

**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.

## CQL Reviewers Recommend Two-Year Accreditation

By Lynn Stover

Sally James and Corinne Reutebuch with the Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL) recently spent a week reviewing resident satisfaction with services at Parsons. Based on this review, they are recommending a two-year accreditation pending approval by their board. This recommendation is the result of listening to residents and trying to provide the best services for them.



The Council on Quality and Leadership reviewers, Sally James and Corinne Reutebuch, are interviewed by Tim Sanders. Tim is the editor of the Self Advocacy newsletter.

people felt safe living here and have good health care.

Some things they thought could be improved on were the frequency of community activities offered. A great variety exists, but the residents would like to go more often. They would also like to see the residents experience more reciprocal relations with others, not just paid staff.

Natural supports from those in the community should be explored.

At the exit meeting, the reviewers were very complimentary. I observed "a great respect for individuals," Corinne Reutebuch stated. She also said that, "the staff really seemed to be having a good time. They were having fun."

Other areas in which we scored very high included people using their environments and daily routines being adjusted as to when and where people eat, work, and play. They observed many adaptations that made things accessible. They felt that residents all had personal goals that they accomplished over the past year and these successes were celebrated. They also felt that



Corinne Reutebuch applauds the work of residents and staff over the past year as she announces her recommendation of a two-year accreditation from the Council on Quality and Leadership.

## Are Staff Listening?

By Tim Sanders

Corinne Reutebuch and Sally James with the Council said their job is to see if the staff are listening to people. They come to a place when they are invited. They talked to 10 residents. Their advice was to "keep on doing what you do." They said that everyone has a right to a life of dignity, opportunity, and community inclusion.

## Community Referral Placement Process

By Paul Thomas, Director of Social Work

The following procedure is based on the Community Integration Process Manual developed by the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

1. The State Mental Retardation Hospital makes the recommendation for placement based upon a team decision, parent/guardian request or resident request if supported by the parent/guardian.
2. The social worker initiates the referral process by contacting the Community Developmental Disabilities Organization (CDDO) of choice or the home county CDDO for the person residing in the facility.
3. The social worker will have a release of information signed by the guardian or the person residing at the hospital if they are their own guardian.
4. The release will be sent by the social worker to the appropriate CDDO.
5. Additional information such as the annual IPP eligibility records, BASIS reports including scores and tier rates, and any Positive Behavior Support Plan with current data will accompany the release.
6. The CDDO must respond within 120 days by following their approved referral process.
7. The CDDO is responsible for sending the referral to the Community Service Provider of choice.
8. The CDDO is also responsible for working actively with the team to ensure that a full range of choices and options within the community of choice is communicated to the team and the resident.
9. The CDDO works to ensure a smooth transition occurs and all records and funding processes are put in place in a timely manner.

## My Conference Trip

By Charles Thomas

Last month I got to go to Iowa to attend an Essential Lifestyle Planning (ELP) Conference in Des Moines, Iowa. Terry, Christina, Jennifer and Ruth also went. Five staff went with us.

Our group told others about our new Rights DVD and our Self-Advocacy Group. I felt like a movie star because I was on stage so much. Ryan Willis helped me with my speeches and he is a great guy.

We did other fun things too. One night we had "guys night out" and went to dinner and a movie. We also went swimming and got in the hot tub. We ate at a fancy Chinese restaurant and the food was good. We all had fun. We met new people and shared ideas.

## Peoples Choice Art Contest

By Mike Almond

The Art Contest was a fun event. We had over 50 voters who viewed at the showing. Greg Brewer, the Director of the LCC Art Department, was in attendance to present awards and chose his 'Best of Show.' Bobby Jacobson received that honor for his Oak Tree drawing.

Voting was done in two categories, non-original and original art works.

The results of voting were:

### Non-Original:

1st Place: Virginia Sanchez - Haunted House

2nd Place: Jennifer Johnson - Wolves

3rd Place: Kim McMichaels - Cats Playing

Honorable Mentions: Margaret Ash and Julia Reed

### Original Art Works:

1st Place: Gary Sebring - Space Shuttle

2nd Place: Christina Walker - Doodle Collage

3rd Place: Bobby Jacobson - Vase w/Flowers

Honorable Mentions: Clifford Ball, Glennis Robinson, Charles Thomas, and Rashelle Walker

We plan to have an art display at LCC during the Spring. We will keep you posted.

## Leadership SRS

By Rashelle Walker

I met with Linda Nantz and Lori Alvarado today during lunch on the Leadership SRS tour. Linda has been working on the tours for eight years (since it began), and this year is Lori's second year. She just started at the beginning of last year. Lori took George Vega's position last year. Linda facilitates all the tours throughout the year. She sets up the tours and makes sure all the participants have a place to stay and meals, in each town. Linda also takes care of the financial part of the tours. They both love their jobs and they would not trade them for any other. They told me they really like seeing different people and learning from them.

## Around Campus

Photos by Roger Browning

### What are you thankful for?



Mona Smith Ken - my husband.



