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PARSONS STATE HOSPITAL AND TRAINING CENTER

## 28th Annual Gary J. Daniels Sunbelt Rodeo

By Marlys Shomber-Jones

Over 338 participants from four states



were not disappointed at the 28th Annual Gary J. Daniels Sunbelt Rodeo. All events were held at the new Zimmerman Family Riding Arena due to heavy rains earlier in the week. Even though modifications had to be made to the schedule, all staff and volunteers made the events happen by working hard to get everyone a chance to compete in all their events.

We had cowboys and cowgirls from Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, and the first year from Nebraska! Our Top Cowboy and Cowgirl contest was expanded to include Green and Yellow Divisions this year with the generous

donations of engraved buckles from S&S Western Wear, DeLange Seed Co. and the Endowment Association. Winners were determined by top combined individual scores.



The winners this year were:  
Red Division:  
John Mills from Lab. Co. Riders and Helen

Maple and Mary Lou Howard, Wichita ARC.

Yellow Division: Darien Lewis, Ash and Michelle Conner, Successful Dreams.

Congratulations to the overall winners in each division.

The Rodeo Committee recognized Ray Vitt for his 28 years of service to the Rodeo! John Spare and Steve McKinzie were also recognized for their years of dedicated service to the rodeo.

The Committee would like to say "Thank You" to all the volunteers who participated, helped run an event, donated or contributed in any way! The event would not be possible without the generous gift of your time and efforts.



Will-Gallego from Wichita ARC.

Green Division: Dustin Hensley,



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### 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.



## Ben Foster's Confirmation

By Chaplain Gloria Young



Episcopal Church. Ben studied for ten months to get ready for his confirmation day. He was excited. It was also the 150th anniversary of St. John's Church, with a dinner that followed. The girls' basketball team at

On September 30, 2009 Bishop Wolfe of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas confirmed Ben Foster into St. John's

Labette Community College served the meal and Ben enjoyed all of their attention.



Bobby Jacobsen "teeing up" on #1 at the SO Golf Tournament at the PGC on September 14, 2009.

### PSH&TC and Endowment Association Job Fair/Business Expo 2009

PSH&TC Cafeteria  
Wednesday, October 14  
9am — 1pm  
Booths-Giveaways-Drawings

### and Assistive Tech Fair

The Speech & Hearing Dept. will have tables of assistive devices and equipment available for everyone to view.

### COMMUNITY PLACEMENTS

Congratulations and best wishes to Donnie Wheeler and James Pitt. Donnie will be living in the Parsons community and James has returned to his mother's home to live.

## Red Fridays—This is to honor our military

Very soon, you will see a great many people wearing Red every Friday. The reason? Americans who support our troops used to be called the "silent majority." We are no longer silent, and are voicing our love for God, country and home in record-breaking numbers. We are not organized, boisterous or overbearing.

Many Americans, like you, me and all our friends, simply want to recognize that the vast majority of America supports our troops. Our idea of showing solidarity and support for our troops with dignity and respect starts with us — and continues each and every Friday until the troops all come home, sending a deafening message that "Every red-blooded

American who supports our men and women afar, will wear something red."

The first thing a soldier says when asked, "What can we do to make things better for you?" is: "We need your support and your payers." Let's get the word out and lead with class and dignity, by example, and wear something red every Friday.

## October Birthdays

Virginia Allen  
George Anderson  
Sean Anderson  
Teresa Anderson  
Katherin Aragon  
Tammy Auman  
Kristina Baker  
Marsha Baker  
Patty Baker  
Jessica Bernal  
John Blake  
Josh Bolt  
Santa Broadwell

Micheal Brown  
Twila Brown  
Carolyn Browne  
Frank Chapman  
Nikki Collins  
Jack Darrow  
Sean Deason  
Becky Dhooghe  
David Ellis  
Michelle Fontelroy  
James Fox  
John Hicks  
Jessica Holeman



Delisa Hoppes  
Janet Jackson  
Angela Johnson  
George Kane  
Odell Kendrick  
Bill Leuty

Delbert McDaniel  
Brenden McRay  
Virginia Merman  
Christina Middleton  
Mike Miller  
Frank Narducci  
Wanda Newland  
Nhut Nguyen  
Teresa Reed  
Kristie Richards  
Leslie Roberts  
Jo Dee Rye  
Joshua Shaw

Nola Shaw  
David Smith  
Lea Smith  
Bridgette Sutton  
Kaycee T.  
Barry Webster  
Marlene Wegner  
Billie White  
Charmaine W.  
Barbara Winkler  
David Woodworth  
Joseph Wyatt  
Wayman Young, Jr.

## Open Enrollment for PSHTC Health Insurance & HealthyKIDS Program By Nealette Little, Human Resources



Open enrollment for active PSHTC employees is scheduled for October 1 through October 31, 2009 for the State of Kansas Employee Health Plan (SEHP), the Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA), HealthyKIDS, and declaration of employee's Tobacco User status for Plan Year 2010 (PY2010). The following information applies for this Open Enrollment period.

