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WALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH 5K

NAMI - National Alliance for the Mentally Ill Texas Panhandle, and the Amarillo Area Mental Health Consumers, are hosting the:

FIRST WALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH 5K

October 12, 2013

John Stiff Memorial Park

10:00am - 12:00 noon

1 in 4 people live with mental illness. Substance abuse, problems at school and work, and family dysfunction are often caused by the underlying issues of mental illness.

You can bring awareness to this cause by sponsoring or participating in this event. We hope to see you there!

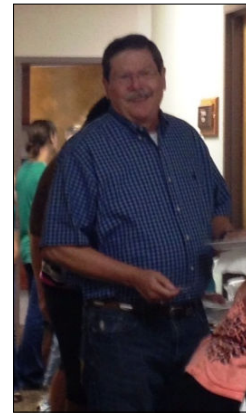
For more information contact Janet Brigance, NAMI—Texas Panhandle Fundraising Committee Chair at 806.433.3345.

Texas Panhandle Center's is a sponsor/supporter.

Developmental Health Director Retires

After 36 years of service, Jim Conner, Developmental Health Director, retired on Friday, August 30th. A retirement reception was held in his honor with family, friends, and co-workers in attendance. He was presented with a gift card from many of the staff that worked closely with him.

Jim reported that will spend a lot of time reading, fishing, practicing at the shooting range, and attending his grandsons' athletic events.



Congratulations!

Answer the questions correctly and your name will be entered in a random drawing to be eligible to win a \$25 gift card.

1. TPC's employee health fair is scheduled for _____.
2. Replacing a garage door recoups _____ percent of costs, on average.
3. Fire prevention week is _____.



Submit your answers to joyce.lopez@txpan.org. Deadline for responses is the 5th of the following month. You must type "Monthly Drawing" in the email subject line to be eligible. For those that do not have a computer, entries may be submitted via interoffice mail. The same requirements apply for hard copy submissions.

Baby News at ECI...



Congratulations to **Amber Sledge, ECI**, on the birth of a baby girl. Tannon Rachelle Sledge was born Saturday, September 21. She weighed 5lbs, 6oz and was 17" long. She was 4 weeks early but is doing well.

Congratulations to **Linda Van Marter, ECI**, on becoming a grandmother again! Parker William Faghih was born September 9 at 12:57pm. He weighed 7lbs 11oz and was 20 inches long.

Congratulations to **Katie McLeod, ECI** on becoming a grandmother again! Her new grandbaby, Lawton Wayne Mosley was born September 4. He weighed 6 lbs 13oz and was 19.75 inches long.



Congratulations!



Save the Date:



TPC's employee health fair is scheduled for Friday, October 25 at 501 Wallace from 7:30am - 10:30am.

Flu shots and blood work will be administered that day. If you are having blood work done, be sure to fast that morning. This will be a Halloween themed event so feel free to wear a costume.

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

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Employee Recognition

Judge Willis Smith, Board Chair, recognized Tracy Dowd, ECI, for 20 years of service and Chad Beavers, Hereford Behavioral Health, for 15 years of service. They were awarded a plaque, gift card and day off.

Congratulations!



Retirement - Jack Fleming

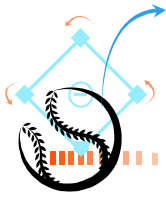
A retirement reception for Jack Fleming is planned for Thursday, October 10th from 10:00am - 12:00 noon (come and go) in the HRD Room of the Wallace Location. Please join us in wishing Jack a fond farewell.



Jack Fleming, Director of Administrative Support Services, announced his retirement from TPC effective October 11, 2013. Jack has worked within the MHMR system for 40 years, 38 of which have been at TPC and Amarillo State Center. His knowledge and expertise related to purchasing, materials management, facility and grounds maintenance, and motor/vehicle pool is quite impressive. His ability to negotiate the purchase of commodities, materials and services in the open market as well as prepare and review technical specifications and analyze bids has enabled TPC to consistently obtain best value and reduce expenses. Additionally, Jack's personality and management style has resulted in positive morale among the employees he supervises and turnover within his department has been minimal. Jack will be greatly missed as he has been a great asset to the Center.

Jack and his wife plan to retire on a lake in East Texas.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TPC SWAT TEAM ON A SUCCESSFUL SOFTBALL SEASON.



Trisha Wilson, HCS Administration, answered last month's questions correctly and was randomly selected to win a \$25 gift card from Amarillo National Bank.



To claim your card, contact Joyce Lopez at 806.351.3308 or email: joyce.lopez@txpan.org.

Congratulations!



Common Sense Parenting



WHEN: Two Saturdays, October 5 & 19, 2013
8:45 AM to 4:00 PM

WHERE: TPC Children's Services Building
1500 S. Taylor Street, Amarillo, Texas 79101

INSTRUCTOR: Janice James, MA, QMHP

Get new ideas and skills, hone old ones, and gain confidence "to do what really matters; create bonds, enhance the relationships and teach the values of your family that will be handed down for generations to come."

-- The Authors of Common Sense Parenting

Must attend both sessions for certificate.

(CEUs offered for LPCs, MSWs, Childcare Workers and General)

NO CHARGE

Must pre-register at 359-2005.

Limited seating.

No Childcare-Parents Only

Sponsored by: S.T.A.R. (Services-To-At-Risk) Youth and their Families



Remodeling projects make your home more attractive and pleasant to live in. But are you likely to get your investment back when you sell?

Lower-cost projects, like enhancing curb appeal, are more likely to pay for themselves.

Replacing siding with fiber-cement panels can return 79.3 percent of project cost.

Replacing a garage door recoups 75.2 percent of costs, on average.

Master bedrooms, gourmet kitchens and fancy bathrooms generally recoup less than 60 percent of their costs.

Moneywise



A National Association of Realtors survey of more than 3,900 appraisers, sales agents and brokers provides these other estimates:

Installing insulated vinyl windows earns back 71.2 percent.

A deck addition brings back 59.7 percent of costs.

A new roof will return 56.7 percent of costs, while building a garage brings about 54.7 percent of costs at selling time.

Any improvement you make to your home will be in investment whether you decide to stay or sell.

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:

Amy Bynum - IDD Service Coordination
Caitlin Claypool - BH Screening Adult

Reminder to supervisors: If you would like employees recognized through PEP in the newsletter, submit the PEP (or a copy) to the respective executive manager for approval.

Welcome These New Employees

Robert Boyd	Maintenance
Tammy Evans	Alternate Living - Respite
Natalya Smith	Alternate Living - Lamount
Andrea Traves	ECI
Linda Purer	Accounts Payable
Patricia St. Charles	Alternate Living—Respite Pool
Holly Thomas	Alternate Living—Respite Pool



White Hat Award



The IDD Service Coordination Department would like to present this month's White Hat Award to **Jack Fleming, Mark Ellyson and Ricky Burrough from the Purchasing Department** for their kind help in moving a client and even taking apart the client's bed for the move. We love our offices and your help with moving desks and furniture was invaluable. You earned this months award! Thank you to each of you.

Amy Bynum for IDD Service Coordination