

Nation of Patriots Ride Through Parsons

On Friday July 16th, a group of motorcyclists came through Parsons riding Harley Davidson motorcycles and on a mission. Cycle Connections, located in Joplin Mo, gladly took part in the 2010 Patriot Tour. Their responsibility became to carry the United States flag from Joplin to Wichita. As the group pulled into Parsons and approached the corner of 16th and Main, they were greeted by approximately 200 Parsons residents, waving flags and cheering them on their journey. The group then proceeded to Ernesto's Mexican restaurant for lunch. Labette Center for Mental Health was proud to take part in this amazing event, in conjunction with Labette Community College.

The call regarding the event had come in from Sunrise Media Group on Tuesday July 13th. Through a series of efforts by SMG, Mr. Matthew Atteberry, Monica Simpson, LCC, as well as many others, a plan was conceived and the event was able to take place. It was an amazing site to be present on the street and see the turnout of patriotic citizens come out to cheer on the cyclist.



The 2010 Patriot Tour has a series of cyclists escort the flag through the entire continental United States in support of our military troops, past, present, and fallen, as well as their families.

From the Nation of Patriots website:

The Nation of Patriots was formed to provide financial support to the families of wounded men and women that volunteered their lives in the preservation, protection and future of The United States and all of its citizens. In a small room of a small bar in a small town of Wisconsin on a cold night in December a small group of people formed this organization under the idea that we the people must honor all of our service men and women, especially those wounded in their servitude to us and our country. So was born The Nation of Patriots.

We are an independent, non partisan, 501(C)3 non profit organization that draws strength from patriotic Americans from all over the country. While we partake in ordinary fundraising activities we strive to launch major campaigns on a national level to promote the awareness of the physical, emotional, and economic misfortune that our wounded veterans and their families are living with today and everyday.

We believe that it's our civic duty to help these men and women in any way possible. As we're a young organization with a very creative team our start is with the family's financial distress. As we grow, as more and more patriots come forward to join our ranks we will lend different arms of support in hopes to honor those we have for so long taken for granted.

- WJS III - Founder -

Labette Center received a letter from Mrs. Nancy Hutson where she stated, "I cannot imagine how my heart could be any more touched by the help of so many for the Nation of Patriots Ride to escort the Flag on it's journey across the United States. In fact, when we crested the hill there in Parsons and saw the incredible turnout from your community and the effort that you put forth . . . it brought tears to my eyes! And the heart that went in to giving the honor to the Flag that it so deserves. . . . For all of this, we are forever grateful!" The full letter can be found on the bulletin board located in the break room of the main building.

Company Olympics

Company Olympics will begin on Sunday August 1st. For those who have already signed up, you will receive a schedule for the events you are signed up to participate in by Friday July 30th. During the week of the Olympics, you will receive a babble each morning reminding you of the events you have for that day as well as the results from the night before. We look forward to a fun and team building week! Below is the current roster of events and who is signed up at this time. If you would still like to participate, we still have slots open! We hope to see everyone there and even if you are unable to participate, feel free to come by and cheer on your team!

Sunday August 1st

Water Balloon Sling Shot

Gary Dodds
Ashley Hernandez
Lashawn Taylor
Kenisha Morton
Jessica Ramsey
Asha Patel

Coed Softball

Gary Dodds
Zach Schibi
Nikkii Rosenstiel
Leigh Ann Omarkhail
Brittini Murphy
Adam Westhoff
Jonathan Tower
Dustin Gudde
Christi Mills
Ahsa Patel
Jessica Ramsey
Tom Schibi
Lashawn Taylor

Monday August 2nd

Golf

Ashley Heady
Asha Patel
Steve House
Lashawn Taylor

1.5 Mile Walk/Run

Leigh Ann Omarkhail
Gary Dodds
Trinette Craddock
Misti Mustain
Susan Lynch
Mandy Shaw
Beth Engels
Natasha Purcell
Katee Martin
Lyndsey Cranor

Still need more participants!

2 Person Ping Pong

Christi Mills
Asha Patel
Gary Dodds
Adam Westhoff

Tuesday August 4th

3 Point Shooting Contest

Gary Dodds
Zach Schibi
Dustin Gudde
Tom Schibi
Still need 2 women!

3 on 3 Basketball

Gary Dodds
Leigh Ann Omarkhail
Zach Schibi

Disc Golf

Adam Westhoff
Gary Dodds

Donut Eating Contest

Gary Dodds
Still need a female participant!

Wednesday August 5th

Coed Sand Volleyball

Gary Dodds
Brittini Murphy
Leigh Ann Omarkhail
Adam Westhoff
Christi Mills
Jonathan Tower
Dustin Gudde
Asha Patel

Horseshoes

Adam Westhoff
Tom Schibi
Zach Schibi

Round the Mound

Gary Dodds
Leigh Ann Omarkhail

Karaoke

Gary Dodds
Still need more participants!

