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'We Will Never Forget'

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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).

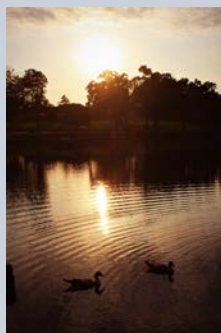
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ON THE COVER:

As the saying goes, "All good things must come to an end." The same can be said for summertime. Boswell's individuals experienced a great one, filled with special trips, outings and activities (see ps. 4-5 for photos). As a lingering sunset inched through the trees on the site of the old TB hospital on hill, ducks swam in pairs, enjoying the last lingering days of summer.



Anniversary of 9/11 marked with special ceremony

The morning of Sept. 11, 2019 dawned at Boswell with blue skies and warm temperatures - a morning much like one 18 years ago when terrorists struck the Twin Towers in New York and U.S. Pentagon in Virginia and downed United Airlines Flight 93 over Shanksville, PA.

A special ceremony was held on campus to remember the 2,997 lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001, the worst terrorist attack on U.S. soil in U.S history. Among those killed were:

- * 8 EMT/paramedics
- * 60 police officers &
- * 343 firefighters

Boswell individuals and staff gathered together to share a brief time of remembrance highlighted by the Pledge of Allegiance, patriotic music, words of commentary and a prayer.



Pictured is Director Clint Ashley, center, speaking on the importance of remembering the lives lost on this tragic day in America.

Boswell Adopt-A-Friend

Boswell's Adopt-A-Friend program off to great start

It's been a busy summer in many ways, including the revitalization of Boswell's Adopt-A-Friend program. The program allows staff to "adopt," or treat individuals to special meals, outings and treats after undergoing a comprehensive screening process and obtaining parent or surrogate approval. The renewed program has already generated tremendous response from staff located on Boswell's main campus as well as numerous community group homes and locations.

Adopt-A-Friend offers a unique way for those served by Boswell to receive one-on-one attention outside normal business hours. Just a few of the activities planned by participating staff are dining out at area restaurants, taking individuals to church, treating them to outings that include football games and movies and inviting them to their homes for holiday meals.

In some cases, staff have chosen to bring special treats to individuals in their homes or units on their birthday, holidays and other occasions.

The program is continuing to grow, with additional staff signing up each week. And Boswell's individuals couldn't be happier about the new program.

"I lost my mama, so I feel blessed that God



Ruby Dampeer, left, enjoys catching up over lunch with Chris Gaines, right, as they discuss her upcoming retirement. The two have planned other activities for the future, including going to church together.

sent me Miss Ruby," said Chris Gaines, who resides in a community apartment in Magee. "Since I've known her for years, I've always thought of her as a 'mama figure,' and now this really makes it seem real because she's adopted me," he said of his Adopt-A-Friend sponsor, Ruby Dampeer.

As for Ruby, she's excited to have the chance to spend quality time with Chris following her upcoming retirement.

"I'm retiring at the end of September and I'll really miss my individuals, including Chris," she said. "Being able to adopt him makes me feel better about leaving. I know we'll have plenty of special times together in the future and that makes me happy."

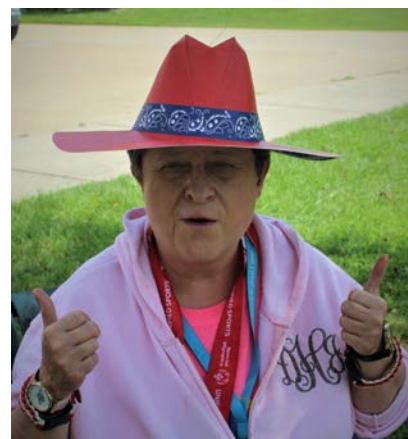


Spotlight On...

2019 Summer at Boswell was one to remember!

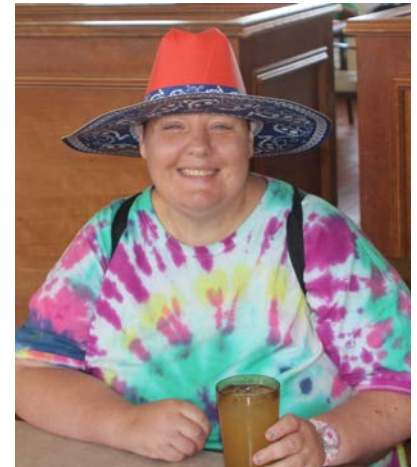
From special trips and outings, to cookouts and campus lemonade stands, to "Western Day" and watermelon cuttings, summer months at Boswell were filled with activities for individuals. Swimming at the pool was, hands-down, one of the most popular activities, according to recreation staff.