In order to be able to qualify for the non tobacco user discount, it will be necessary for an employee to go to the open enrollment website to declare their tobacco user status. If an employee does not declare their tobacco user status on the open enrollment website, the employee will be defaulted to the base rates and will not qualify for the non tobacco user discount in 2010.

HealthyKIDS program enrollment is done through the employee open enrollment website—no paper claims are to be submitted for 2010.

An employee **must go** to their Employee Self Service Center account to complete their 2010 benefit plan enrollment. The link to the Open Enrollment web portal is:

<http://www.accesskansas.org/employee/>

An employee **must go** to the Open enrollment website to:

1. To view their current enrollment elections
2. To make health plan coverage changes including adding or dropping their own coverage, adding or dropping dependents which may result in a coverage

level change, electing voluntary vision coverage, or changing pretax payment status

### 3. To declare their tobacco user status for Plan Year 2010

4. To participate or renew participation in a Flexible Spending Account for Plan Year 2010

### 5. To apply for HealthyKIDS program (ENROLL ON-LINE THIS YEAR)

There will be an open enrollment meeting **Wednesday, October 14, at 1:00 p.m. in the PSH&TC Auditorium. Please make plans to attend.**

If you have further questions, call Nealette Little at Ext. 1790.



**Corporal Daniel L. Cox**  
U.S. Army  
July 19, 1986—Sept. 12, 2009

We extend our sympathy to the Cox family and a gratitude of thanks for Daniel's service to our country.

Daniel's father, Kim Cox, works on Ash Cottage.

## Final Church Camps for Fall 2009

**By Chaplain Gloria Young**

The final New Adventure Church Camp of the season was held on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. This year, residents from Parsons, Leavenworth, Ottawa, and Kansas City gave us a total of 16 campers and 5 staff. The weather was absolutely perfect! No rain or strong winds and great temperatures provided us a great fun time for a hay rack

ride, fishing, horseback riding and archery. Unfortunately, the fishing was poor. Don Combs, our fishing expert and teacher, was with us this fall. He announced that this camp was his last and so we will be looking for another "fisher person" for the two May and one September camps.

On September 22<sup>nd</sup> Ash Cottage loaded up 13 residents and 6 staff for their annual overnight church camp and we headed north to Camp Chippewa. Once again the weather was absolutely perfect for camping. Fishing was great and over thirty were caught and released. Camp fire, cook out, so much fun!

**Worlds of Fun discount tickets for Halloween Haunt are available in the Human Resource Dept. Halloween Haunt weekends are Sept. 25—Nov. 1. Save up to \$10 per admission. For more information, visit [Worlds of Fun at www.worldsoffun.com](http://www.worldsoffun.com).**

## Welcome New Employees!

*"Best wishes for fulfillment in your new position at PSH&TC."*

### Ash Cottage

Joshua Green, MHDDT Trn.  
Eduardo Sebastiani, Jr, Temp

### Aspen Cottage

Katrina Fernandez, MHDDT Trn.

### Birch Cottage

Elaine Housley, Custodial Spec.

### Dietary Dept.

Terri Thompson, Temp

### Laundry

Bobbi Jones, Temp

### Nursing Service

Katherine Bradford, LPN

### Oak Cottage

Jessica Holeman, MHDDT Trn.

Jamario Kindrick, Temp

Nick Robertson, MHDDT Trn.

### Pine Cottage

Kayla Manues, MHDD Tech.

Jerry Wilson, Temp

### Security Dept.

Randy Badgett, Safety/Security Off. I

James Scaletta, Temp

### Spruce Cottage

William Fausnaught, Jr, MHDDT Trn.

Christopher Jones, Temp

### Vocational Department

Clay Burton, Furniture Assembly

### Willow Cottage

Trisha Bowman, Cook Senior

Richard Thorpe, MHDDT Trn.

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## Thank You

Thanks to everyone for the thoughts, prayers, and for sending the beautiful plant when I lost my dad.

**Barb and Mike Duling**

## Campus Calendar

- 10/1 Adult Self-Advocacy Mtg., 3:30 PM, Cafeteria
- 10/5-9 Customer Service Week
- 10/5-11 Healthcare Food Service Week
- 10/14 Job Fair & Business Expo and Assistive Tech Fair 9am-1pm, PSH&TC Cafeteria
- 10/14 State Employee Health Plan Open Enrollment Mtg., 1PM, PSH&TC Auditorium
- 10/16 Boss's Day
- 10/16-18 Endowment Bus—Kansas City
- 10/23 SE Bowling Tournament—Pittsburg
- 10/24 Make A Difference Day—The national day to help others, the 19th annual day.
- 10/24 Adopt-A-Highway
- 10/31 Halloween
- 11/1 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 11/3 Election Day
- 11/5 Adult Self-Advocacy Mtg., 3:30 PM, Cafeteria
- 11/11 Veterans Day
- 11/20-21 SE Fall Sports Classic—Kansas City
- 11/25-29 Endowment Bus—Kansas City & Wichita
- 11/26 Thanksgiving Day

## National Healthcare Food Service Worker Week is October 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

We would like to thank our Cottage Cooks for all of their hard work and dedication day in and day out. Thank You!



*"Where people come first!"*



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