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## Memorial Day Memories

Many memories were made this Memorial Day! A few months ago, an individual living in the community was talking to Mr. Steven Allen about going fishing at Steven's pond. With much thought about the conversation, the decision was made to invite some of the individuals to fish at his pond around the Memorial Day weekend. So, there you have it... more dreams become reality. On Memorial Day, a group of campus and community individuals ventured out for an afternoon of fishing, food, and fun. The youth at nearby Shady Grove Church were also encouraged to attend and assist the individuals in fishing as a way of ministering to others. All were excited to be there and appreciated the opportunity to participate in such an outing.

It was a beautiful day but a bit hot. However, the heat did not bother the fishermen because they were focused on making the "big catch." It was a little competitive but all in good fun. Several people caught a fish for the first time, and they didn't care how big or small the fish was. The smallest fish caught was just as important as the biggest fish. It was so heart warming to see the smiles, laughter, and playfulness of the individuals. After a while, a few individuals traded their rod and reel for the football. It was quickly found that a couple of guys should have been quarterbacks.

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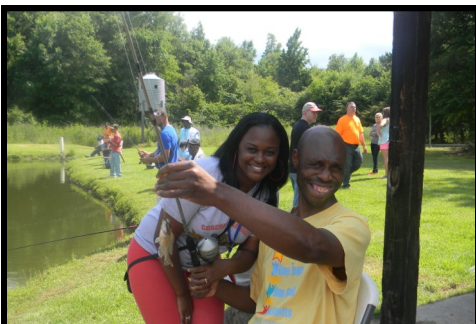
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# Memorial Day Memories

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And, of course, there was the golf cart excitement! Steven was riding around on his golf cart when an individual asked to drive. With no hesitation, Steven smiled and let him behind the wheel. Needless to say, that sparked an interest in others wanting to drive. Most had never driven before, so they were very eager. With some assistance, all drove fairly well and had lots of fun doing so. As the day and activities progressed, it was amazing to see so many dreams become reality. All it took was a conversation a few months ago to ignite such a wonderful day where many memories were made. With vision and effort, lives can be and are being enriched at Boswell Regional Center.



# Focus Graduates



Sheri Allen and Craig Kittrell, 2013 Department of Mental Health Focus Graduates

May 23, 2013 (Jackson, MS) - Sheri Allen, of Puckett, employee at Boswell Regional Center and Craig Kittrell, of Raleigh, employee of Boswell Regional Center recently graduated from the Mississippi Department of Mental Health's (DMH) Focus Program. DMH's Focus Graduation was held on Friday, May 17 at Duncan Gray in Canton. DMH's Accelerated Leadership Development Program "Focus" offers a unique opportunity for employees to hone their skills to greater and higher personal performance and self-awareness.

"Focus is one of the most exciting projects our agency has been involved with," said Ed LeGrand, DMH Executive Director. "This initiative is helping to strengthen our employees and build upon their talents. DMH's mission is to support a better tomorrow today and this is one of our efforts to prepare the leaders of tomorrow."

The goal is to help DMH employees reach maximum capacity and to develop "bench strength" for the agency. This experience challenges participants to grow to new heights in both ability and attitude.



Sheri Allen accepts her Focus certificate from Mr. Ed LeGrand, DMH Executive Director



Craig Kittrell presented with his Focus certificate from Mr. Ed LeGrand, DMH Executive Director



The two new graduates, employees of Boswell Regional Center, are congratulated by Mr. Steven Allen, Director of BRC

## *Our Nurses are Appreciated*

Boswell Regional Center offers specialized program options to Mississippians with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Pictured to the right are nurses from the Pine Lake Geriatric Services on the campus of Boswell Regional Center. From left to right: Ashlee Robinson, Lauren Prince, Amy Wadford, Shonda Fontenot, Kayla Griffith and Brenda Craft. Not pictured, Michael Carey, Michelle Titian, Wanda Davis.



