



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Special points of interest:

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On May 25th, Grassroots and Leadership will host the celebration meal for our evening shift employees. The times will be 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the Food Service Center. You may eat in or call Food Service for a delivery.

The annual Grassroots Golf Outing is set for June 11th beginning at 1:30 at Highland Lake. The cost is \$45 per individual, and that includes all your fees. You may contact me or Corey Laughlin for details.

We are rapidly coming to the end of the fiscal year, and without question we will exceed the budget reduction target that was established last July.

As I have shared on television, since we are now below the staffing numbers of 498 we are beginning to request to fill some positions as vacancies occur. We are in the process of interviews and selection for Behavioral Healthcare Recovery Attendants (8 positions) and a Maintenance Supervisor position. We were also successful in getting some help in the Powerhouse by contracting through Knowledge Services to bring back Raymond Boyd who retired last year.

I have asked Staff Development to provide a training program for all clinical staff that is involved in treatment planning. This will be required for all clinical staff, and we will be doing a refresher later this year to see how we are progressing. We have been inconsistent with treatment plans for quite some time, and this is an attempt to be consistent and not have this variability from team to team. This will begin the first part of June.

So things are looking up! The grass is getting green, the flowers are being planted, and many of the ornamental trees have been gorgeous this year. I hope you can get out and enjoy the nice weather in between the rain showers.

Have a good month.

Jeff



In the Spotlight

Jessee McCleese, RT

By Mary Chaney



Jessee McCleese is an RT on 420B and has been employed by the State of Indiana for 31 years and 9 months. He previously worked at Knights-town Children's Home for 30 years and 3 days. He has a BA from Anderson College. He puts together treatment plans and is a case manager. He also organizes off campus trips and unit cookouts. Jessee is also a CPR/AED First Aid Instructor and is authorized to teach Lifeguarding

for American Red Cross. Being of Irish decent, Jessee planned a St. Patrick's event on his unit. He also provides his clients with the opportunity to plant and harvest a vegetable garden in the courtyard. They have grown 5 different varieties of tomatoes, bell peppers, squash and eggplant. This year they plan to plant a butterfly/hummingbird garden for all to enjoy.

Jessee loves working with horses, dogs (behavioral aspects), hunting, fishing and helping others become mobile. He is an avid Civil War/history buff. He has traveled from Rush County to Brown County State Park by wagon train. This endeavor involved as many as 20 wagons (with rubber wheels) draft horses, mules and out riders on horse-

back. They were able to travel about twenty miles a day and 12 wagons finished the trip. This year he plans to ride his Harley 1,115 miles to Sturgis, South Dakota for the 71st annual convention. While attending a fishing tournament at Real Foot Lake, a silver carp (approximately 42" long and a head like a brick) torpedoed out of the water, hit him in the head, and landed in his lap as Jessee proceeded to wrestle with it in his boat. When these carp become scared, they can leap 10 feet out of the water. Jesses also won a bass tournament catching a one pound and a one pound 2 oz. bass. Not your typical fishing story. Last year he was on top of a mountain in North Carolina and there was a freak snow storm that swept in, and he says he saw God that day and it was amazing. He has met John Lyons, a world renowned horse trainer, and Kevin Van Dam, the number one Pro Fisherman of all time with winnings of over four million dollars (just for fishing). Where was that on career day? His favorite food is country cooking that he learned from Mom and Pop.

Jessee has been married to his wife Sandy for 31 years. They have two sons and a daughter, seven grandbabies ages 8 to 1 with one just born on Valentine's Day. He has lost 230 pounds and now eats right and exercises. He attributes his success to his faith in the Lord, and says he is a work in progress.

Please send us some suggestions for whom you would like to see featured in the Spotlight!

Genealogy

By Jay Wenning

Genealogy, the tracing of one's family history, is popular hobby for many individuals today. In a typical year, Richmond State Hospital (RSH) receives dozens of requests for medical records from the descendents of past patients. Unlike many other historical records available to the public, RSH medical records are confidential and not subject to the state of Indiana's 75 year Public Records law.

Unfortunately we do not have the original medical of every patient treated at Richmond State Hospital. Records keeping laws and practices have changed over the years since RSH opened in 1890. Today's retention policies require the hospi-

tal to store the complete medical record of patients for 10 years after their discharge. After the required 10 year retention period, a 5% sample of records is sent to State Archives and the rest of the medical records are reduced to the summary documents of the hospitalization. The excess medical information is confidentially shredded. The hospital has reduced medical records of patients discharged between 1979 and 1999. The medical records of all patients discharged before 1979 were destroyed (except for a 5% sample sent to State Archives). However, the hospital does have basic admission and discharge information from the register books for

patients discharged between 1890 and 1979.

