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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.

COMPANY OLYMPICS CHAMPIONS—2009 EIGHTH YEAR RUNNING!

Congratulations! PSH&TC has continued our reign as Company Olympics Champion for the 8th year in a row! The Rec. Commission divided the teams differently this year and added new events, but we rose to the challenge and came out on top! The committee would like to personally thank

all employees for your contribution to this year's success at Company Olympics. We would also like to acknowledge those employees and residents who were not able to attend or participate but supported PSH&TC through teamwork, attendance at the events, cooperation and collaboration by

rearranging your schedules and assigned tasks so that others were able to attend and participate. Our victory would not have been possible without the "ENTIRE" team working together. The committee would like to say "Thank You" again for all that you do for PSH&TC.



Voc Areas Re-Locations

During the next two weeks, the following vocational sites will be moving to begin the renovation of Hickory Cottage. All phone extensions will remain the same.

- Hickory Creations and Furniture

assembly to south side of Chestnut basement.

- Bike shop to north side of PT building.
- Packaging to Cafeteria next to Dog Biscuits.

After moves are completed, Bob Ong will start new employment enclave (staining and varnishing), BW Williams will return to oversee the wood shop with Bev Cline as CTS for area.

God Is So Good — John 3:16 By Chaplain Gloria Young

A little boy was selling newspapers on the corner, the people were hurrying by going in and out of the cold. The little boy was so cold that he wasn't trying to sell many papers. He just wanted to be warm!

He walked up to a policeman and said, "Mister, you wouldn't happen to know where a poor boy could find a warm place to sleep tonight would you? You see, I sleep in a box up around the corner there and down the alley and it's awful cold in there for tonight. It's so cold and it sure would be nice to have a warm place to stay."

The policeman looked down at the little boy and said, "You go down the street to that big white house and you knock on the door. When they come out the door you just say John 3:16, and they will let you in." So he did. He walked up the steps and knocked on the door, and a lady answered. He looked up and said, "John

3:16." The lady said, "Come on in, son."

She took him in and she sat him down in a split bottom rocker in front of a great big old fireplace, and she went off into another room. The boy sat there in front of that warm fire for a while and thought to himself: John 3:16—I don't understand it, but it sure makes a cold boy warm.

In a little while, she came back and asked him, "Are you hungry?" He said, "Well, just a little. I haven't eaten in a couple of days, and I guess I could stand a little bit of food." The lady took him into the kitchen and sat him down at a table full of wonderful food. He ate and ate until he couldn't eat anymore. Then he thought to himself: John 3:16—Boy, I sure don't understand it but it sure makes a hungry boy full.

When he was finished, she took him upstairs to a bathroom to a

huge bathtub that was filled with warm water, and he sat there and soaked for awhile. As he soaked, he thought to himself: John 3:16—I sure don't understand it, but it sure makes a dirty boy clean. You know, I've not had a bath, a real bath, in my whole life. The only bath I ever had was when I stood in front of that big old fire hydrant as they flushed it out.

The lady came in and she left him soft fluffy towels to dry with and she gave him some warm clean clothes to wear. In a short while she came back and she took him to another room, and she tucked him into a big old feather bed, she pulled the covers up around his neck, kissed him goodnight and turned out the lights. As he lay in the darkness and looked out the window at the snow coming down on that cold night, he thought to himself: John 3:16—I don't understand it but it sure makes a tired boy feel safe, warm and sleepy and he fell fast asleep!

The next morning the lady came back to his room, gave him clean

clothes and dry shoes to wear and then she took him down to that same big table full of wonderful food. And once again he ate and ate until he was full. After he had eaten, she took him back to the room where that same big old split bottom rocker was that he had set in the night before. He sat down in front of the fireplace and she picked up a big old book. She explained to him that this big old book was a Bible. She sat down in front of him and looked into his young face.

