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HENRY POTTS CHOSEN AS A DHHS EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Henry Potts, Mental Health Security Specialist II, was recently presented with a letter notifying him that he has been chosen to represent HRC as one of the DHHS Employees of the Year for 2010. Congratulations, Henry!

Chris Martin, Youth Counselor and Henry's supervisor, presented him with the letter after Report one day on the unit. Prior to this, Henry was joking with Greg Zoucha that everybody was there to present Greg with employee of the year. Much to his surprise, Henry was the one being honored!

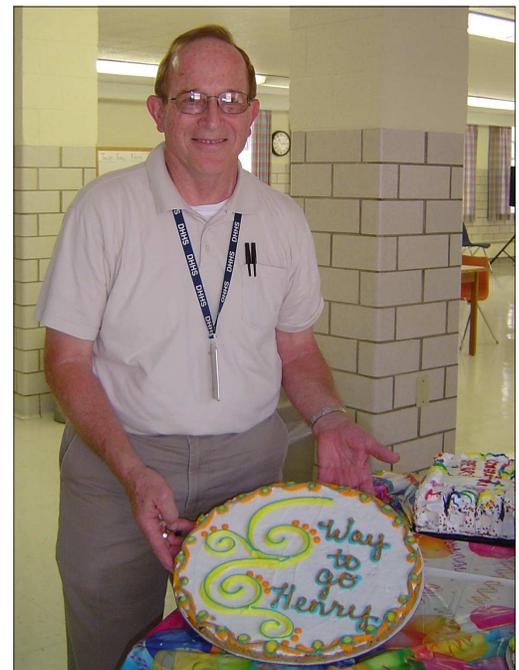
Chris expressed her appreciation to Henry and shared some of the comments from the letter: "Henry is willing to adjust his schedule to help meet the needs of the youth, his fellow co-workers and to help the facility avoid overtime costs. He is a CPR instructor for the facility and is always flexible to provide CPR training for the night shift employees. He is a very pleasant

person who enjoys his job and is always smiling. The youth in the program at HRC connect with Henry and seek him out for advice and when they need someone to help them problem solve. Henry always takes the time to make himself available for whatever the youth need."

Scot Adams, Ph.D., Director for the Division of Behavioral Health, included his personal comments on the letter as "Congratulations!! Thanks for such great work & relationships that stick in people's minds positively."

Henry and a guest will be attending the Governor's Employee of the Year and Supervisor/Manager of the Year ceremony on October 27 at the state Capitol Rotunda followed by a reception at the Governor's Residence. Additional events are being planned for the afternoon.

Great job, Henry!



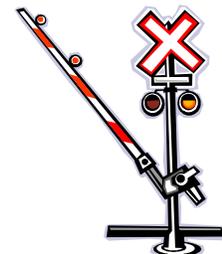
Henry and his co-workers enjoy treats provided by his supervisor in honor of this special occasion.



AND THE TRAIN KEEPS ROLLING! By Marj Colburn

I want to be sure that we keep addressing the changes that are going on at HRC, and making sure everyone stays informed.

- ◆ The three Regional Centers have worked together to complete the furlough plan for the facilities, and it has been approved in Lincoln. All Supervisors of staff affected and all Managers have a copy of the Regional Center plan. Any Supervisor should be able to provide you with a copy of the plan if you are interested. We are starting the implementation now, and our goal is to have this completed by November 18th. Supervisors need to let Timekeepers know what days are being used as furlough days so they are coded correctly in the system and staff receive credit for the furlough days being taken.
- ◆ The Joint Commission Power Point presentation is complete, and Russ and I are scheduling dates and times with Educational Services for live presentations. We are asking all staff to attend a session to be prepared for the survey. Many staff have never been through a Joint Commission Survey, and other staff need to be aware of the changes in the process in order to adequately respond to Surveyor questions. The "Frequently Asked Questions" booklet is also completed. We will be working to get those out to staff to increase preparedness for the survey.
- ◆ All classrooms have now been relocated to Second Floor South in Building #3. There have been a few glitches in the process, but they are being worked out without too much difficulty. We are keeping track of the problem areas so we won't have the same issues pop up as we continue forward with additional moves in the building.
- ◆ The Library is scheduled to start moving the week of the 9th. Karen Baisinger, our volunteer Librarian, is going to use this opportunity to complete an inventory of materials available in the Library. She and Sherry Block have been out scavenging for shorter book cases in order to maintain as much natural light in the new Library as possible.
- ◆ Maintenance and Housekeeping are staying ahead of all the moves. Right now they are taking a little breather to catch up on the day-to-day cleaning and maintenance of the building and grounds to keep things looking nice.
- ◆ Educational Services moved into their new area once the school was officially relocated. Some touching up and fixing up has gone on in their space to make it look as nice as possible.
- ◆ The next step in the process is to complete the area for the Human Resources move. We are hoping most of this will be done by early fall. At that point we will have all of Building #8 moved and the building will be vacant. All services for staff will be consolidated into the same building where everyone works – that will be nice!
- ◆ By early next year we will start planning for any other realignment we may need in order to improve the quality and accessibility of the services we provide to the youth. There is discussion about renovating First Floor South into a therapy area and discussion of a Clubhouse for the youth. Nothing related to those ideas is finalized – we want to see how the school and other relocations are working before we jump into the next project.
- ◆ There have been a couple of people on campus looking at buildings and space to see if there are areas they are interested in using. At this time, there has been no commitment from anyone to use our buildings, but we will continue to encourage others to look at and utilize available spaces as much as possible.
- ◆ We have another photographer who is interested in being on campus sometime in the future to take pictures of our old buildings. Again, nothing is finalized at this point, but we'll let you know when and if this is going to occur.
- ◆ Thanks again to all staff for your patience and understanding as these changes are taking place at HRC. If there are additional changes or plans developed that affect us, you will know as soon as possible.



