

Employee Appreciation Day a Huge Success!!!!



Employee Appreciation Day was held on Saturday October 18th at the Katy Drive property. The day was filled with activities, food and a lot of good times! Awards were given to those who celebrated anniversaries for years of service as of 2008. Prizes were given to those who won games as well as door prizes. Special thanks is given to all of those who helped in putting the day together. Sandra Dickerson, Shereen Ellis, Misti Mustain, Beth Engels, Tom



Winners of Prizes and Awards from Employee Appreciation

Years of Service

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| Susan Lynch (Attendant Care) | 10 years of service |
| Virginia Standley (Parent Support) | 10 years of service |
| Sandra Dickerson (Dir. of Bus. Op) | 15 years of service |
| Jackie Rector (Board Member) | 15 years of service |
| Nancy Boegel (Board Member) | 15 years of service |
| Tommey McLarty (Board Member) | 25 years of service |
| Kirk Wyckoff (Board Member) | 30 years of service |

Awards given based on Employee Votes

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| Jon Tower (CMA) | Road Runner Award |
| Haley Mordica (Children's CM) | Energizer Bunny Award |
| Mustain Mustain (Adult CM Coor) | Worm Award |
| Norma Cunningham (Therapist) | Bull Dog Award |
| Nancy Dorsey (Corp. Comp.) | Grace Award |
| Michelle Vance (Therapist) | Ray of Sunshine Award |
| Melissa Stephens (Med. Rec.) | Laugh Out Loud Award |
| Natasha Robinson/ | |
| April Cormany (Reception Staff) | Gemini Award |

Door Prizes

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| Nancy Dorsey (Corp. Comp.) | Cordless Drill |
| Kenisha Morton (Psychosocial) | Leather Purse |
| Michelle Vance (Therapist) | BBQ Set |
| Kathrine Shelton (Psychosocial) | Wristlet |
| Melanie Phillips (Children's CM Tm Ldr) | BBQ Set |
| Donna McElroy (Data Entry Clerk) | Crystal Picture Frame |

Schibi, and Melanie Phillips all worked very hard to achieve the goal of providing an entertaining day for everyone. Activities included an inflatable obstacle course, an inflatable bungee cord race, moonwalk, and several other games. Kids and adults were all able to find something fun to do! Food was provided by Sirloin Stockade and, from all reports, was wonderful!. The weather stayed nice and all were able to enjoy a relaxing afternoon spent with coworkers and family.



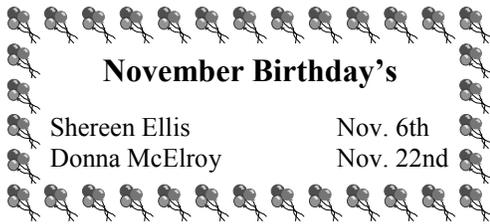
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Inspirational Quote: To be happy, we must not be too concerned with others.
Albert Camus

Don't Forget to Vote on Tuesday November 4th. Remember, every vote counts!!!

Congratulations to all those who won prizes and awards!



November Birthday's

Shereen Ellis Nov. 6th
Donna McElroy Nov. 22nd

Changes with Business Office Staff and Positions

There will be some changes in the business office over the course of the next few months. April Cormeny will be leaving the center, which means there will be a new face at the front window in the office. Also, Kim Horn, who is currently HR/Payroll, will be moving to the position of LPN once she has passed her upcoming LPN licensure test. This will be a step in the process toward becoming an RN Vanessa Cohen will become the new face in HR/Payroll. Vanessa is currently the intake clerk in the front office. There will be a new hire to take her position as the intake clerk. Vanessa will begin training for her new position around the first week of December, however she will remain at the intake desk until a new employee has been hired and trained in that position. Congratulations to both Kim and Vanessa on these changes. Although at times, change can be a difficult thing, and maybe even a little scary for some, we should embrace it as a good and positive thing. These changes for Kim and Vanessa are both exciting and positive. We look forward to meeting the new employees who we will soon see in the front office.

Employee to Attend Conference in Atlanta, Georgia

KU is sponsoring Virginia Standley, Parent Support Specialist, to attend a Federation Conference in Atlanta, GA. The title for the workshop she will be attending is "Promoting Positive Mental Health Through Sustainable Family-Driven and Youth-Guided Initiatives". Since the 1990s, parent-to-parent support services have been integrated into Kansas children's mental health system of care. This conference will serve as a means to learn how this service promotes early access to resources for families with youth who are at risk for mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders and removes barriers to total health and well-being, such as stigma, bias and discrimination. Attending with Virginia will be Kathy Byrnes from the KU Research Team as well as Sherry Luthie and her son Brad from the Wichita area.

Farewell to April Cormany

Best wishes to April in her new career. April's last day with the center will be November 7th, 2008. April has been an employee of LCMHS since June 21st, 2004. She started at the Center doing children's attendant care and was then moved to the office staff as an intake clerk. She currently is a receptionist at the front desk. Good Luck to April in all she does and we wish her the best!

