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and Wheeler counties

THE CULINARY BASH IS A FUNDRAISER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN,
ADULTS AND FAMILIES RECEIVING SERVICES FROM TEXAS PANHANDLE MHMR.

*We wanted you to have the
first chance to get a ticket!*

**14th Annual
Culinary
Bash**

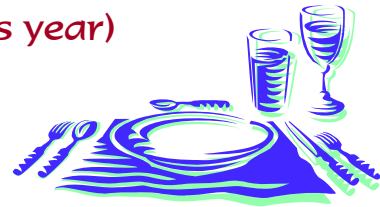
at
Texas Panhandle Centers
901 Wallace Blvd.
September 17, 2011 • 6:30 p.m.
Entertainment - Insufficient Funds

*Tables are available for you and your friends.
For Reservations, call 351-3288.*

14th Annual Culinary Bash

This year's restaurants and cooking teams include:

- ★ B&W Pantex cooking team
- ★ Budweiser cooking team
- ★ AMBUCS cooking team (new this year)
- ★ The Country Barn
- ★ Texas Roadhouse
- ★ Macaroni Joe's



TV personality Lee Baker will serve as the MC for the evening
The "Insufficient Funds" Band will be performing
The number to the reservation line is 351-3288
or call Bonnie Lasher directly at 351-3284.



Never Cook Again

Never Cook Again is a basket full of gift certificates
from area businesses.

The value of the basket is going up everyday as more
items are added.

The drawing will be held September 17,
during the Culinary Bash, but you
need not be present to win.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.
806.351.3284



HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR TO RETIRE

Garry Snider, Human Resource Director, is scheduled to retire at the end of August. Mr. Snider has served as personnel director for the Amarillo State Center, Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation and now Texas Panhandle Centers for the past thirty four (34) years.



In this time he has experienced many changes with the organizations as well as with the employees.

A retirement reception is planned for Mr. Snider on Monday, August 29th from 3:00pm - 4:30pm, Bldg. 501 of the Wallace location of TPC.

Please join us in wishing Mr. Snider a fond farewell for the many years of service to Texas Panhandle Centers.

Well Done!

The Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) audit team spent three days reviewing the authority functions for the Texas Home Living and Home and Community Based Services (HCS) programs. Results indicated no deficiencies in Texas Home Living. For HCS, 32 elements were reviewed and only 3 areas were out of compliance. The auditors were impressed with the service coordination monitoring tools, the discovery tool and process which focuses on person-centered service, and the frequency of client contact and service provision.



The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) auditors were here for a one day site review of behavioral health services followed by a day of staff training. Results indicated only one "finding." The auditors were complimentary of the well maintained facilities, security of records, committee minutes, QI processes, service documentation, and staff dedication and participation.

Many thanks go out to all the staff. Our solid team approach is clearly **"Making Lives Better."**

PARENTING CLASSES OFFERED

Janice James, UCAP Coordinator, STAR Program

Classes are offered at no charge. Seating is limited. No childcare provided.
Must attend full session for certificate/CEU. Instructor: Janis James, MA, QMHP
To register call 806.359.2005

Back in Control Parenting Workshop

Saturday, August 27

8:45am - 4:00pm

TPC Children's Services
1500 S Taylor Street
Amarillo, TX 79101

CEU's



Must Pre-register!

Make Parenting a Pleasure



For parents of children
from birth through age 6

Thursday evenings
beginning September 8,
2011 through
November 10, 2011

6:00pm to 8:00pm

TPC Children's Services
1500 S Taylor Street
Amarillo, TX 79101

Common Sense Parenting

**The kids are headed
back to school!**

Give parents a great
opportunity to refresh
parenting skills with
a two (2) Saturday
series from Boys Town
Press

Sept. 10 & Sept. 24

...designed to assist
parents with enhancing
compliance, order and
routine at home through
positive consistent
teaching and guidance.

Common Sense
Parenting is "a proven,
step-by step guide for
raising responsible kids
and building happy
families."

Making Lives Healthier

Visit Texas Panhandle Centers intranet site for the first issue of *Making Lives Healthier*, a quarterly e-bulletin with information for improving your health.

