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Boswell's landscape is rapidly changing as the four new buildings that will be replacing Jaquith are progressing. We are excited about these new residential facilities for the individuals we serve. Due to advanced planning over a 10-year period, Boswell has been able to afford to fund this project without it affecting the current budget. (See photos on Page 3)

Work is also continuing on Goodwater Group Home (damaged by last year's tornado).

We have had a busy sum-

mer with one of the highlights being our annual Arts Fair which was held on Aug. 27th. (See pictures on Page 6). A special thank you to all the staff and individuals involved in the performances and those individuals who had pieces entered in the art show.

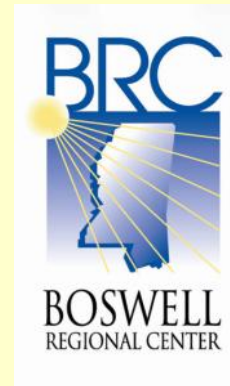
Our choir gave a special performance in September at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Hattiesburg. We have had an ongoing relationship with this church. They provide Christmas presents each year for the individuals and we appreciate them so much for making Boswell their focus at Christmas-time.

Boswell observed a "Day of Diversity" (Page 3) and all involved enjoyed the "Hee Haw" event (photos on Page 4) both held October 14th .

We are looking forward to a busy, but enjoyable holiday season.

Mission Statement

Boswell Regional Center provides Mississippians with intellectual and other developmental disabilities a comprehensive array of service options promoting independence and an optimal quality of life. Through an active partnership of individual, family, staff and community, these service options are designed to enhance each individual's quality of life through teaching skills which aid in reaching personal potential.



BRC BULLETIN

The Boswell Bulletin is a publication of Boswell Regional Center. The Bulletin is published free of charge to inform the public and interested family members and individuals about Boswell Regional Center activities, policies and progress.

This publication also serves to provide information to those interested in intellectual disabilities and the individuals served at BRC.

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It is the policy of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health and each facility to recruit, employ, and promote qualified employees and applicants without regard to race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability. The Department of Mental Health/Bureau of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. It is the sole purpose of this act to provide a clear mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

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On the cover...

Pictured on the front is one of the four buildings that will replaced the Jaquith Building on campus. This building has a beautiful view of the lake.

Boswell welcomes visitors to campus

The Simpson County Development Foundation's Leadership Institute class visited Boswell and toured the Work Activity Center in August. David Tedford, at right, is showing a mailbox that's ready to be shipped. The class also visited other areas of the WAC to see the steps involved in assembling this product.

The Leadership Institute is a joint project of SCDF and Copiah-Lincoln Community College, utilizing the resources of Co-Lin Work Force Education and the facilities of the Co-Lin Simpson County Center.



Day of Diversity celebrated



Boswell celebrated the annual "Day of Diversity" Oct. 14th with an exhibit of items from various countries. This year's focus was on Central America.

Pictured at left, are Jim Brewer and Roy Montz, who have traveled to Honduras several times on mission trips. They are pictured speaking with Lisa Bryant, Director of Support Services while Dr. Kathleen Patterson looks at some items Janna Means brought from Indonesia.

Thank you to all employees who brought items for display and came to support the event.

Replacement project underway

Pictured are Boswell's new residential buildings in various stages of construction.

These four buildings will replace the building currently used to house 140 individuals on campus, Jaquith.

It is estimated that these buildings will be completed by March 2011.

These buildings were built with funds Boswell was able to save over a ten-year period for this purpose.

In the first picture, the water tower pictured in the background was torn down several months ago.



Scenes from “Hee Haw”



Individuals and staff alike enjoyed “Hee Haw” a night of fun, food, and entertainment

The event was sponsored by the Education Department.

Disco with the Stars

The 70's return to Boswell!



Art Show



BRC retirees recognized

Three Boswell retirees were honored over the past few months following Director's Meetings.

Pictured below is Pat Byrd, who retired from Therapy Services. She is pictured with Assistant Director Steve Allen.

Pictured at bottom left is Cathy Prince. At retirement, she was working as Administrative Assistant to the Director. She is also pictured with Steve Allen.

Pictured at bottom right is Margaret Graham, who was working in Records Management at the time of her retirement.

Boswell congratulates these retirees and wishes them the best!



Boswell remembers

The BRC flag flew at half mast in remembrance of Billy Duckworth, retired Boswell employee. He was the father of recent retiree Margaret Graham and Linda Berry (Switchboard); the father-in-law of Johnny Graham (Chief of Security) and the grandfather of Ashley Berry (Medical Services). Mr. Duckworth not only worked as a maintenance supervisor at BRC, he was also employed by the MS State Sanatorium.

Boswell also flew the BRC flag at half mast for Clara Bell, one of our individuals at Boswell. She will be greatly missed by individuals and staff. A memorial service was held in the Campus Chapel.



Employee Info

- Employees are reminded that for the next calendar year (beginning in January) that no over the counter medications or other products will be compensated through the Flex Plan.
- Although all appointments for the Memory Screening, which will be conducted by Kathy Van Cleave on Nov. 16th, have been taken you can still submit your name to be called in the event of a cancellation or for a future screening. The screening takes approximately 20 minutes. Please contact Kathy Pittman at ext. 75021.
- A Book Fair to benefits the Friends & Family Association will be held on Monday, Nov. 29th from 9:30 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. in the Training Center. You'll find some great Christmas gifts!
- This year's Christmas Show, "Christmas, Don't Be Late" will be held on Friday, Dec. 10th at 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Be sure to contact the Public Relations Dept. to submit your department's act for the lineup.



Ms. Linda Dennis of Magee, who is employed in Boswell's Community Services Division, was selected for the Direct Care Worker Scholarship Award given by the Division of Alzheimer's Disease and other Dementia. Ms. Dennis received free registration for the 11th Annual Conference on Alzheimer's Disease and Psychiatric Disorders in the Elderly.

Ms. Dennis demonstrates a very passionate and caring demeanor and takes the initiative to provide an array of opportunities for the elderly individuals she serves.