



October

Breast Cancer Awareness
Month

Down Syndrome Awareness
Month

National Spina Bifida
Awareness Month

National Crime Prevention
Month

National Physical Therapy
Month

10/11-10/20 Arkansas State
Fair

10/16 National Boss's Day

10/30 DHS Children's
Event

October Birthdays

10/4 Janet Jones

10/5 Denise Bradenburg

10/7 Ruth Dunn

10/8 Lynn Davenport

10/16 Richard Johnson

10/18 Jewel Barnes

10/22 Avis Lane

10/25 Crystal Huffstetler

10/27 Jennifer Diehl

10/27 Linda Wilson

10/29 Shamia Rafter

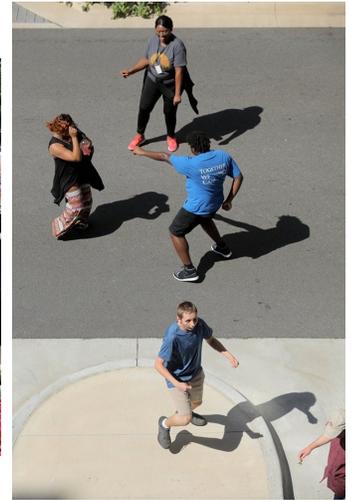
10/30 Joe Winford

4th Annual Fall Food & Craft Fair

DHS Developmental Disabilities Services held its 4th annual Fall Food & Craft Fair. This year's fair featured a wreath contest with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies presented to the winners! Judges for the contest were Secretary of Human Services Cindy Gillespie, Secretary of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism Stacy Hurst, DHS Deputy Director Keesa Smith, and DDS Director Melissa Stone. Travis McCargo (JHDC) won 1st place. Jody McGinnis (JHDC) won 2nd place. Kayla Brus (SEAHDC) won 3rd place. Great job by all!



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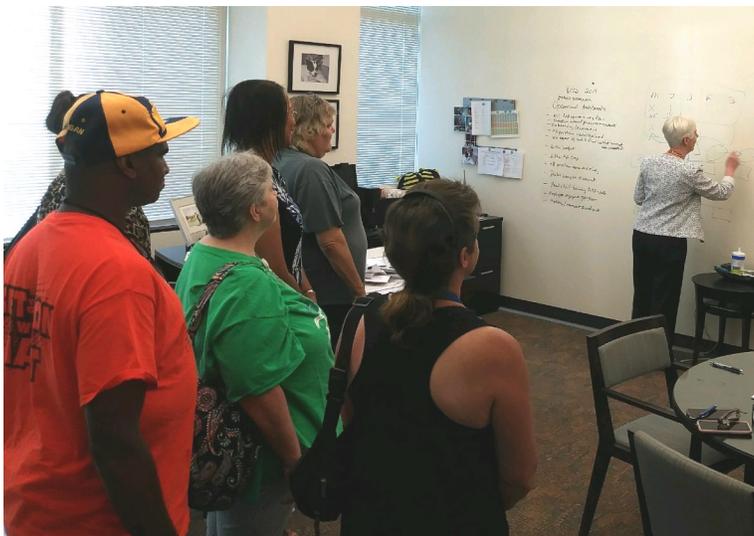


Conway HDC recognizes National Housekeepers Week

To celebrate National Housekeepers Week, on September 16th and 18th staff from the Conway Human Development Center toured the DHS Central Office complex, met executive staff, visited the DHS Veterans' Wall, and the Blue Umbrella Store. Several members of the central office executive staff thanked CHDC staff for all that they do and noted DHS could not provide such quality services without their daily contribution. They concluded their day with lunch and a visit to the State Capitol.



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Conway HDC celebrates 60 years



CHDC Parent Association President Deborah Rainwater, DDS Director Melissa Stone, DHS Secretary Cindy Gillespie, CHDC Superintendent Sarah Murphy, State Senator Jason Rapert



DHS Secretary Cindy Gillespie



CHDC Superintendent Sarah Murphy

Formerly known as the Arkansas Children's Colony, the Conway Human Development Center celebrated its 60th Anniversary Friday, September 20th. The celebration started off with a two-hour dance for the residents, family members, and CHDC staff. Residents and resident family members enjoyed the lively music and fellowship. The party-goers applauded as the new CHDC Patriot mascot was revealed. Later in the day, local leaders, state officials, CHDC staff and parents enjoyed a 60-year celebration reception. Speakers included DHS Secretary Cindy Gillespie, DDS Director Melissa Stone, CHDC Superintendent Sarah Murphy, State Senator Jason Rapert, Roy Johnson, and CHDC Parent Association President Deborah Rainwater. Ms. Rainwater shared her family's success story about the opportunities the Conway Human Development Center had provided for her son, Kirk, who is currently 18 and residing at CHDC. The celebration was a reunion of sorts with many retired employees attending and sharing memories of the past. Superintendent Murphy shared that she is proud of the legacy CHDC has had and even more proud of what the future looks like. The resident bell choir also performed some songs.

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Save the Date

October

DHS Children's Event 10/30

November

DHS Christmas Drive 11/1-12/13

Veterans Day Ceremony 11/8

Don't forget to shop for your gifts at the Blue Umbrella! Located in the lobby of the Donaghey Plaza South Building, 700 Main Street, Little Rock.

Store Hours: 10 am to 2 pm, Monday– Friday

Comments, Suggestions, Q & A

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