*Nurses Appreciation week  
was May 6-10*

Pictured to the left are some more of our wonderful Boswell nurses. From left to right they are: Wanda Davis, Ashlee Robinson, Cynthia Welch, Bathsheba Dampeer, Teresa Windham, and Dale Mitchell.

## *Special Olympics Torch Run*



On May 8, Boswell Regional Center hosted and participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run.

# Gold Medal Triumph!



I would like to thank all who participated in the Mississippi Special Olympics Summer Games 2013 held at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS. Area 2 and Boswell Regional Center represented by winning several individual gold, silver and bronze medals in various competitions. By far the most premiere event at Summer Games is the Volleyball competition, and I'm proud to report that Boswell Regional Center won the gold in Unified Team Volleyball for Division I & Division II. The Boswell Bulldogs brought home the silver in Regular Team Volleyball competition losing in the championship game to the Millcreek Bulldogs from our local area chapter. Also, the Area 2 Banner created by the BRC Expressive Arts Department placed third in the Banner competition. Boswell continues to be an avid supporter of the Area 2 Special Olympics Chapter. I sincerely thank all of you for your prayers and support.

Calvert Sims, Jr. (Area 2 Director)





# We Thank Our Veterans

Boswell Regional Center wishes to say thank you to our Veterans for their bravery and service in observance of Memorial Day 2013. Two of our programs on campus had the opportunity to do so on May 21, 2013, at Hillcrest Nursing Center in Magee, Mississippi. Denise Brown, Teacher/Supervisor of Prime Timers and Maplewood Activity Programs, Kay Adcox, LSW, Social Worker for Pine Lake Geriatric Services along with F. Mason of the Sparkling Gems Club participated in visiting with one our Veterans, Mr. Grady L. Purvis. Mr. Purvis is a resident of Hillcrest Nursing Center. It was a pleasure to present Mr. Purvis with a gift basket filled with coasters, crosses, picture albums, and mini flower pots decorated by individuals and staff of Pine Lake Geriatric Services. The gift basket was made for the Veterans and Residents of Hillcrest Nursing Center.

Hillcrest Nursing Center Administrator, Mark Martinolich, gave the following history on Mr. Grady L. Purvis: Mr. Purvis is 90 years old and a veteran of World War II. As a member of the 17th Airborne Division he participated in one of the largest successful airborne operations of World War II, Operation Varsity, in March of 1945. As he tells it - "I was just a young boy off the farm. I didn't know anything and could have been killed, but I didn't think about that. I was ready to go." Mr. Purvis often wears a cap with a flag design and is still a patriot to this day. He took two flags from the gift basket and put them in his pocket, smiling as he did so.



Hillcrest Staff Pictured: Leigh Lawrence, Administrator Mark Martinolich, Tanya Shows, Kristina Wood, Bonita Mangum



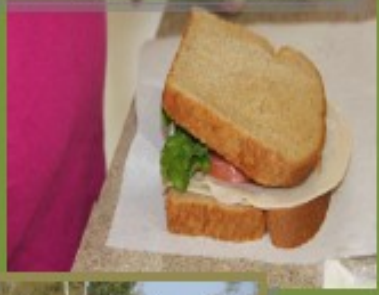
Boswell Regional Center staff: Denise Brown, Kay Adcox, Brett McDonnieal and BRC resident, F. Mason

# Happening Around Day Services

Hello from the staff and individuals at Day Services.



During the past couple months, Day Services has been taking many excursions to comb the community around us to look for learning experiences. And, you know what, we found a few things.



- We packed our own picnic lunch complete with sandwich, fruit, and chips, courtesy of Dietary Services. Thanks ladies!!! We took our lunch and went down to Prentiss Walker Lake in Mize and proceeded to have a wonderful time taking pictures, eating our lunch, and enjoying the view.



- Learning about various businesses in Magee was another exciting experience. We had a community tour to get acquainted with some areas that we know about but also some that are new to us.



- We also visited several of the homes and apartments where our friends live. The Community Day Hab invited us over for a visit also. It was wonderful to see our friends who are now living in the community.



