

PSH&TC Newsletter

Parsons State Hospital
and Training Center

****Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services Celebrates 35 Years****

**You are cordially invited to join us in celebrating
35 years of serving Kansans.**

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**Parsons State Hospital & Training Center Cafeteria
2601 Gabriel Avenue, Parsons, KS 67357**

September 11, 2008 · 3:00 to 4:30 PM

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*To protect children and
promote adult self-sufficiency*



It has been quite a year for SRS with the establishment and adoption of the agency's strategic direction. Embracing a strategic and future oriented approach that ensures alignment of agency resources with the core goals of proactively improving customer outcomes, reducing the need for crisis intervention related services, strengthening agency relationships with partners and Kansas communities, and using reliable data to facilitate customer success and the intentional capacity building of staff is a significant SRS milestone. This milestone falls concurrent to the agency's 35th Anniversary. As an opportunity for further promotion of the Strategic Plan, knowledge sharing, and celebration of both agency and customer achievements, SRS will host a series of anniversary celebrations. The celebration events will advance the agency's commitment to comprehensive leadership development through the theme "Past, Present, and Future Leaders." Additionally, the celebrations will provide staff an opportunity to reconnect with the agency's mission and honor their commitment to serving Kansans.

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ADA Celebration

On July 26, 1990, President George H. W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This historic legislation provided a mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities. The ADA reflects our Nation's faith in the promise of all individuals and helps to ensure that our Nation's opportunities are more accessible to all. In recognition and celebration of this day, Southeast Kansas Independent

Living (SKIL) held the annual anniversary party. The celebration was held downtown at the SKIL office and we participated in full force. PSH&TC set up a tent and distributed Gary J. Daniels Rodeo brochures, Rights and Responsibilities brochures, and free snow cones. Individuals took turns working the booth as well as enjoying the other activities downtown. Special thanks to the maintenance guys, Donnie Wheeler, Ben Foster, Cheryl Brees, David Smith, Bev Cline, and all the

other volunteers for their help with the booth!



Ben, Cheryl, and Carol help set up PSH&TC's Booth

Vision Statement

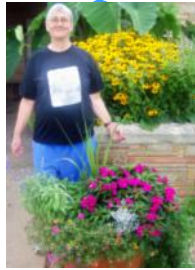
People experiencing the highest quality of life regardless of the challenges.

Mission Statement

To improve lives by connecting people with supports and services.

Gardens on Campus

Even with the hot weather, gardens across campus look wonderful. All cottages look great. We would like to feature Cedar and Maple cottages in this issue. Cedar used composted leaves from Pittsburg, fertilizer from the horse barn and numerous other organic fertilizer items to make their home beautiful. Every year, cannas and elephant ear bulbs are wintered to use again the next year. This is one of Cedar's year long projects. During the winter, they bring their plants inside to brighten their home. The residents are learning a life-time leisure skill that they all enjoy. The residents shown in



the pictures have purchased their plants and take care of their own "little garden". Sal also comes over from Maple to help with weeding and just to visit friends.



Maple has also started to brighten their cottage with container flowers! Marvin has been busy in the evenings keeping up with the watering and weeding.



Maple's Garden Beginnings

For their first year, they have done great! Keep up the good job.



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Thank You

"My family and I would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the wonderful people at PSH&TC, for the gracious supports offered following the loss of our home to fire on July 2nd. People were awesome being there to show their concern, kind words, monetary donations, phone calls, emails, personal items, and so much more. May God bless you all!" ~Alan, Susan, Clint, and Austin Morris

"Thanks to everyone for sending your can tabs to me. I learned while getting a tour of the Ronald McDonald house that they trade these tabs to the Coca-Cola Company for cans of pop. Please continue to save your tabs. I really appreciate this." ~Linda Brown, Accounting Office

"A heartfelt thank you to everyone for the farewells and good wishes upon my retirement. It has been a privilege for me to have been a part of a place where such great people work and make a difference. Bless you all." ~Carol Carland

"Thank you very much for the lovely hanging basket in memory of our brother. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated." ~The Family of Bill Jungles (John and Deb Jungles)



John Leon and Jack Darrow prepare fireworks for the 4th of July Celebration on Pine!

August Birthdays *"Have a Wonderful Birthday!"*

Laverne Ashcraft
 Sherri Auvigne
 Gail Beach
 Alan Bernson
 Jack Bettenbrock
 Cheryl Brees
 Faith Bridgewater
 Stephen Brinson
 Sandra Brownwell
 Roger Browning
 Tammy Bruner

Clay Burton
 Kathy Campbell
 Sara Campmier
 Johnie Carter
 Bill Chapman
 Kim Cox
 Bradley Daniels
 Larry Dewey
 Joshua Dick
 Kenneth Dickerson
 Shiloh File

Robert Fredrickson
 Gary Hardesty
 Gary Harris
 Kim Henderson
 Michael Humbargar
 Ezekiel Ireland
 Billy Jackson
 Tonya Jones
 Jessica Kinder
 Sharon Kline
 Rebecca Koehler

Gina Madore
 Christopher Manis
 Carolyn Martin
 Jason Mathis
 Kathleen Matney
 Stephen McKinzie
 Joan Mullen
 Ronald Myers
 Sharena Overall
 Shawn Page
 Renee Patrick

Oliver Redmond
 Kenneth Rogers
 Christopher R.
 Deborah Ryan
 Judy Schmidt
 Juston Smith
 Kenneth Smith
 Michael Sparks
 Howard Strong
 Karen VanLeeuwen
 Robert Webster, Jr.



