

Mosaic TRAIL Mix

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Unite and Conquer Concert



Landon Hoelscher with the band Disciple.



Landon Hoelscher gets his CD autographed by Thousand Foot Krutch.



Seth Long, DSM, with the band Disciple.



Danny McCaughan and Billy Elston with Thousand Foot Krutch on stage.

Mosaic residents rocked with Christian rock bands during the Unite & Conquer Concert that came to San Angelo. This was a National Tour that stopped in San Angelo for an all-day concert event at the River Stage. Staff and residents all had a wonderful time rocking to Christian music all day!

Mosaic Movie Night on first Fridays

Submitted by Mary Dilley, HCS

Movie Night

Schedule, Fall 2010:

- Oct. 1
- Nov. 5
- Dec. 3

Every first Friday night of the month at the Mosaic Conference Room in San Angelo, participants from ICF and HCS programs gather to enjoy a movie, popcorn, and beverages as well as meet new friends. If the first Friday lands on a holiday weekend, we have it the second Friday.

Care-providers, family members, and staff are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Show time is 6:30 p.m. and seating is limited.

Remember, this is a free event for our participants so they may enjoy socialization and activities with their peers. Although there is no charge for the event, donations and volunteers are always welcome!



National DSP Recognition Week DSM Nomination

By Mary Dille, HCS Care Coordinator

I would like to nominate Pearl Hardin for the DSM award. This lady works diligently and faithfully for our individuals in service.

Her many duties and accomplishments include being the sole DSM for the entire HCS Department; she supervises and trains all her staff, taking as much time as they need. She is patient and kind to everyone she works with. Pearl knows all the ins and outs and details of our HCS consumers' needs, and she trains her staff accordingly. Our staff turnover rate has improved significantly, and so has our staff attendance and punctuality due to Pearl's style of supervising and the thorough training she provides to the HCS staff. Overtime is nearly non-existent in our department thanks to Pearl. Pearl's unique way of relating to people builds a rapport of team-work within our HCS department.

Pearl's attention to detail shines every day as she juggles with the demands of her job. She works a shift when needed without a second thought. She assists all her group home and apartment individuals on every level of need without hesitation or complaint. Her loyalty to meeting the needs of

our individuals is paramount in her work style.

Pearl manages a group home, as well as oversees services provided to consumers living in their own apartments, plus those who attend the Training Facility every afternoon. Although Pearl shares the on-call duty, she also monitors the service delivery of her staff when not on-call.

Working 9 to 5 is not Pearl's style; she makes herself available and flexible whenever a need arises. Pearl put her own fear of flying aside and flew on an airplane for the first time in her life to assist an individual to Ohio for a family visit. She flew back to pick her up two weeks later.

I am proud to consider Pearl a friend and co-worker. Pearl has worked faithfully for Mosaic for 16 years. I would not be able to do my job without her support, expertise in her field, and knowledge of the people we serve at Mosaic. She is an exceptional DSM, co-worker, team-worker, and advocate for the people we serve at Mosaic.

Pearl is not the type of person to 'toot her own horn,' but very much deserves this recognition as the best DSM.



Pearl Hardin, DSP



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Remembering Kenneth “Russell” Dooley

SAN ANGELO — Kenneth “Russell” Dooley was born Aug. 22, 1943, in Graham, Texas, to Mr. Fred Kenneth and Marion Juanita (Davis) Dooley. Russell went to be with his Heavenly Father on Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2010, at his home surrounded by people who loved him dearly. Mr. Dooley was a resident of the Southland home and received services from Bethpage/Mosaic for many years. Mr. Dooley attended Tree of Life Church which he lived for Sundays so he could go and serve the Lord up until his health declined. Before he retired, he worked at MHMR, where he was known as the social butterfly. Mr. Dooley always had a good sense of humor, and if you were having a bad day, you could count on him to