Mr. Bankston is one of our story contributors. Here is what he had to say about his learning experiences, "Learning about personal responsibility helps us to realize that we are responsible for our own selves."

Let the learning continue!!!

By Rhonda McCallum and Day Services

# Pastor's Corner



Bro. Rudy Jackson  
BRC Chaplain

## Sowing seeds of neglect

Author Unknown

I looked upon a farm one day,  
that once I used to own;  
The barn had fallen to the ground,  
the fields were overgrown.  
The house in which my children grew,  
where we had lived for years...  
I turned to see it broken down,  
and brushed aside the tears.  
I looked upon my soul one day to find it too had grown,  
with thorns and nettles everywhere,  
the seeds neglect had sown.  
The years had passed  
while I had cared for things of lesser worth.  
The things of heaven I let go  
while minding things of earth.  
To Christ I turned with bitter tears and cried,  
O Lord, forgive!  
I have not much time left for thee,  
not many years to live.  
The wasted years forever gone,  
the days I can't recall.  
If I could live those days again,  
I'd make Him Lord of all.

# Employees of the Month



During the May Director's Meeting, Boswell Regional Center recognized an Employee of the Month in the area of direct care and support/professional staff: This month's EOM selected were Shannon Austin of Magee, MS; Nutrition Service and Pete Johnson of Mount Olive, MS; Pine Lake Geriatrics



# Simpson County Leadership Class of 2013



On May 16, the Simpson County Development Foundation Leadership Institute took a tour of the Boswell Campus. They got to visit the Sanatorium Museum, Boswell Industries, and see the lovely murals done by Expressive Hearts. Members of the leadership class are pictured above: Leslie Franklin, Richard Rankin (Leadership Development Director), Cindy Womack (BRC Assistant Director) and Josh Duckworth.

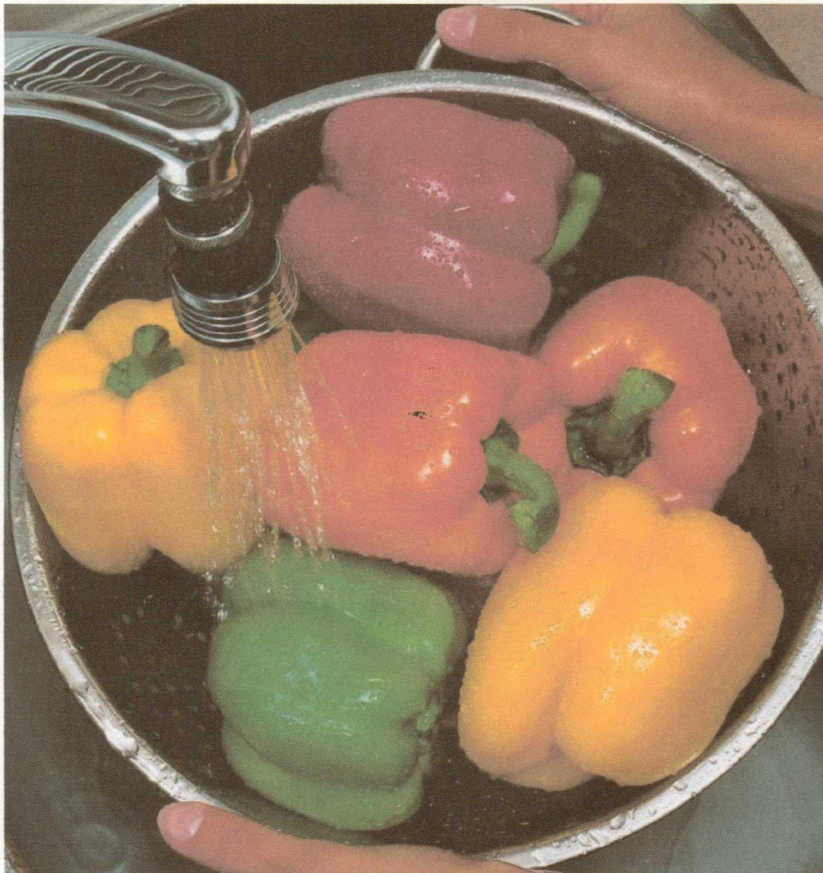


## Mission Statement

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, dreams can become reality.

