



HUDSPETH REGIONAL CENTER NEWSLETTER

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MAY DAY!

Now that the inflatable water slide has been deflated and the water-soaked clothes have dried, let's talk about May Day. The annual day of fun took place on May 22nd behind the Chastain building and around the amphitheater. Once again, the Recreation Department arranged a host of enjoyable activities for the day.

The activities included basketball, a water slide, a dunking booth that doubled as a fundraiser for the Employee Incentive Recognition Committee, water guns, water balloons, musical performances, bag mania, and a concession stand.

T&J Concessions Food Truck stopped by to served some hot and delicious fair foods. Their menu included Polish sausage, Cowboy nachos, funnel cakes (my favorite), corn dogs, chicken on a stick, pulled pork sandwiches, and loaded fries.



CANTON FLEA MARKET



On May 10th, the Kosciusko Group Home spent a day of shopping at the Canton Flea Market. The Canton Flea Market is a timeless Mississippi tradition of shopping from local vendors. These residents took advantage of the lovely weather to do just that.

EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations to Floretha Smith (Direct Care) and Billy Smith (Support Staff) the Employees of the Quarter (1st quarter)! Floretha is a Residential Service Supervisor at Kosciusko Group Home. Billy Smith is a member of the Maintenance Department. Your labor has not gone unnoticed. Keep up the good work!





National Nurses Week was May 6-12th. HRC's nurses were gifted with personalized Yeti cups from the HRC physicians.

"Nurses dispense comfort, compassion, and caring without even a prescription." —Val Saintsbury

Teacher Appreciation Week was May 6-10th. The HRC campus teachers were treated to a catered lunch sponsored by their supervisors.

"A good teacher is like a candle—it consumes itself to light the way for others." —Mustafa Kemal Atatürk



The Winners' Corner

Ulysses Brown is a part of the HRC Maintenance Department. He recently competed in the Mississippi Special Olympics at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS where he earned two silver medals. He competed in the 50-meter walk and softball throw.

When asked what his favorite thing about the MS Special Olympics was, he said, "The ceremony....going to Biloxi." "Practice" was his response when asked how he prepared. Congratulations, Ulysses! You've made HRC proud!



Kisha Morgan works in HRC's Central Records Department, and she competed in the recent Special Olympics of Mississippi as well. She's been competing in the MS Special Olympics for 11 years. She recently earned a gold medal in the 50-meter dash, a silver medal in the 400 x 1-meter relay, and a silver medal in the running long jump.

When asked what her key to winning was, she said, "Practice makes perfect." Getting to hang out with her friends was Kisha's favorite part of the Special Olympics according to her. Congratulations, Kisha! You are among HRC's finest!



In loving

MEMORY OF CURRENT AND FORMER HRC EMPLOYEES



*Miss me a little, but not for long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that once we shared
Miss me, but let me go.*

Excerpt from obituary

Kitia Craft, Dietary Services



"It's hard to believe Ricky is gone, but he will be missed. His passing makes me thankful for each day I get to see."

Chuck O'Conner,
Maintenance Director

Ricky Smith, Maintenance



"He was a mighty man of God, a great father and friend. Someone to look to if you were ever in the dark and needed a little light. He was an amazing husband to his loving wife. We will see you in Heaven."

Will Redden, Son

Wayne Redden, retired Maintenance



*I could not stay another day,
to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I've found now peace at the end of the day.*

Excerpt from "I'm Free" by Shannon Lee Moseley

Michael Hobbs, Unit I Direct Care Services



"Hollis loved barbecuing. He was just a real nice fellow. He did all he could for the individuals. He really loved them. He would help anybody, and he's truly missed."

Aurelia Reddy, Home Living & Recreation

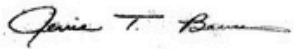
Hollis Peters, retired Unit I Education

The Director's Note

Summertime is here, and HRC has already kicked off its outdoor festivities. May Day was the perfect event to get the summer started, and the Recreation Department did not disappoint. Thank you to the Recreation Department for their hard work and everyone who came out to enjoy one of HRC's most anticipated days.

I'd like to wish all the fathers an early Happy Father's Day. Please remain hydrated this summer, and be mindful of the trends in COVID + cases. Continue to practice the protocols that are in place. Continue washing your hands and sanitizing your spaces as frequently as possible. Do not hesitate to get tested if you begin experiencing symptoms.

Sincerely,



Jerrie T. Barnes
Facility Director



HRC's newest t-shirt was co-designed by Charles O'Conner, Information Systems. Orders must be submitted to Timila Bell no later than June 3rd.



Charles O'Conner

Important Dates in June

- 3-6th: Orientation
- 11th: MANDT Recertification
- 16th: Father's Day
- 19th: Juneteenth
- 21st: CPR Certification
- 22nd: Family Day

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