Individuals requesting copies of RSH medical records for genealogy purposes may contact the Health Information Services (HIS) department at phone number 765-935-9234 or fax number 765-935-9509. You will be asked to complete an "Authorization for Release of Information" form, provide a copy of a state issued photo ID, provide proof of a familial relationship, and provide a copy of a death certificate.

Staff Development News

Training Schedule

Recertification in Bridge Building

Dates: May 5 & 20

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Staff Development

Recertification in One-man CPR

Dates: May 5 and 20

Time: 12:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Location: Staff Development

Recertification in Professional CPR

Dates: May 20

Time: 12:15 to 3:45 p.m.

Location: Staff Development

Evening shift recert in Bridge Bldg.

Date: May 20 and May 25

Time: 3:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Staff Development

Evening shift recert in One-man CPR

Date: May 16 and May 24

Time: 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Location: Staff Development

Evening shift recert in Professional CPR

Date: None scheduled until June

*Annual recerts are scheduled during your birth month.

The Basics of Epilepsy – in-service

We'll be welcoming Vaneeta Kumar from the Indiana University Comprehensive Epilepsy Center to speak on the Basics of Epilepsy.

This program emphasizes the types of epileptic seizures and first aid. Everyone who is interested in attending is welcome. Please register by contacting Staff Development.

Thursday, May 12, 2011

1 to 3 p.m.

CTC Conference Center

TB recertification class for nurses in Staff Development

Monday, May 16

12 noon to 2:45 p.m.

Cindy Wasson is scheduling nurses who need to be recertified for this class

Staff Development will be closed on May 30th for Memorial Day.

Facts About May

According to the early Roman calendar, May was the third month. Later, the ancient Romans used January 1 for the beginning of their year, and May became the fifth month. May has always had 31 days.

Several stories are passed around to show how the month of May was named. The most widely accepted explanation is that it was named for Maia, the Roman goddess of spring and growth. Her name related to a Latin word that means *increase* or *growth*.

May is one of the most beautiful months of the year in the North Temperate Zone. Usually the snow and ice are gone, and the hot temperatures haven't arrived. The first garden begins to sprout in May. The wild flowers are blooming, and the trees and grasses have turned green. Wild flowers that bloom in different parts of America are the forsythia, dogwood, violets, and jack-in-the-box. Many birds have built their nests, and mother birds are sitting on the eggs, which will soon hatch.

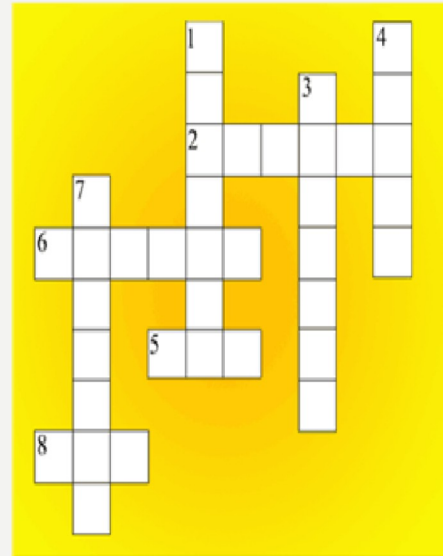
Memorial Day or Decoration Day is observed, in most states of the United States, the last Monday in May. It is a legal holiday and is observed in memory of those who died while serving the United States in war. The graves of the war heroes are decorated with flowers. It was first observed in 1866.

Armed Forces Day is celebrated the third Saturday of May. The United States honors the men and women of the military services. The Armed Forces Day Celebration combined the Army, Navy, and the Air Force in 1950. Prior to that year, they had been held at separate times.

- Emerald is the birthstone for May.
- Hawthorn and Lily of the Valley are the flowers for the month of May.



May Day Crossword



Across

2. May Day is observed in some countries as _____ Day
5. In Hawaii, May Day is also known as _____ Day
6. The May Day Bank Holiday is observed in England on this weekday in May
8. May Day also is recognized in the U.S. as _____ Day

Up/Down

1. May Day is related to this ancient Celtic festival
3. May Day is essentially a holiday for _____
4. May Day is observed on this day of the May month
7. In Finland, May Day is celebrated as a _____

Congratulations

Winner of the Birthday Card for the month of May was D'Aune Murray!

Grassroots Easter Basket was won by Michelle Poe! Congratulations Michelle!