Thursday August 5th

50 Meter Free Swim
Adam Westhoff
Still need a female participant!

Coed Water Tug-O-War

Gary Dodds
Jessica Ramsey
Christi Mills
Steve House
Lashawn Taylor

Obstacle Course

Gary Dodds
Leigh Ann Omarkhail
Ashley Hernandez
Jonathan Tower
Susan Lynch
Mark Mikel
Asha Patel
Christi Mills
Adam Westhoff
Dustin Gudde
Still need more participants!

Mental Anguish

Gary Dodds
Adam Westhoff
Misti Mustain
Beth Engels
Still need one more participant!

For more detailed information on event times and locations visit our website at www.lcmhs.com and go to the employee login section. Login in and go to Company Olympics. There you will find a complete listing of events, times, and locations as well as rules and regulations for all events.



"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."

- Andrew Carnegie

No September Newsletter

There will be no Newsletter published during the month of September. I will be having my baby on August 6th, and will be on maternity leave until the beginning of October. I apologize for any inconvenience that this causes anyone. If anyone has any information that occurs during that time, please feel free to email it to me and I will be glad to review it once I return to work. It will then appear in the October edition of the Newsletter. Thank you all for your patience in this matter.



Monica M Simpson

Farewell to Haley Mills

It is with great sadness we say farewell to Haley Mills, Children's Case Manager. Haley has been with LCMHS since May 21st, 2007. Her last day with the Center will be on July 30th. We wish Haley lots of luck in all of her future endeavors!

Labette Center for Mental Health Services Pleased to Welcome Two New Therapists

Parsons, Kansas – Labette Center for Mental Health Services (LCMHS) is pleased to welcome two new therapists to their staff, Sally Pullman, LMLP, who will be working at LCMHS full time, and Matt Newton, LSCSW, who will be working at LCMHS part time. The addition of the therapists will further enable LCMHS to continue to provide services to the people and communities in Labette County.

Pullman received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology with an emphasis in Business and Technology in 2005 and a Master of Science Degree in Clinical Psychology in 2008 from Pittsburg State University. While she has a lot of experience working with children, both at Community Mental Health Center of Crawford County and Family Life Center, Pullman has worked with adults as well and truly loves working with all populations. Pullman’s practicum for graduate school took place at Osawatomie State Hospital and her internship for graduate school was at Four County Mental Health in Coffeyville.

Newton received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from Ottawa University in Ottawa, Kansas and a Master of Science Degree in Social Work from Highlands University in Las Vegas, New Mexico in 1992. He became a Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker July 31, 2000. He has previously worked for LCMHS as a therapist and has now returned. As a therapist, Newton enjoys the counseling process and working with his clients to help them find ways to address their mental health needs. When not at LCMHS, Newton stays busy working as a pastor and as a school social worker

“Labette Center is pleased to welcome both Sally Pullman and Matt Newton to our staff,” LCMHS Executive Director Matthew Atteberry said. “We feel that these individuals will be an asset to our organization and are eager to have them serving our clients.”

Visit our Website!

Check out all the changes to the Website! Visit www.lcmhs.com and see what the center is doing. There are now biographies for Management Team on the website as well. Those who have biographies are: Mr. Matthew Atteberry, Mrs. Shereen Ellis, Mrs. Sandra Dickerson, Mrs. Misti Mustain, Mrs. Beth Engels, Mrs. Nikkii Rosenstiel, Mr. Thomas Schibi, Ms. Ashley Heady, and Mrs. Monica Simpson. Be sure to let your clients know if they need any information they can check our website. There are also forms available that can be printed off. Employees can get on the website, log in and get employee specific information! If an employee needs his/her password, please feel free to contact me at msimpson@lcmhs.com

Also - Join us on **FACEBOOK!!!** Updates, quotes, mental health news, etc are posted on the Center’s FACEBOOK page on a regular basis.



The Newsletter has gone digital. For those who I do not have an email address for, a paper copy will be mailed. Please let me know if you would like to receive a paper copy so that your name can be added to the list.
Thank you - Monica

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.

In June the LCMHS website www.lcmhs.com had in July!

Mark Mikels Attends Course on Gambling Addiction

Mark Mikels, therapist and Alcohol and Drug Counselor, is attending a course through Dodge City Community College entitled “Introduction to problem gambling”. On August 28th he will complete the course and at that time will be eligible to take the test to become a Certified Gambling Counselor, Level 1. Mark will be taking the test in September.

“The course is very interesting and exciting and I am pleased to be able to learn techniques to help people with this growing problem” stated Mark.

Good luck to Mark on this endeavor. More information regarding Mark’s certification will be in the October edition of the Newsletter.

Message from Mr. Atteberry regarding HSA Cards

The "permanent" HSA debit cards are beginning to arrive at homes. While the information that comes with the card says they must be activated at a Sunflower Bank ATM, these particular cards are being activated tomorrow, July 28, so you can ignore that particular piece of information.

The PIN number assigned to this new card will arrive in a separate mailing. It will not have "SunFlower Bank" on the return address, for security reasons. It will be one of those mailings that has you fold the seams, then pull them off in order to open it. When I asked our contact at SunFlower Bank what the process would be for staff to change this assigned PIN to something else if they so chose the answer back was "When the cards are activated tomorrow morning they can call our call center, 1-888-827-5564, and have it changed to something that they prefer. The call center will ask them for a combination of their social, DOB, & DL number, in order to verify that they are who they say that they are. "

If you encounter any problems or issues with either BCBS or your HSA account, please feel free to contact Mike Keller with Hardman Benefit Plans at 316-685-5585.