Here are just a few of the special moments individuals enjoyed in Summer '19:





More Summer fun photos





"It's hard to say good-bye..."

'Bro. Rudy' will be missed

After nearly 13 years of dedicated service, Boswell's chaplain/patient advocate Bro. Rudy Jackson said good-bye to the center and perhaps hardest of all, the individuals with whom he has worked, mentored, prayed and become close friends.

There's no way to count the church services, special programs, blessings over special events, bedside visits to ill individuals and sadly, officiating of final services Bro. Rudy Jackson performed during the years he served at Boswell. What is known is that Bro. Rudy was beloved by Boswell's individuals. With his quiet, calming speech during personal interactions that transformed into moving sermons when he was behind a pulpit, Bro. Rudy was respected and beloved by individuals and staff alike.

After much prayer and thought, Bro. Rudy decided it was time to concentrate his efforts on his ministry as a full-time pastor. It was sad to say good-bye, but everyone made sure he had a heartfelt send-off, complete with numerous hand-made cards, a special cake and a final meal in his honor staged by individuals and recreation staff.





Pastor's Corner



BRO. RUDY JACKSON
Patient Advocate/Chaplain

Special note: This is Bro. Rudy's final Pastor's Corner, as he left Boswell August 30 after nearly 13 years of service to Boswell and our individuals. It contains excerpts from two previous columns that describe him best.

True Humility

Forty thousand fans were on hand in the Oakland Stadium when Rickey Henderson tied Lou Brock's career stolen base record. According to USA Today, Lou, who had left baseball in 1979, had followed Henderson's career and was excited about his success. Realizing that Rickey would set a new record, Brock said, "I'll be there. Do you think I'm going to miss it now? Rickey did in 12 years what took me 19. He's amazing."

The real success stories in life are with people who can rejoice in the successes of others rather than letting it turn to bitterness and envy. What Lou Brock did in cheering on Rickey Henderson should be a way of life in the Christian family. Few circumstances give us a better opportunity to exhibit Christian character than when someone succeeds and surpasses us in an area of our own strength and reputation.

Philippians 2:3 (KJV)

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves."

Finding Contentment

Fanny Crosby wrote more than 9,000 hymns, some of which are among the most popular in every Christian denomination. And, for most people, the most remarkable thing about her was that she had done so in spite of her blindness.

One well-meaning preacher remarked. "I think it is a great pity that the Master did not give you sight when he showered so many other gifts upon you," Fanny quickly responded, as she had heard such comments before. "Do you know that if at birth I had been able to make one petition, it would have been that I was born blind?" said the poet, who had been able to see only for her first six weeks of life. "Because when I get to heaven, the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior."

"I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Philippians 4: 12-13

Board of Mental Health names Chair and Vice-Chair; appoints new member

In a move that began with the start of the 2019-2020 year on July 1, the Mississippi Board of Mental Health added a new member, Dr. Alyssa Killebrew, and named Dr. John Montgomery chair of the board and Dr. Manda Griffin as vice chair.

Dr. Killebrew, a clinical licensed psychologist from Madison, was appointed to represent the Third Congressional District. She has worked at LifeHelp Region 6 Community Health Center and previously served as Mental Health Director of the Youthful Offender Unit in the Mississippi Department of Corrections.



A resident of Ocean Springs, Dr. Montgomery is the Medical Director for Behavioral Health at Singing River Health Systems in Jackson County. He represents the psychiatrist position on the Board of Mental Health.



Representing the social worker position on the board, Dr. Griffin resides in Houlika and represents the social worker position on the board. She is a registered respiratory therapist, a licensed social worker and a board-certified family nurse practitioner.



Childhood friends from TB Sanatorium days reunite at Boswell



Growing up at “The San” was an idyllic experience, especially with a best friend by your side. The daughters of founder and administrator Dr. Henry Boswell and hospital physician, Dr. Charles Walker, grew up playing together on campus as children and remained teenage friends until they moved away from home. All total, the Boswell family lived on campus for nearly 40 years and consider it home.

The ladies traveled to Boswell with family members to drive through the grounds, reminisce about the homes in which they lived and view favorite campus spots like the auditorium and lake, the sites of many adventures. Looking at photos and memorabilia in the museum also provided fresh memories of days gone by. Afterwards, the two friends enjoyed having lunch in Magee with family members.

One last drive through “The San,” was the perfect ending to a memorable trip.

Pictured are Peggy Boswell Johnson, left, and Jane Walker Trammel at Boswell’s lake, previously known as Lake Sanatorium.

September 1 - 31

2019 Art Exhibit

**Lincoln Lawrence Franklin Regional Library
In Brookhaven**

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Boswell Regional Center**



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