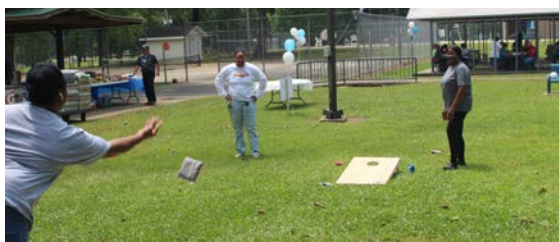
Taking time from busy schedules to enjoy a burger lunch provided by Friends & Family Association and enjoy a little time outdoors was just one of the goals of the employee recognition picnic held in May.

Employees that reached service anniversaries or donated to Friends and Family were recognized, along with businesses that supported Boswell during the past year.

Here are a few scenes from the outdoor event:



Staff stepped up to grill burgers and serve lunch to those that stopped by, including those in need of to-go orders. Special thanks to Maintenance Director Marty Sasser, far left, manning the grill, whose department was responsible for setting up the event and many other tasks.



Left, staff enjoyed playing games and simply hanging out and socializing during the picnic.



Employees awarded Governor's Service Awards for 2021 and 2022 from, far left, Clint Ashley and Suzie Wilder, HR Director, were, third from left: Kimberly Newsome, Jennifer Cole, Tiffany Rushing, Phyllis Duckworth, Jean Dennis, Kenneth Hammons and Chasidity Hampton.

Tammy Layton, nutrition educator for Simpson County Extension Service, provided information about the organization's programs. Her expertise extended to helping organize and safely serve food during the picnic.



Spotlight On...

Mississippi Adolescent Center names top employees of 2021; enjoys special day for families

In April, Mississippi Adolescent Center held a day of fun for staff that included family members of the individuals they serve. All staff were treated to a special lunch from Friends and Family to show appreciation for their dedication to their jobs.

Special recognition was paid to supporters and top employees for 2021 were named.



Karmisha Bowman, left, was named Client Care Employee of the Year. She received an engraved trophy and \$100 from MAC's Friends and Family Association. Presenting the award is Jamie Prine, right, director of MAC.



Toya Humphrey, left, was honored for her work as a Support Care Employee. Jamie Prine, right, MAC director, presented an engraved trophy and \$100 from Friends and Family.



Family members enjoyed spending time with their loved ones at the MAC. Lunch was provided by Friends and Family.

It's summertime and...

Campus individuals enjoyed 'Summer Splash'

The opening of the campus pool is always a much-anticipated event, and this year was no exception. Combined with a cookout, games and music, this year's pool opening turned into a special event for all.

Here are a few photos from Summer Splash '22:



...the livin' is easy!

Community individuals were treated to a day at the lake

Nothing's better than a water view, cool breezes, sunshine and the aroma of burgers grilling in the distance. Community individuals enjoyed all that and more, including a little fishing, during a recent outing to Prentiss Walker Lake in Smith County.

A few scenes from their enjoyable day are below:



Boswell hosts community groups on campus

Copiah-LincolnSimpson Center holds Spring Commencement at Boswell

Boswell's historic Auditorium was chosen by Copiah-Lincoln Community College's Simpson County Center as the site for its Spring Commencement in May. Boswell's maintenance department went to work power-washing, carpet and floor cleaning, landscaping and repairing minor issues to ensure the building was refreshed and ready for visitors. The center's LPN students will receive their pins at a graduation ceremony to be held in the Auditorium in July.



2022 graduates of CLCC's Simpson Center gathered on the front steps of the Auditorium for a group photo. College officials and guests were quick to compliment the professional landscaping work of Boswell's Grounds Maintenance team.



Magee native Brennon McNair, far left, who completed an Associate degree in 2022 despite being drafted right out of high school in 2021 by the Kansas City Royals, stopped by to attend graduation. He plans to further his education at Southern Miss while playing for the Royals.

He is pictured with Co-Lin President Dr. Jane Hulon Sims, right.

Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run came through Boswell enroute to Summer Games

Boswell was honored to have members of area law enforcement agencies on campus in May as they ran with the Special Olympics torch as it made its way from north Mississippi to Biloxi enroute to the Summer Games at Keesler Air Force Base. Officers from Simpson County Sheriff's Office and Magee Police Department ran with the torch from U.S. 149 to Green Park. A ceremony honoring the athletes and officers was held before the torch moved on to another location enroute to the Summer Games in Biloxi.



Running with the Special Olympics torch into Boswell's campus are from left: Simpson County Sheriff's Investigator Mark Herrin, SCS Deputy Chris Jones, SC Sheriff Paul Mullins, SCS Deputy Mike Grubbs, MPD Patrol Officer Blake Welborn and Bryan Green, MPD Investigator.



Magee Police Investigator Bryan Green enjoyed visiting with Boswell individual Tony.



As always, Boswell's athletes won a lot of medals at the Summer Games. Above, the guys pose proudly with their hardware, along with an officer from Keesler.

Job well done!

Two long-time employees retire after meaningful careers

It's always hard to say good-bye to retiring staff, but especially so when two veteran employees, Susan Shoemaker and Sonny Everette, decided to retire in April. Susan, a registered nurse in Community Services who previously served Boswell as Director of Nursing, accumulated 25 years of service through careers in Mississippi and Texas. Sonny had been a fixture at Boswell for over 30 years, serving faithfully in many capacities, most visibly as a driver for individuals and campus guests.

Receptions were held to send both off with heartfelt best wishes.



Susan Shoemaker, center, was delighted to have her daughter, Kristina, the mother of twin girls, Autumn and Emma, visiting from Texas. Enjoying the twins are Suzie Wilder, left, HR director, and Clint Ashley, director.



Sonny Everette, second from right, retired with over 33 years of State service. He was treated to a reception and received an engraved trophy from Friends and Family. Presenting the trophy were, from left: Ricky Grimes, assistant director, Clint Ashley, director, and his supervisor, Will Beeson, unit administrator.



An engraved trophy from Boswell's Friends and Family Association was presented to Susan by Clint Ashley.



Sonny's big smile and easy-going personality will be missed by the individuals and staff.

Employees of the Quarter; other accomplishments



Named Employees of the Year for the first quarter of the year were, second from left: Amanda Gates, support/professional; Katina Osby, campus; Mary Holloway, community services. Not pictured is Mary Applewhite, community ICF. Presenting the awards were assistant director Ricky Grimes, far left, and Clint Ashley, director, far right.



Recent graduates of the Supervisory Training Course held on campus were, from left: Shaquellia Musgrove, Goodwater group home, Yeshia Pittman, Taylorsville group home, Ryken Stringer, Goodwater and Jalisa Donald, Success program.

National Autism Month celebrated

Autism Day enjoyed by individuals and staff in April

April is known nationwide as Autism Month to honor individuals and dedicated caregivers. During the month, a special event was held at Goodwater group home in Magee to allow individuals to go outside and play games, listen to music and enjoy a grilled burger lunch.

In honor of the special month and day, the City of Magee declared "Autism Day" throughout the city. Mayor Dale Berry signed a special proclamation in honor of Boswell's individuals and the impact the center and its group homes have on the entire area.



Magee Mayor Dale Berry, left, presented a proclamation to James Randolph, right, director of the autism home.



Suzie Wilder, right, HR director, enjoyed visiting with and playing games with individuals at Autism Day.



Above from left, Ralicia Smith, Tahara Rankin and Deseriae Owens, Goodwater staff members, helped organize and prepare lunch for individuals. A special cake depicting the autism colors was ordered for the enjoyment of individuals.



Individuals and staff enjoyed getting outside and playing games and just enjoying the nice weather during Autism Day.