August Birthdays

Cendie Shelton Therapist	August 8th
Leigh Ann Omarkhail Navigator's Aide	August 27th
Adam Westhoff Navigator's Aide	August 29th
Katee Martin Data Entry/Medical Records	August 31st

September Birthdays

Jeanne McCallum Therapist	September 8th
Rachel Philbrick Adult Case Manager	September 9th
Emily Clem Navigator's Aide	September 22nd

August Anniversaries

Dr. James Pletcher Adult Psychiatrist	1yr	August 18th
Mist Mustain CSS Coordinator	10yrs	August 28th

September Anniversaries

Virginia Standley Parent Support	12yrs	September 1st
Kenisha Morton Children's Case Manager	4yrs	September 1st
Sandra Dickerson Director of Business Operations.	17yrs	September 7th
Jeanne McCallum Therapist	9yrs	September 13th
Mary Beth Griggs Adult Psychosocial	4yrs	September 11th

August is

Happiness Happens Month
What will be your Legacy Month
Simplify Your Life Week (1-7)
National Clown Week (1-7)
Hobo Week (6-9)
Elvis Week (10-16)
National Safe at Home Week (23-27)
National Night Out (3)
National Underwear Day (5)
Odie Day (8)
Best Friends Day (15)
Friday the 13th (This is the only one in 2010!!)
Cupcake Day (18)
Mail Order Catalog Day (18)
Men's Grooming Day (20)
National Waffle Day (24)
National Toasted Marshmallow Day (30)
Love Litigating Lawyers Day (31)

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American History in August

August 1st, 1776 - The formal signing of the Declaration of Independence occurred.
August 2nd, 1610 - Henry Hudson sailed into Hudson Bay.
August 3rd, 1492 - Christopher Columbus set sail on his first voyage.
August 5th, 1861 - The first national income tax was introduced in the US, initially to fund Civil War.
August 6th, 1945 - The Atomic Bomb was dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima by order of President Truman.
August 9th, 1945 - The Atomic bomb exploded over Nagasaki.
August 12th, 1908 - Henry Ford introduced the Model T.
August 14th, 1935 - Social Security Act passed creating the Social Security program during the Great Depression.
August 18th, 1920 - The 19th amendment passed giving women the right to vote.
August 25th, 1989 - Voyager took pictures of Neptune
August 28th, 1830 - Race between 'Tom Thumb', the first locomotive built in America and a horse drawn carriage.
August 31st, 1919 - The Communist Party is formed in Chicago, Illinois.

American History in September

September 1st, 1919 - 1983 - President Reagan orders 2000 Marines into Beirut.
September 4th, 1959 - Labor Reform Act of 1959 passed which restricted the power of unions.
September 6th, 1901 - President William McKinley was shot by anarchist Leon Czolgosz. He died on September 14th from his wounds.
September 10th, 1833 - President Andrew Jackson announced that the US government will not use the Bank of the United States for deposits anymore. This causes a lot of dissension.
September 11th, 2001 - Al Quada terrorists hijacked four planes, destroyed the Twin Towers, hit the Pentagon, and had their final attempt to hit another American target foiled by the last plane's passengers.
September 12th, 1953 - John F. Kennedy married Jacqueline Bouvier.
September 13th, 1788 - New York was named the temporary federal capital of new national government
September 14th, 1901 - Theodore Roosevelt became the 26th and youngest president of the United States upon the death of William McKinley
September 14th, 1901 - President McKinley dies - He was said to be a victim of Tecumseh's Curse.
September 16th, 1620 - Pilgrims set sail from Plymouth
September 18th, 1851 - *New York Times* was published for the first time
September 24th, 1869 - Black Friday occurred when gold prices plummeted as Jay Gould and James Fisk tried to control the gold market during President Ulysses Grant's time in office
September 25th, 1890 - Yosemite National Park established.
September 28th, 1920 - Black Sox were indicted on fixing the 1919 World Series
September 30th, 1927 - Babe Ruth hit sixty home runs

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September is

AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Month
Apple Month
Children's Good Manner's Month
Mold Awareness Month
International People Skills Month
National Chicken Month
National Coupon Month
National Honey Month
National Rice Month
National Alcohol and Drug Recovery Month
National Suicide Prevention Week (5-11)
National Payroll Week (6-10)
National Assisted Living Week (12-18)
Line Dance Week (13-18)

Child Passenger Safety Week (19-25)
Deaf Awareness Week (19-25)
American Massage Therapy Week (23-26)
Banned Book Week (27-10/2)
National Lazy Mom's Day (3)
Be Late for Something Day (5)
Labor Day (6)
World Physical Therapy Day (8)
Patriot Day (11)
Video Game Day (12)
May Flower Day (16)
World Alzheimer's Day (21)
Hobbit Day (22)
National One Hit Wonder Day (25)
Shamu the Whale Day (26)
VFW Day (29)