



PSH&JC Newsletter



March 2006

Vision Statement: People experiencing the highest quality of life regardless of the challenges.
Mission Statement: To improve lives by connecting people with supports and services.

Letters Bring Happiness

The other day I was cleaning in the basement. I found old letters my mother had saved from my grandmother. I somehow was able to tear myself away from my cleaning to read some of the letters. The news wasn't current but certainly entertaining. My grandmother passed away 40 years ago but it was as if we were sitting together chatting over a cup of coffee.

Yes, I want everyone to feel sorry for me cleaning on my day off, but more important are the letters and the happiness they brought both then and now. Many individuals residing on campus would enjoy being on the receiving end of letters and cards. If you have a few extra minutes or are a member of a club, church group, or sorority that is looking for a project, I have just the thing. Be a pen pal. Your cards will provide enjoyment now and for days to come.

If you don't have time now, you might read this again at a later date and find the time is right. For information on becoming a Pen Pal email me at jxls@srskansas.org or call 620-421-6550, extension 1726. Or drop me a line!! My address is 2601 Gabriel, Parsons, KS 67357.

Lynn Stover

Happy Birthday

- Juanita Alloway
- John Bode
- Diana Buckley
- Marcia Dyer
- Amanda Garland
- Evelyn Harper
- Richard Hefley
- Brigette Heiskell
- Darin Hernandez
- Donna Jay
- Joe Kinder
- Laura Kinsch
- Eugene Lubbers
- Olivia Lyons
- Karen Mahan
- Shannon Martinez
- Dixie Moore
- Lisa Patterson
- Ronald Payne
- Carol Salsbery
- Karla Shultz
- Fena Taylor
- Pamala Ward
- Heather Wilkes
- Kathy Jo Wofford
- Jared Workman
- Paul Yanez
- Charles B.
- Philip H.
- Darien L.
- Timothy S.
- Colette W.
- Ruth K.
- James M.
- John M.
- Donald M.
- Judith M.
- Bayate C.
- Kelsey P.
- James B.
- Kimberly M.
- Joanne H.

Welcome Wagon

Please welcome these new employees. Introduce yourself and help them to feel welcome. If you have someone new to your area, consider having a welcome dinner or lunch. If you have a new employee on your loved one's cottage, consider dropping them a card or note welcoming them and introducing yourself and telling them something special about your loved one.

Ash Cottage:

Mario Nance-Temp.

Aspen Cottage:

Jessica Kinder-Temp.

Elm Cottage:

Zachary Webster-MH/DD Tech. Trn.

Amanda Garland-MH/DD Tech. Trn.

Eisen Shelton-MH/DD Tech. Trn.

Jennifer Keeling-Temp.

Holly Cottage:

Jonathan Walker-Temp.

Maple Cottage:

Donna Snider-Custodial Worker

Spruce Cottage:

Sarah Vollmer-Temp.

Cafeteria:

Kasia Madl-Temp.

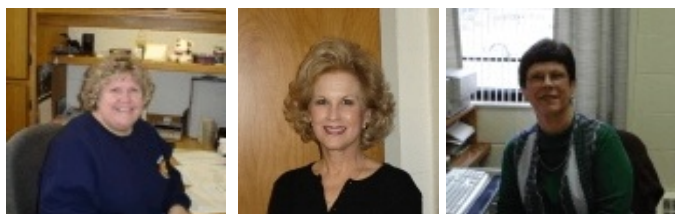
Safety & Security:

Christopher Smith-Security Officer

Around Campus

Photos by: Roger Browning

What is your favorite Winter Olympics Event?



Connie Bolt:

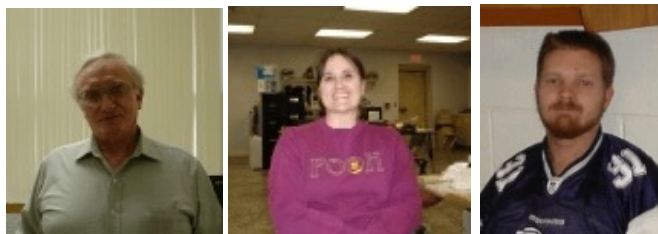
Oh, I love the Winter Olympic Sports. I don't know if I can narrow it down, but I think I like the mogul ski races the best.