"Do you understand John 3:16?" she asked gently. He replied, "No, Ma'am, I don't. The first time I ever heard it was last night when the policeman told me to come here, knock and say John 3:16." She smiled, opened the Bible to John 3:16 and began to explain to him about Jesus, how God so loved us that he gave his only begotten Son that all might live. Right there, in front of that big old fireplace, the little boy gave his heart and life to Jesus. He sat there and thought: John 3:16 ~ don't understand it, but it sure makes a lost boy feel safe.

Welcome New Employees! *"Best wishes for fulfillment in your new position at PSH&TC."*

Aspen Cottage

Brandon Johnson, MHDDT Trn.
Sarah Petersen, MHDDT Trn.
Lesley Stringer, Temp

Cedar Cottage

Norman Long, MHDDT Trn.

Nola Shaw, MHDD Tech.

LaShawn Wade, MHDDT Trn.

Elm Cottage

Christel Vaughn, Custodial Spec.
Joseph Wyatt, MHDDT Trn.

Nursing Service

Patricia Sears, Temp

Oak Cottage

Nicholas Robertson, Temp

Pine Cottage

Terri Good, MHDDT Trn.

Brianna Gudde, MHDDT Trn.

Vocational Department

Amanda Ross, The Greenhouse and The works

Sarah Stanley, SKIL

Willow Cottage

William Fausnaught, Jr., Temp

September Birthdays

Jason A.
Marilyn Baker
Pamela Ballejos
Donald Barret
David Beam
Tina Beery
Patricia Bennett
Jeffrey Bruce
Marvin Capps
Stephanie Carson
Pamela Colbert

Amy Collins
Tina Correll
Jimmie Darkis
Delvin Davolt
Julia Edmond
Regina Edson
Ashli Fothergill
Eric Fuller
Sharon Giefer
Patricia Gilkey
Charlotte Groberski

Brianna Gudde
Ryan Heydenrych
Mark Hopper
Sharla Hopper
Terri Jennings
Doris Kellogg
Gail King
Doris Kellogg
Jamie King
Greg Lambkins
Matthew Law

Charleen Lawson
Julia Loadholtz
Elizabeth McRay
Rema Menon
Timothy Miller
Susan Morris
Kevin Mosier
Lelia Nance
Max Nehrbass
Teresa Parker
Craig Potter

Darryl Rankins
Charles Reeme
Rick Ray
Joseph Robertson
Gaylord Skibbe
Jamey Schmidt
Bobby Shears
John Simmons
John Spare
Eric Stockebrand
Charles Thomas

Robin Whitley



“Bingo Night” By Tim Sanders

The first “Bingo Night” was a great time! I’m glad that so many people could come to it. I’m sorry that everyone did not win, but don’t worry you will have another chance soon! We are planning on having bingo at least twice a month. The Maple cooks did an awesome job of preparing the snacks, and Oak Cottage has already volunteered for bringing the snacks and prizes for the

next time! Thanks again to Bev and Marlys for donating some prizes, and we already have people donating some for next time! I hope to see you all again at “Bingo Night,” hosted by yours truly, Tim Sanders.

See ya all soon, Tim.



TIM CALLING OUT THE NUMBERS AT BINGO NIGHT.



BOB ZIMMERMAN INTENTLY WATCHING HIS BINGO CARD.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SHERI DIXON WHO WILL BE



REPRESENTING PSH&TC IN THE 2009–2010 LEADERSHIP PARSONS CLASS!

Healthy and Delicious Recipe

By Lauren Edwards, RD, LD

Summer is almost over. Now is the time to enjoy summer’s best fresh fruits before it is too late. Try this recipe for a refreshing fruit salad with your favorite summertime pick.

Fresh Fruit Salad

1 cup cantaloupe, cubed
1 cup blueberries, washed and dried

1 banana, sliced
½ pint strawberries, sliced
Juice of 1 lemon
1 Tablespoon of honey
Pinch of salt

Toss fruit in a large bowl. In a small bowl, whisk together the lemon juice, honey and salt until combined. Pour dressing over fruit and combine. Refrigerate until

ready to use.

This recipe can be made with any of your favorite fruits. Some fruits are at their peak flavor in the summer time—apricots, blackberries, blueberries, cherries, raspberries, strawberries, cantaloupe, honey dew melon, watermelon.