Eric Westhoff
 Sean Westhoff
 B.W. Williams
 Suzanne Williams
 Jenny Winter
 Terry Yeubanks
 David Zenner

Mark your calendar and make plans to volunteer for the 27th Annual Gary J. Daniels Sunbelt Rodeo. The rodeo will be Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7, at our Rodeo Arena located on the Parsons State Hospital grounds. "Go-Rounds #1 and #2" will both be on Saturday, Sept. 6, and "Finals" will be Sunday morning, Sept. 7, followed by lunch, and then division awards will be given out.

We want to thank the many volunteers who have supported our annual rodeo in the past. We are extending an invitation to you to serve as a volunteer once again and to anyone who may like to help for the first time. As in the past, lunch and dinner will be provided for volunteers on the day(s) they are working. You are also invited to attend the Rodeo dance Saturday evening.

The success of the Rodeo depends on support and assistance from many volunteers as we cheer on our residents and the many other out-of-town participants.

Please join us for a good time at the Rodeo! If you would like to volunteer, please call Tammy Bruner at Ext. 1927 or Marlys Shomber-Jones at Ext. 1726.

Parsons Low Vision Workshop

Kan-SAIL (Kansas Seniors Achieving Independent Living) Instructors will teach ways to successfully continue everyday activities that may have become difficult for people 55 or older and have a visual impairment or be legally blind.

Dr. Rothstein, M.D., will speak on diseases of the eye. A friend or family member is allowed to attend. Kan-SAIL will provide workshop and lunch, all at no cost.

PLACE: First Christian Church
 Fellowship Hall
 1500 S. 29th
 Parsons, KS 67357

TIME: Tuesday, August 19, 9am to 4pm
 Wednesday, August 20, 9am to 4pm
 Thursday, August 21, 9am to 4pm

Call to pre-register. For more information call: **1-800-547-5789 or 785-296-3311**

<http://www.srs.ks.gov/rehab/>

Soldier Remembers PSH&TC Residents

Sitting on a table by the front desk in the Administration Building is an American flag with its white stars on the dark blue background showing through the glass of the box that encases it.

Before being placed in the box, the flag was flown on Oct. 17, 2007, over Zone VI at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, in honor of the residents who live here on behalf of SFC Derek Greenough of Parsons. In honor of those at Spruce Cottage and all of the other 198 residents at PSHTC, Greenough flew the flag above the camp where he is

stationed. "It was so thoughtful," said PSH&TC superintendent Jerry Rea. "We are just so proud of Derek for him to make this sacrifice for his country and for the people who live here. His family should be as proud of him as we are. He is still in our prayers for his safety."

If anyone would like to send letters or items to Derek or his unit, please contact Marlys Shomber-Jones at Ext. 1726 for his address.



Jimmy Meyer and Darryl Rankin pose with the American Flag that was flown over Zone VI, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, in honor of the residents of PSH&TC at the request of SFC Derek Greenough of Parsons. Greenough is serving in Kuwait for the Army Reserves.

Welcome New Employees

It's good to have the following new employees with us. You are part of an organization which is proud of its accomplishments that have made PSH&TC a first-rate facility for the residents that we serve. Not only the residents, but the well-being of our employees is important to us. "Best wishes for fulfillment in your new position at PSH&TC!"

Ash Cottage

Douglas Hornback, Temp
 Charles Mack, Jr., Temp

Holly Cottage

John King, Temp

Laundry

Michael Thompson, Temp

Maintenance Department

Robert Steeby, Temp

Maple/Oak Cottages

Max Nehrbass, MHDD Tech. Trn.

Nursing Service

Stephanie Carson, LPN Sr.

Oak Cottage

Marla Wellen, Temp

Security Department

Robert Niebaum, Temp

Switchboard

Niki Carson, Sr. Administrative Assistant

Vocational Department

Jamie Dodd, Greenhouse

Bobby Jacobsen, Greenhouse

Braden L., Laundry, Storeroom, Hickory Creations

Joe Roland, Detail Shop

Willow Cottage

Chad Martin, MHDD Tech. Trn.

Erin Parker, Temp

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Campus Calendar

- 8/7 *Adult Resident Advocacy Group, 3:30 PM, Cafeteria*
- 8/10 *Buddy Bass Fishing Tournament—Pittsburg*
- 8/15 *Bowling Training School—Pittsburg*
- 8/15-17 *Endowment Bus—Wichita*
- 9/1 *Labor Day*
- 9/6 *PSH Advisory Board Mtg., 10:30 AM, Admin. Bldg.*
- 9/6-7 *27th Sunbelt Rodeo—PSH&TC, Parsons***
- 9/7 *Adult Resident Advocacy Group, 3:30 PM, Cafeteria*
- 9/11 *SRS 35th Anniversary Celebration, SE Region—3PM
PSH&TC, Parsons*
- 9/14-20 *Housekeepers Week*
- 9/19-21 *Endowment Bus—Kansas City*
- 9/22 *Unified Golf for Athletes—Parsons*
- 9/27 *State Soccer & Bocce—Olathe*

Zumba to Resume in August

Zumba (pronounced ZOOM-buh) is a “move fast and have fun” dance exercise with a Latin beat. Gina Webster, instructor, invites staff and residents to the classes that will resume in August. She will send an email about the resume date. Classes are held in the Recreation gym from 12 to 12:45 p.m. There is no cost. To sign up, contact Gina at Aspen Cottage (Ext. 1614).

It’s a great fitness workout. Try it, you will like it!

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