

# PSH&TC Newsletter



## Pine Cottage Happenings By JJ Johnson, QDDP

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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.*

We have had a very busy month on Pine. We just returned from the Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament. We took a total teamwork effort to state in combining athletes from Pine, Maple, and the community. The first day of competition the Falcons went 2-0. The second game was very exciting as the Falcons found themselves down 12-4 at half. A second half surge by the Falcons saw them fight back and win 16-14. The bad winter storm moved in and the competition was cut short on Saturday. The athletes and staff had a very good time.

Residents from Pine tried something new to our cottage. We took a group to Joplin to eat at a Japanese Steak House. The chef put on quite a show in working with his cooking utensils and kept our group all very involved. The Pine residents also had a great time in attending the St. Patrick's Day dance. Pine also had John Baldwin transfer back to Pine and we all want to make him feel welcome.



PSH&TC State Basketball Team

We are again getting ready for another spring of fun and excitement. The residents on Pine are eager to get to do some activities now that the warm weather of spring is on the way. We are excited about fishing, cookouts, swimming and music in the park, just to name a few activities in store. We also will be getting ready for spring activities at our local schools such as track and baseball; the residents really support their Vikings. Our residents love spring

and summer, lots of fun in the sun, float trips in Pineville, cookouts and Royals Baseball.

The staff on Pine are also going through a new experience. We are in the process of getting our Franklin Covey training completed and two of the teams are already working on making a difference in the lives of the residents we serve. Pine is staying very busy and looking forward to a great spring.

## Walk-the-Loop Day

Brought to you by the Community Resources Team

Join us on Wednesday, May 5, 2010, at Parsons State Hospital and Training Center for Walk The Loop Day!

**Time:**  
**11:00 AM to 1:30 PM**

Walk the Loop and learn about health and fitness from Ameri-

can Red Cross, Labette County Extension, Parsons State Hospital Nursing Services and Food and Nutrition Center.

**Poker Stroll**  
**Healthy Snacks**  
**Health Screenings**  
**(BP and BMI)**  
**Prizes**

### Prizes donated by:

The Shoe Dept.  
The Wellness Center  
Parsons Golf Club  
Erin's Greenhouse  
PSHTC Vocational Dept.  
(Parking available at the 29th Street Parking Lot)



**Didja' know...?**

...Chad Schuster recently moved into the community? Congratulations and best wishes to Chad in his new home!

...Maple has a new resident? Welcome to Kevin B.!

Aspen has a new resident? Welcome to Garnice H.!

...Mike Villapando and David Herndon are new employees for Copies & More, Bobby Farr at The Works and the Greenhouse, Bobby Jacobsen at Laser Designs, and Clay Burton at the Canteen? Best wishes to them in their new jobs!

**St. Patrick's Day Dance By Tim Sanders**

The S.T.A.N.D. social committee hosted the St. Patrick's Day Dance on March 17 in the gym. All adults were invited.

DJ's Charles and Noel spun tunes from 7 to 9 p.m. Winners of the night's events were:

Dance Contest: Cindy Newcomb and Clay Burton.

LIMBO winners were Ben Foster and his girlfriend Nicona.

Each winner won \$5. Refreshments were supplied by several

cottages and a good time was had by all.



**E-Waste Recycling Coming to Labette County!**



**Saturday, April 17  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
LCHS Gymnasium Parking Lot  
7th & Karner in Altamont  
\*No businesses, please!\***

*\*Collection could end earlier if large quantity of items are received. It will occur as a "drive thru." It's FREE to individuals in Labette, Neosho, Crawford, Cherokee Wilson Counties. Sorry, Montgomery County residents are not eligible. We reserve the right to refuse non-approved items.*

**Accepted Items:**

- Televisions
- Digital Cameras
- Stereos, A/V Equipment
- Cell Phones, Telephones
- Microwaves
- VCRs, DVD, CD Players

For more information, call **(620) 784-5337 or 421-7030.**

Sponsored by: City of Parsons, KU Life Span Institute, SEK Recycling, and K-State Research

and Extension.

Individuals or groups who are interested in volunteering their time can call the two numbers above.