SPINACH WALNUT SALAD from the kitchen of Jean Luther

½ cup chopped walnuts	1 tbsp. sugar
1½ tsp. cider vinegar	1 pkg. fresh baby spinach or romaine lettuce
1 med sweet red pepper, diced	1 med red onion, diced
1 cup fresh or frozen corn, thawed	1 cup goat cheese
¼ cup dried cranberries	

Dressing

3 tbsp. cider vinegar	2 tbsp. orange marmalade
2 tbsp. mayo	½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper	¼ tsp. Worcestershire sauce

In a small heavy skillet, cook walnuts over medium heat until roasted, about 3 minutes. Sprinkle with sugar and vinegar. Cook and stir for 2-4 minutes or until sugar is melted. Spread on foil to cool.

In a large bowl, combine the spinach, red pepper, onion, corn, cheese, and cranberries; sprinkle with walnuts. In a small bowl, whisk the dressing ingredients. Serve with salad. Enjoy!!

Jean challenges Brian Crouse to submit a recipe in September!

The youth plan to have fresh garden produce for sale in addition to their usual baked goods, popcorn and soda each Friday at the PVC concessions. Be sure and check this out!!

MARGARET LUDLOW'S MEATLOAF from the kitchen of Sherry Block

3 lbs. hamburger
 3 or 4 slices bread
 1 ½ cups milk
 3 beaten eggs
 ½ chopped onion
 Salt and pepper
 2 tsp. poultry seasoning
Topping: 1 cup brown sugar, 2 cups catsup, 1 tsp. dry mustard, 1 tsp. nutmeg

Mix all ingredients using half of the topping in meatloaf. Put meat in large cake pan. Spread remaining topping on top. Bake at 350° for 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Make more than you need for leftovers that make great sandwiches!

Sherry challenges Scott Stickels to submit a recipe in September!

Charitable Giving Campaign

August 2–27, 2010

Serving the Public Beyond the Job

Return your donation card and envelope to Dolores Kimminau in Building 3 by August 28, even if you choose not to participate!

Thank you!!

AUGUST RECOGNITION DAYS

August 14	Kool-Aid Day
August 16	Tell a Joke Day
August 18	Cupcake Day
August 19	Potato Day
August 21	Hug Your Boss Day
August 24	Waffle Day
August 30	Toasted Marshmallow Day



NEW EMPLOYEE JOINS HRC by Beth Bartell

Jake Sanchez began employment in HJCDP on August 9. Jake joins the afternoon staff as a MHSSII. Jake recently served five years in the United States Marine Corps, honorably discharged as a Corporal. Jake's interests include family, baseball and attending college.

TOOL SHED ON THE MOVE

BY JEAN LUTHER

The Tool Shed room has been moved from a room in the Housekeeping wing to the Communications Room 197, with the radios. This will free a room downstairs to be used for other purposes and the tools will be closer to the units when staff need them.

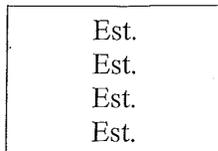


WACKY WORDIES

Each of the word puzzles below is a visual representation of a common word, phrase, or cliché. Can you decipher them without looking at the answers below? **Thank you Sue Callan for the game!**



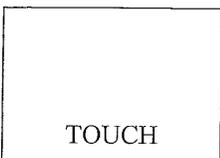
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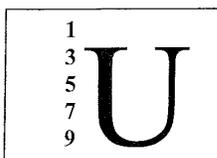
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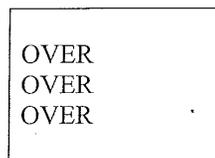
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5. The odds are stacked against you 6. Leftovers
1. Right Angle 2. Forest 3. Backstroke 4. Touchdown

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