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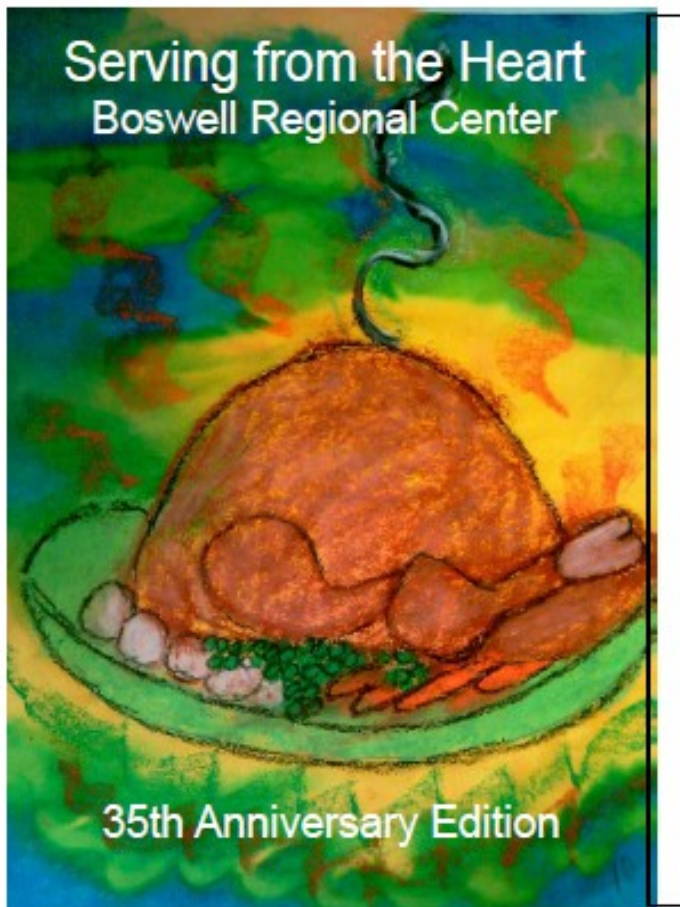
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**Boswell Regional Center's Friends & Family Association** is a non profit all volunteer organization that works to ensure **Boswell** individuals are valued and loved.

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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\_\_\_\_\_

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### 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.

### Fundraisers

Some examples of fundraisers that have been held are:

**Scrub Sales**

**Jewelry Sales**

**Book Fairs**

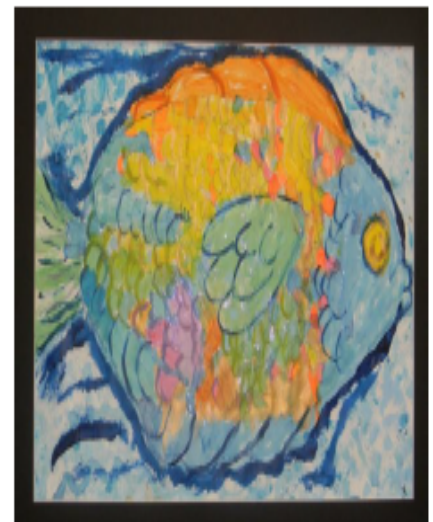
**RADA Knives**

**T-shirt Sales**

**Special Hosted Events**



## Friends & Family Association



How to become a member...

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Please make your check payable to:

**Friends & Family Association**  
**P.O. Box 128**  
**Magee, MS 39111**

### Annual Membership Fees 2012-2013

- Single/BRC Employee - Free**
- Single/Non-employee \$5** Membership Card
- Bronze \$25** Membership certificate designating level of giving
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Name on all Friends & Family sponsored events
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Publicity in local media  
Boswell 35th Anniversary cookbook