Matt Law I am thankful for my mom and dad, Topeka, Kansas, the Bike Shop and Mark Swafford and Eric Bruner & my other job.



Sarah Stanley My animals, my boyfriend and my family and my friends.



Jenny Winter For my family, my friends and my health.

## Happy Birthday To You...

Paul Aders	Michael Roberts
Angela Aikins	Inez Root
Shelly Bateman	Jo Dee Rye
Eric Bruner	Roberta Sharp
Stephen Carnahan	Joshua Shaw
Vickie Cinotto	David Smith
Lori Coker	Norm Stice
Cheryl Cranor	Mark Thompson
Laura Cruse	Roger Thompson
Guyan Davis	Cynthia Trotnic
Kimberly Dixon	Jo Walker
Eric Edmond	Francis Wells
Robbie Emery	Emily Westhoff
Heidi Flora	Tonette Wilson
Chris Gilreath	Kyle B.
Dixie Hobson	Gordon B.
Nancy Holding	John B.
John Jungles	Daniel B.
Gail Kiser	Marvin C.
Sandra McClenning	Steven E.
C. S. Menon	Ronald F.
Stephen Merando	Gary H.
Darryel Neel	John H.
Robert Ong	Paul M.
Rebecca Queen	Kenneth M.
Terry Ryburn	Brian M.
Lonnie Sailsbury	Phillip P.
Ray Semrad	Jesse R.
Nhut Nguyen	Bryan V.
Eva Paulson	Christina W.
Teresa Reed	Clifford W.
Kristie Richards	

## Welcome Wagon

Please welcome these new employees. Introduce yourself and help them to feel welcome. If you have someone new to your area, consider having a welcome dinner or lunch. If you have a new employee on your loved one's cottage, consider dropping them a card or note welcoming them and introducing yourself and telling them something special about your loved one.

### Ash Cottage:

Eric Strait (MHDDT Trn)  
Tyler Johnson (Temp)

### Aspen Cottage:

Stephen Brinson (Temp)

### Elm Cottage:

Zachary Williams (Temp)  
Karen Yockey (Temp)

### Oak Cottage:

Henrietta Wyland (Temp)

### Cafeteria:

Charlotte Pierce (Temp)

### Laundry:

Joseph Robertson (Temp)

### Maintenance Dept.:

Kevin Scott (Painter)

## Employee Spotlight

By Shannon Martinez

Shanon Lansdowne has recently accepted the position of Director of Vocational Services at Parsons State Hospital and Training Center. Shanon comes with extensive experience in the field. She was employed with CLASS LTD for nine years and most recently was their Employment Coordinator. Shanon is a resident advocate for locating work and/or volunteer opportunities in the community, participating in community organizations, maintaining realistic job training environments, understanding legal issues, choices and resident's rights while promoting residents to be self-advocates. Shanon is a 2005-2006 graduate of Leadership Parsons, a 2006-2009 Leadership Parsons Board Member, a Parsons Chamber of Commerce Ambassador, and a graduate of the College of Direct Support. Shanon enjoys animals, community activities, volunteering, fund-raising, fishing, motorcycles and many more. Congratulations, Shanon!

## Competition Proves Successful

By Lynn Stover

Most everyone enjoys a little competition, and when nine of our men had the opportunity to attend a Chism Trail Sho-de-o in Clearwater, Kansas, they jumped, galloped, and rode hard at the chance.

There were a total of 55 participants at the event striving to be crowned the top cowboy. And, drum roll please . . . Terry Harrell brought home that top honor. And not far behind was Troye Gonzales taking second place.

Other competitors also did well. Charles Thomas, Matt Leeper, and Terry Bennett all finished first in their divisions. Paul Adamson brought home a third finish and Roger Browning, Steve Egge, and Ben Foster all finished fifth in their divisions.

And not to be outdone, the coaches, Steve McKinzie and Chris McMains, finished first and second respectively in the coaches' competition.

What a great day and a great time to "show off" the riding skills they have developed over the years.

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## Campus Calendar

Nov. 7	Election Day
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day
Nov. 17-18	Special Olympics bowling - KC
Nov. 22-26	Endowment bus - KC & Wichita
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving
Dec. 7	Special Olympics Christmas dance - Pittsburg
Dec. 22	Winter begins
Dec. 22-26	Endowment bus - KC & Wichita
Dec. 25	Christmas

## Thank You's

*T*hank you to all my friends and co-workers for the prayers, visits, cards, flowers, monetary gifts, and well wishes while I was off work and my fantastic welcome back to work. I feel very blessed. **Kris Baker**

*T*hank you to those who sent flowers, cards, calls, prayers or monetary donations for the loss of our daughter. **Kenneth & Carol Salsbery**

*I* would like to thank Spruce Cottage for the retirement party and those that stopped by, for all the good wishes, cards, money tree, the beautiful cake, and for the retirement award. I will miss everyone and the residents on Spruce. **Jean Chamberlain**

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