Kenneth “Russell” Dooley

make you laugh and smile. He enjoyed watching Bonanza, Gunsmoke, John Wayne, and Roy Rogers. He loved to sing “Happy Trails.” He was quite a dancer and a pretty good two-stepper and would always say he was going “honky tonkin.” He enjoyed going to the rodeo and always mentioned wanting to ride a bull. His favorite sayings, especially to the ladies, were “Hey honey, you want to adopt me?” or “Hey honey, you want to marry me?” and then he would give you this wink that no one else could do. If you ever stopped by his house, he would be sitting at the table with his two pals, Robert and David, drinking a Diet Coke, eating a Hershey bar, and telling stories. He enjoyed life, friends, and family. He would talk about fishing with brother, Ross, and family memories with his Mama and Daddy. Russell is survived by five housemates, Billy, Steven, David, Herman, and Joe. Very special thanks to the staff who gave Russell unconditional care, love, and support — Julia, April, Delia, Carol, Robert, Jackie, Carolyn, Alice, Mary, Victoria, and Jennifer — who supervised the day-to-day care Russell received in the home. Thanks to his past and present QMRPs Terri Holland and Terri Ramirez respectively, and also his niece, Linda. A special thanks to Liz for being with Russell in his last few weeks and the Mosaic nursing staff — Dianne, Patty, and Ryan — for their compassionate care. We want to thank Lighthouse Hospice staff and Dr. Hewell, Helen, and also Dr. Niemann for the care they gave our beloved Russell during his battle with Alzheimer’s. He will be laid to rest with his family in Graham. A celebration of Russell’s life was held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010, in the Mosaic office.



A Cowboy Last Request

By Terry Ike Clanton

Let me tell you folks
Who have gathered here today
That I’m a proud and thankful cowboy
Who has just passed away
I know it’s hard
But, please don’t cry
Fer I’m now ridin’ God’s trails
High up in the sky
The hoss I’m ridin’ now
Don’t spook, buck or kick
Fer God stables perfect horses
And now I have my pick
Lord, please forgive me of all my sins
Fer I haven’t been perfect
But I know that he believes in you
Forever wins!
I have lived a good life
A cowboy’s dream come true
Thank You Lord,
Fer, I’m now ready to ride into eternity
Me, my horse and You

Volunteer Corner

A volunteer luncheon was held on Aug. 24 at the Stay-bridge Suites to recognize all of our awesome volunteers at Mosaic. The volunteers were treated to a lunch catered by Mr. T’s, which included King Ranch Chicken Casserole. It was yummy! All the volunteers were given a Mosaic key chain light for their dedication to helping and supporting Mosaic. Volunteers from across the agency were invited to attend. This included Mosaic TRAILS volunteers, Special Olympics, and the Event Committee. Words are not enough to express our gratitude for all the special volunteers who support Mosaic throughout the year!

Mosaic Mustangs and the San Angelo Colts

On Aug. 26 at Foster Field, the San Angelo Colts baseball team invited the Mosaic Mustang Special Olympic athletes to a picnic and a double header game. One of our very own Mosaic Mustangs, Chris Phillips, was able to throw out the first pitch of the game that night. The Colts then gave him the baseball after the pitch.



Chris Phillips throwing out the first pitch.



Chris and Casey the Colt.

We had over 100 individuals come out to the picnic and watch the games. Chris Phillips took pictures with Casey the Colt, the Colts Mascot, and he had a fun night watching baseball with all the other athletes. The San Angelo Colts have been wonderful supporters of Mosaic over the baseball season by donating over 100 tickets to the ball games so that Mosaic residents could attend.

Special Olympics Texas — Mosaic Mustang News

Bowling

Mosaic's Mustangs are at Stadium Lanes in San Angelo on Tuesday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. practicing for the upcoming Bowling Tournament slated for Oct 16, 17, and 22, 2010. The Special Olympics Texas website states the competitions will take place at Whitewood Lanes in Abilene, Texas from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. We will have more information as it becomes available as to which day(s) our bowlers will compete, or if the location changes to San Angelo (which we are hoping for!) Generally, the ramp-assisted bowlers compete the first day, and the singles (most Mustangs) compete on the second or third day of the competition weekend. It is likely only coaches will need to be present on more than one day.

Welcome New Athletes!

At least fifty athletes and four local agencies are partnered with the Mosaic Mustangs so far this year. In addition to Bluebonnet Homes and ICD, ten new bowlers from MHMR of the Concho Valley, plus youths from the San Angelo Independent School District, have joined as Mustang athletes on Tuesday nights. We are proud to have so many agencies

represented and new athletes of all ages here in San Angelo! We are looking forward to another record-breaking number of bowlers at this year's competition in November.