This could be one of the last collections that we do in Labette County due to grant funding, so please share this information with anyone who might be interested in participating.



**Donald smiling big for the camera!**



**Our Falcon Basketball Team**



**Chad at his going-away party.**



**Thank You!**

Joe and I would like to thank everyone for all their cards, flowers, visits to the hospital, phone calls, food and all your thoughts and prayers while I was in the hospital and while I am recuperating at home. Even though it will be a lengthy recovery, I'm still doing well and still enjoying the visits and phone calls. Joe says the way he has felt with everyone's support is like "wetting your pants." Everyone can see the results, but only you can feel the warmth. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to be able to work with all of you!! I am looking forward to when I am all better and I can get back to work. Once again, thank you all for all you've done. It has truly been appreciated!

From all of us in the family,  
Joe, Linda, Jessica, and Adam Kinder, Trey and Kiera

## Behold A Mystery By Chaplain Gloria Young

We are walking a Path of preparation for a just Holy Journey. Today I would call us to stop and remember that despite the profound despair and helplessness of this world, despite the overwhelming selfishness of humanity, there is Hope. **We have not been left hopeless!** We have not only been told but we have been shown a profound Mystery! A Mystery that allows us to live in Divine Hope! Hope for all of humanity, hope for all of God's creation! A Divine Hope which lies in the heart of God! His Divine Love and Compassion shown through the life of His Son and the Son's sacrifice for the sins of our crazy, topsy-turvy world!

Today, you and I (with Christians around the world) are venturing down a Holy Mysterious Path; A Path that Christ walked during that first Holy week; A Path that is a part of our common story as members of Christ's Church.

The account of the events surrounding our Lord's Last Supper is found in John's Gospel and evokes deep memories and cherished beliefs in all our souls. It is here that we find Jesus standing with His elect, His

chosen and they are still in confusion, still not understanding what it is that He truly stands for, or is about to become.

The solemn account of Christ's betrayal, crucifixion, death and resurrection are part of the fabric of our lives. As we approach this Holy Path, year in and year out, we continue to grow in spirit, grace and oneness and in that growth we celebrate the profound connection between Christ and you and me. This connection is precisely what we are about as God's chosen people. In the days that lie ahead, we will each be remembering, recalling, lifting up, and celebrating these awesome, shared moments of salvation's history. We have experienced the Joyous exultation's of Palm Sunday **and now** we are asked to prepare for the depths of betrayal!

As long as we walk this earthly path, as long as we follow in the Path that He trod, then these days will always be and always remain a mystery to us. True, we do "know" what the coming events are all about; however, it is also true that the coming

events of these days remain the greatest mystery mankind has ever encountered! For in all truth, who can imagine God becoming human? Who would have guessed the depth of betrayal that God experienced? And lastly, who could believe that death was—and will always be—overcome by the powers of that very same God!

Think on this: Even though we may be unaware, it is not the memories of scripture that we have learned from our childhood which calls to us. It is the Divine mystery that beckons us; it is the Divine mystery that draws us back into the story again and again, and again. "Little Children," Jesus said that night, "where I am going you cannot come." It is an unthinkable betrayal, It is too great a trial, It is too awesome a sacrifice, It is too tragic a death, and it is too great a Mystery!

Even if we cannot truly understand this Holy Mystery, we are still invited to be a part of it! Let us open our hearts to make this Holy Journey with our Lord the best that we know how! Why, because His story has

### Bill Sears Retires, 18 Years of Service to PSH&TC



Bill and Tammy

Bill has deeply touched the lives of many residents and staff at PSH&TC in different roles. He has been a wonderful, caring individual to everyone he comes in contact with and his service and presence will be missed! We hope he does not forget us and comes back to visit!

By Tammy Bruner, Elm QDDP

changed our lives forever. Because His story can change the future of the World! And because of all these things eventually we will be able to declare along with St. Paul, "Behold, I tell you a mystery---!"