28th Gary J. Daniels Sunbelt Rodeo

By Tammy Bruner, Rodeo Volunteer Coordinator



It is time once again for the Gary J. Daniels Sunbelt Rodeo here at PSH&TC! All the Cowboys and Cowgirls are practicing and getting all excited about hosting the rodeo again this year. It is going to be a great time for everyone.

The rodeo will be Saturday and Sunday, September 12th and 13th, at our Rodeo Arena located on the Parsons State Hospital grounds. "Go-Rounds #1 and #2" will both be on Saturday and "Finals" will be Sunday morning, followed by lunch, and then ceremonies for all division awards will be given out.

We want to thank the many volunteers who have supported our annual rodeo in the past. Volunteer help is vital to the success of the rodeo. With that said, we are extending an invitation to you to serve as volunteers 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. Everyone who volunteers also will receive a T-shirt and drink ticket. You are also invited to attend the Rodeo dance Saturday evening.

The success of the Sunbelt Rodeo depends on support and assistance from many volunteers. You may contact me or Marlys Shomber-Jones at Parsons State Hospital and Training Center, (620)421-6550, ext. 1927 (Tammy), or ext. 1726 (Marlys), or email us, Tammy.Bruner@pshtc.ks.gov or Marlys.Shomber-Jones@pshtc.ks.gov, with your response. Please let us know by September 9, 2009. We guarantee you will have a good time at the Rodeo! The schedule of events includes:

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

8:00–9:00 A.M. Workshop to assess riding skills of out-of-town participants
9:00-10:00 a.m. Grand Entry & Team Pictures
10:00-12:30 p.m. Go-Round #1
12:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch at the arena
1:30-4:00 p.m. Go-Round #2
5:00-6:00 BBQ in the Cafeteria
7:30-9:30 p.m. Rodeo Dance—Cafeteria Parking Lot

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

8:00 A.M. Church services at the arena
9:00 a.m. Outstanding Volunteer Awards
9:00-12:30 p.m. Finals
11:00 a.m. Lunch & Awards in the Cafeteria (Yellow & Purple Division)
12:30 p.m. Lunch & Awards in the Cafeteria (Green & Red Division)

If inclement weather, the schedule of events will be adjusted.

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THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who said a prayer, sent a card, brought food, had a thought about any of us or dad, offered words, anything that anyone did.

A special "thank you" goes out to Ron Malmstrom, Phyllis Middleton, and Terry & Linda Ryburn.

All thoughts and prayers were greatly appreciated and welcomed.
Thanks so much!

The families of Charles M. (Buck) Bush

Campus Calendar

9/1	PSH Endowment Board Mtg., 12-1 PM
9/3	Adult Self-Advocacy Mtg., 3:30 PM, Cafeteria
9/7	Labor Day
9/12	PSH Advisory Board Mtg., 4 PM, Administration Bldg.
9/12-13	28th Sunbelt Rodeo—PSH&TC, Parsons
9/13-19	Housekeepers Week
9/18-20	Endowment Bus—Wichita
9/21	Unified Golf—Parsons
10/1	Adult Self-Advocacy Mtg., 3:30 PM, Cafeteria
10/5-9	Customer Service Week
10/5-11	Healthcare Food Service Week
10/8-9	SE Bowling Tournament—Pittsburg
10/14	Job Fair & Business Expo 9am-2pm, Location TBA later
10/16	Boss' Day
10/16-18	Endowment Bus—Kansas City
10/24	Make A Difference Day—The national day to help others, the 19th annual day.
10/24	Adopt-A-Highway (see below)
10/31	Halloween

Adopt-A-Highway—October 24, 2009

An opportunity for residents and staff to give back to our community, PSH&TC has adopted a two-mile stretch of highway to be cleaned of litter. The pickup location is south of Parsons on US Highway 59 starting at the first mile south of Labette Health. To volunteer, contact Kelly Buske, ext. 1797, Becky Stich, ext. 1601, or Mona Smith, ext. 1739.



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