Sherri Auvigne:

I have not watched much, but probably skating. There are several I like.

Laura Hummer:

Oh!!! The ice skating!



Nick Heit:

I haven't watched it at all this year but probably the ski jumping.

Tammy Bruner:

Speed skating. I like that one.

Charles Bortz:

I've been watching all of it and my favorite is speed skating.



Terry Bennett:

I like ice hockey.



Richard McKenzie

Speed skating - when they race around the track.

St. Patrick's Day Specials

- Pot of Gold / Balloon (Mylar)\$5.38 (Filled with Hershey's)
- Balloon (Mylar)/ Candy Bag \$5.38
- Irish Mug (plastic)/pop/ Balloon (Mylar) \$8.07
- Ask about Shamrocks/Ivys
Can add to Any Order

The Greenhouse x1758
Free Local Delivery (620) 421-6550

Self-Advocacy Valentine's Party

The Adult Self-Advocacy group held a Valentine's party on Feb. 13, 2006. The party was scheduled to start at 7:00, but many were anxious to meet their dates and start the party. Terry was the head of the planning committee that put the party together. This gathering was meant for members to bring dates and introduce them to the group, to encourage more residents to join.

All the cottages had a representative, even if all the residents from the cottage couldn't or chose not to come. Food, dancing, decorations and sweetheart pictures brought people together. "Thank you" to those of you that put in time and support to make this a success. The party ended around 9:00, however everyone is still talking about it. Pictures will be developed and shared.



Jeremy and Faye enjoyed the Valentine's Day dance sponsored by the Advocacy group.

Fun in Tulsa by: Faye Garrett Resident Reporter

A group of residents from Pine Cottage went to Jenks, Oklahoma to see the aquarium. We saw all kinds of different fish. We really enjoyed it a lot.

The group that went was Tina, Cindy, Faye, Kelly, Georgia, Coral, Lauren, and Jeri.

While we were there we also did some shopping and ate out for supper.



Forensics Program Underway by: Faye Garrett

I talked to a group of residents that are in forensics this year. They are sure glad it started after not having it in 2005.

In forensics each resident is given a part to practice. Then after so many practices the group puts on a program. They have a banquet and supper and get rewards for doing their best.

The head of the group is Becky Koehler. Other staff members help her.

Grab Your "Rock" and Roll

It's that time of year!! "The rocks" (that's what the cool people tell me you call a basketball) are flying. The nets have been rehung. The high top shoes are laced. Basketball season is in full swing and the fun has begun.

The Parsons team competed in the Area Special Olympics tournament taking 1st place. Way to go guys!! Their participation in the tournament qualifies them for the state competition in Hays, March 16th-18th. The team includes: Steve, Larry, Roger, Don, Dusty, David, and James.

The tournament will be held at Fort Hays State University and the team will be staying at Motel 6. If you're out west in mid-March, come watch them grab "the rock" and roll!!



Roger Browning spots the camera during a break in the action at the Special Olympics Kansas Southeast Basketball Tournament. The team took first place in the tournament going undefeated and claiming the gold medal!

Success Stories of the Month

Rashelle Walker

"I am proud of myself for being an independent person."

Nathan Smith

"Nathan has become a different person since he started living here at PSH&TC, and says his life has changed for the better. He is a better worker and gets along with friends and peers very well" says Josh Dick.

Campus Calendar

- Mar. 1 Ash Wednesday
- Mar. 16-18 Special Olympics Basketball - Hays
- Mar. 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 17-19 Endowment bus - Wichita
- Mar. 20 Spring begins
- Apr. 2 Daylight Saving Time begins
- Apr. 9 Palm Sunday
- Apr. 14 Good Friday
- Apr. 14-16 Endowment bus - KC and Wichita
- Apr. 16 Easter
- Apr. 21 Special Olympics Aquatics - Pittsburg
- Apr. 26 Special Olympics Powerlifting - Pittsburg
- Apr. 27 Special Olympics Spring Games - Pittsburg
- Apr. 28 Special Olympics rain date

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