Reminders

- Sept. 7, 2010 weekly bowling practices begin through Nov. 2, 2010.
- Oct. 1, 2010 is the deadline for Special Olympics Texas physicals to be turned in if you want to compete in the bowling tournament. An athlete's physical is due every three years to participate in Special Olympics Texas sports.
- Oct 16, 17, and 22, 2010 Area Bowling Competition

"We Mustang coaches love what we do, and we do it because the people we serve enjoy it so much," said Jennifer Braddock, DSM and Special Olympics coach. "The rewards are never-ending, and it is so much fun."

The success and continuation of Special Olympics sports is dependent upon volunteer coaches. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please ask them to contact Jennifer Braddock or Mary Dille at Mosaic: 325.651.3333.

West Texas Down Syndrome Association

WTDS will hold a Walk/Run Benefit on Oct. 16, 2010. This benefit will feature a marathon, half-marathon, 5K, and 1 mile run/walk at Goodfellow Recreation Camp. All proceeds go to the WTDS Association. Please call 773.930.2811 to volunteer, secure donations, or participate in the event.

Letter from the Executive Director

by Liz Jones

We are quickly turning the corner from one of the hottest summers on record into a welcome fall season. Soon, the heat will give way to cooler, more pleasant days. The changing of the seasons reminds us of the changing seasons of life. In the last month, Mosaic has experienced a couple of events that remind us of that circle of life. We lost Russell, a good friend who lived at the Southland group home. He was surrounded by staff and friends who cared deeply for him. Russell will always be remembered by those friends. On that day, across town, a baby was born. The mother was also surrounded by staff who have provided the gentle caring needed to help her through this life-giving process. The precious child has Down's syndrome. It seems that as God called one home, he sent another to enrich life for the rest of us, and the circle of life continues. I am both humbled and honored to be a part of a group of people who give so much of themselves to assure that those in their care experience life to its fullest. They care beyond what is ordinary and do whatever is necessary to see that the people supported by Mosaic live "extra"ordinary lives, literally from the cradle to the grave. Mosaic staff, you are the best!

Another season, that of a different kind, is also upon us. The Mosaic TRAILS capital campaign is entering the last nine months. We hope and pray that nine months will bring forth the birth of a state-of-the-art therapeutic equestrian center that will bring life-changing benefits to countless people in the Concho Valley. We're reminded every day that the economy makes raising money at this time very difficult. I realize this, but I am also keenly aware that "with God, all things are possible." We have believed that the vision for Mosaic TRAILS is a God-given vision and that in spite of

all that is negative around us, we will get this done! But we need your help! We have currently raised about \$700,000. We must raise one million to be able to approach the larger foundations that can provide the remaining funds to build this facility. There are a number of ways you can help! Did you know that you can make a pledge to give a gift spread over three to five years, and that the full amount of your commitment will count toward the total right now? I have personally done this because I can give more over five years than I can give right now.

Please help us spread the word that the time to commit to the TRAILS project is now. Time is of the essence, and it is quickly evaporating. Thank you to the many who have already given or have made pledges to give so that everyone in the Concho Valley has the opportunity to benefit from equine-assisted activities and therapies. May God richly bless you as you help countless others through your gifts. Through those gifts, the "heat" of the process to build this program will also give way to "cooler," more pleasant days ahead.

Finally, please consider volunteering for the TRAILS program. The fall riding session begins Sept. 14, and we need additional volunteers on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. Thanks!



Associate Director Mary Anderson accepted into the 2010 Leadership San Angelo program

Congratulations to Mary Anderson, our Associate Director, on being accepted into the Leadership San Angelo program coming up in October 2010!

Leadership San Angelo is a program of the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce that is designed to help develop future leadership by providing intensive training in areas strategic San Angelo. Participants will

attend a series of ten one-day training seminars covering community needs and concerns through lectures, dialogue between participants and community decision-makers, and tours of various community facilities. Topics covered include regional economy, public education, decision-making processes, tool of leadership, cultural and recreational facilities and organizations, social and charitable agencies, government and criminal justice, housing and employment, problems of aging and poverty, and youth concerns.

Congratulations, Mary!



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