There will be a farewell potluck lunch for April on November 7th at 12:00 pm in the multipurpose room of the main building. We hope everyone is able to attend and wish her well on her journey. The office will be closed during this time and the phones will be rolled over to the Consortium. Please be sure to notify any persons this may affect. Everyone is encouraged to bring a covered dish and enjoy the lunch.

New Employee

Lorraine Royer was hired on October 13th as a new addition to the attendant care staff.
Welcome Lorraine!!



Money Raised For Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October was National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Advances that have been made in the medical field towards the cure of breast cancer are absolutely remarkable. However, there are still many who suffer from breast cancer and there is always more research to be done. During the month of October we did a small scale fundraiser for Breast Cancer Awareness. Every Friday during the month of October, Employees could wear tennis shoes for the cost of \$1.00. The money will be sent to the Susan G. Koman For a Cure Foundation. Thank you to all who participated in these efforts. Every dollar counts when it goes for the research of such an important cure!

LCMHS Employees Volunteering with the Free Clinic in Parsons

Jonathan Tower, CMA at LCMHS, began volunteering with the free clinic in Parsons on October 2nd, 2008. He will be volunteering one Thursday of each month with the clinic. He will be assisting with the ordering, entering, and dispensing of the medications that are given to the patients by the doctors at the clinic. He will especially be focusing on the Patient Assistance Programs that are utilized for many of the medications prescribed by the clinic.

Also, Kim Horn, HR/Payroll, volunteered for the free clinic on October 2nd of 2008. Kim is working towards getting her RN degree. She will begin volunteering at the free clinic one Thursday a month after she acquires her LPN license. In December, Kim will take her licensure test to become an LPN.

Good luck to Jon and Kim in this endeavor. We all appreciate community support and volunteer work.



Veteran's Day is on November 11th. Please take this day to remember all of those who have served and are currently serving our country with pride and honor. LCMHS will be close on Tuesday November 11th in observation of Veteran's Day.

Our Vision ~ Provide the highest quality of comprehensive services to empower the people and communities of Labette County. We envision fulfilling and meaningful lives for those we serve.

Our Mission ~ Create hope and opportunities for life change by providing education, support, consultation and therapeutic behavioral health services to the people and communities of Labette County.

November is

- American Diabetes Month
 - Diabetic Eye Disease Month
 - Epilepsy Awareness Month
 - National Adoption Month
 - Lung Cancer Awareness Month
 - National American Indian Heritage Month
 - Pursuit of Happiness Week November 8-14
 - World Kindness Week November 9-16
 - National Family Week November 22-28
 - Use Your Common Sense Day November 4th
 - National Parents as Teachers Day November 8th
- And last but not least!!!!**
- National Chicken Lady Day November 4th



Monthly Trivia

October Answers

Gerald Ford (1974-1977)

The winner was:

Cendie Shelton

The winner for the drawing for those who found the mistake in the last newsletter was:

Jessica Ramsey

The mistake that was made was in the monthly birthday section, it said September instead of October.

However, there were other mistakes found as well! Great job proof reading everyone!!!

Bonus Questions:

The shortest president:

James Madison (1809-1817): 5 foot 4 in. and less than 100 lbs

The tallest president:

Abraham Lincoln (1861-1865): 6 foot 4 inches

The first president born as a US citizen - Martin VanBuren (1837-1841) born on December 5th, 1782, making him the first president to be born after the signing of the Declaration of Independence!



Trivia Question of the Month

What was the first Department Store to hold a Thanksgiving Day Parade? (Hint: It's **not** Macy's!)

Halloween at Mental Health!



It was Halloween at the center once again. Although there were no ghosts or goblins, we did have a few of our very own trick or treaters! Along with those who dressed up, candy was available at the front desk for any kids who wanted to say the words. Of course, as always, the term kid is used rather loosely!!! There were a few rather tall versions of "kids" who tricker treated the front desk as well, however most of them forgot to say those magic words!



American History in November

Nov. 1st, 1950 - Assassination attempted on Harry S. Truman.

Nov. 2nd, 1889 - Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, leaders of the women's suffrage movement, are stopped trying to vote.

Nov. 6th, 1860 - Abraham Lincoln was elected President in one of the most significant presidential elections in American History.

Nov. 7th, 1805 - Lewis and Clark sighted the Pacific.

Nov. 9th, 1960 - John F. Kennedy was elected as the youngest president.

Nov. 11th, 1918 - World War I ended.

Nov. 14th, 1971 - Mariner 9 becomes the first spacecraft to orbit another planet when it reaches Mars.

Nov. 17th, 1973 - Richard Nixon makes his famous "I am not a crook" speech concerning the fallout over Watergate.

Nov. 19th, 1620 - The Mayflower came into sight of Cape Cod and then turned south.

Nov. 19th, 1863 - Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address.

Nov. 22nd, 1963 - President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

Nov. 24th, 1963 - Lee Harvey Oswald was shot by Jack Ruby.

Nov. 26th, 1789 - Thanksgiving Day was celebrated upon George Washington's request.