## April is National Autism Awareness Month

By Rebecca Flaton-Koehler, Director of Speech and Hearing

With the incidence now cited at 1 in 100 persons, chances are you know someone who has autism. If not, there's lots in the media today, including, Jodi Pocult's latest best seller, *House Rules*, with the main character having Asperger's Syndrome, the recent movie, *Dear John* with both a child with autism and a father with Asperger's, and the new sitcom *Parenthood* has a newly diagnosed child with Asperger's. It almost makes autism spectrum disorders sound like the

"disability to have." The reality: it is a life-long condition, which requires early and intensive interventions. Autism is a very big continuum characterized by severe difficulties in communication, socialization, and behavior. Treatment can be costly and only 11 states require private insurance plans to cover the types of therapy needed. Kansas is not one of them. If enacted, *Kate's Law* (SB12/HB2367) would require health insurance to cover the diagnosis and treatment of autism spec-

trum disorders.

Even though the fictional stories are entertaining, to learn more about autism, be sure to see the movie about Temple Grandin's life, a successful adult with autism, when it comes out on DVD. She's written many books, including *Thinking in Pictures*. Other recommended readings would be: Dr. Tony Attwood's *The Complete Guide to Asperger's Syndrome*; Fred R. Volkmar's *A Practical Guide to Autism:—What Every Parent,*

*Family Member, and Teacher Needs to Know*; and Ellen Notbohm's *Ten Things Every Child With Autism Wishes You Knew*. Or if you only read on-line [www.autism-society.org](http://www.autism-society.org); [www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org); and [www.autismtoday.com](http://www.autismtoday.com) are good resources.

If you'd like more information about the community services we provide through PSHTC's Autism Clinic, contact Rebecca Flaton-Koehler at X1682 or Dr. Renee Patrick at X1695.

## April Birthdays "Have a Wonderful Birthday!"

Billy Anderson	Jeri Dick	Connie Hersh	Rosemary Mullen	Ceretha Rettmann
Johnny Baldwin	John D.	Sara H.	Liz Munding	Joshua Robertson
Shannon Beard	Terry Duecy	Kyle Horton	Kimberly Nading	Nicholas Robertson
Linda Bennett	Barbara Duling	Elaine Housley	Todd Newberry	Clinton Sears
Robert Booker	Jared Essig	Brenda Hughes	Rosemary Nightingale	Betty Shadley
Warren Bradfield	Jon Flora	Kenneth J.	John Parrish	Jacob Smith
John Broadwell	Nathan Forkner	Matthew Ladd	Kim Patterson	Jerry Stevens
Linda Brown	Rita French	Shanon Lansdowne	Angelo Perez	Leatha Thompson
Sandra Burris	Randy Gilchrist	Tina Latta	Sarah Petersen	Joseph Truong
Sean Darlington	Connie Gudde	Tracy Light	Brenda Pierce	Allan Wahaus
Lori Davis	Tommy Haney	Aaron Martinez	Paula Porter	James Walton
Rebecca Decoff.	Robert Heape	Brian Merchant	Nicholas Poulson	Linda Woods
James Deshazer	Patrick Heavrin	Nicholas Moir	Steven Reed	Cedric Wyatt



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**Happy Easter  
to everyone!**



**Campus Calendar**

- 4/1 S.T.A.N.D. Meeting, 2 PM, Cafeteria
- 4/2 Good Friday
- 4/2-4 Endowment Bus—Wichita and Kansas City
- 4/4 Easter
- 4/17 PSH Advisory Board Mtg., 10:30 a.m., Admin. Bldg. Conference Rm.
- 4/18-24 **Administrative Professionals Week**
- 4/18-24 **National Volunteer Week**
- 4/22 SE Region Track and Field at Pittsburgh State University
- 4/22 **Earth Day**
- Week of May 6th-12th National Nurse Week**
- 5/4 PSH Endowment Board Mtg., 12-1pm, Admin. Bldg. Conference Rm.
- 5/6 S.T.A.N.D. Meeting, 2 PM, Cafeteria
- 5/7-9 Endowment Bus—Wichita and Kansas City
- 5/9 Mother's Day
- 5/31 Memorial Day



**Wednesday, April 21, is Administrative Professionals Day. Contact "The Greenhouse" for orders tailored to your request: Ph. 620-421-6550, ext. 1758 or "The Works", ext. 1731.**



*"Where people come first!"*



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