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THE 9/11 MEMORIAL TO OPEN ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

Ten years after the terrorist attacks, the names of all the September 11 victims will be read for the first time during a ceremony in New York City.

Besides the names of those killed at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, relatives will read the names of those lost in terrorist plane crashes at the Pentagon in Washington, DC, and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. And they will read the names of the victims of the 1993 Trade Center bombing.

In all, 2,983 names will be read. In addition, the names will be inscribed in bronze on the memorial plaza.

President Barack Obama will attend the ceremony marking the opening of the national memorial to relatives of the victims on September 11, and to the public the next day.

The ceremony will pause six times, each representing when a twin tower was struck and fell, the attack on the Pentagon and the

Flight 93 crash in Shanksville. The first moment of silence will be at 8.46 a.m. eastern time.



A "Tribute in Light" commemoration will take place at sundown, with two bolts of light shooting up into the sky symbolizing the towers.

The names of all victims of terrorist attacks are inscribed on bronze panels

lining the two pools. Waterfalls cascade down all four sides of each pool, creating a special place for remembrance and reflection. The surrounding plaza will be filled with oak trees and a callery pear known as the "Tree of Life," which was nursed back to health after surviving the 9/11 attacks.

The entrance to the 9/11 Memorial Museum, a large pavilion with a glass atrium, houses two enormous tridents within its glass atrium. The tridents are artifacts from the steel facade of the original 1 WTC, also known as the North Tower. Although the pavilion will be inaccessible to 9/11 Memorial visitors, the majestic tridents will be visible from the plaza.



*Texas Panhandle Centers
will be closed on
Monday, September 5, 2011
in observance of Labor Day.*

Congratulations!

The following employees were recognized through the Performance Enhancement Program for one or more of the following: Core Competencies, Safety, Critical Thinking, Communication, Client Rights, Continuous Quality Improvement, Professional Behavior, Customer Service:

**Norma Sloan, STAR ■ Caroline Frigo, Behavioral Health Service Coordination
Jordan Eaker, IDD Service Coordination ■ Nicki Richardson, IDD Nursing
Jim Womack, Planning & Public Information ■ Megan Meadows, IDD Service
Coordination ■ Grace Weber, Atkinson Group Home ■
Cindy Heymer, Club Meadows**



Congratulations to Karrie McNabb, Screening, Behavioral Health Services, on the birth of a baby boy. Peyton Grey McNabb was born August 17 at 3:48 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs 15 oz. and was 19.3 inches long.

This Month's Winner Is...

Latasha Hamilton, Early Childhood Intervention, was chosen by random drawing for the month of August. Latasha will receive a \$25 gift card from Amarillo National Bank.

To claim your gift certificate, please contact Joyce Lopez at 806.351.3308.

Each month a random drawing will be held. All full and part-time employees (except executive management) are eligible to win. Winners are published each month in *Here's What's Happening*.

Watch for future drawings...you could be next!



Welcome these New Employees...

Damitra Duncan
Leslie Fowler
Courtney Tunstall

Respite Pool
IDD Service Coordination
Canode



Did you know ?



Washington, D.C., which has no farmland, has more people per square mile than any state: 9,856.



States with the most people per square mile are New Jersey, 1,195; Rhode Island, 1,081; Massachusetts, 839.4 and Connecticut with 738.



States with the fewest people per square mile: Alaska, 1.2; Wyoming with 5.8, North Dakota with 9.7, New Mexico with 17, and Idaho with 19.

White Hat Award



The IDD Service Coordination Department would like to present this months White Hat Award to **Shirley Dunn with Alternate Living**. Although Shirley is not in our department, she is a big support to us. In working with the consumers and their families, she is very polite. She receives multiple phone calls daily pertaining to our clients and she always follows up with each service coordinator to be sure they got the message. We want to acknowledge her hard work as well as her smile. Thank you Shirley, we appreciate you.

Sharon Guinn for IDD Service Coordination

Articles, or suggestions for this publication may be submitted by the 1st of each month to:

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