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What's the Scoop?



CHILL -IN

After weeks with no air conditioning, including the hottest days of the summer so far, the Hazel-Atlas Building got a new chiller unit on June 23, shown here being lifted onto the roof by a 300-ton crane. The Hazel-Atlas sauna officially shut down July 1 as cool air started flowing through the vents. Provisions of Twin Pops and bottled water brought some welcome relief during the heat wave. Thank you to employees for enduring the heat and continuing to serve clients and fulfill our mission.

For more photos from installation day, see Warm Fuzzies, Page 5
For a time-lapse video, visit the YSS Facebook page.



Upcoming Events

CELEBRATE YOUTH STAFF COOKOUT

CELEBRATING YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES!

AUGUST 5TH

10A-8P

LUNCH AT 12PM

SUPPER AT 5PM



KIWANIS

FRESH AIR FARM

92 BATTLE RUN ROAD

TRIADELPHIA, WV

Bring chips, veggies, fruit or drinks to share!

NO ALCOHOL is permitted

**RSVP BY SCANNING QR CODE OR GO TO
WWW.YOUTHSERVICESSYSTEM.ORG THEN CLICK ON EVENTS
AND SELECT CELEBRATE YOUTH STAFF EDITION RSVP**

Suggested Items for you to bring:

Lawn Chair

Swim Suit

Towel

Sunscreen



More Stuff You Need to Know:

PICK YOUR MEALTIME and bring the family for Lunch or Supper. You must RSVP.

THE POOL will have a certified life guard on duty all day.

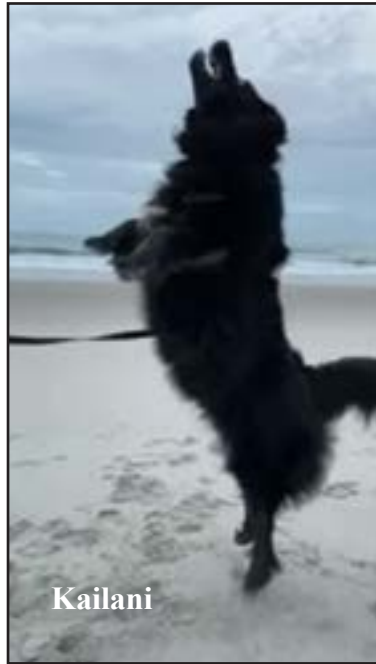
YSS WILL PROVIDE chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob, macaroni salad, pasta salad, baked beans and deviled eggs. Bring something to share!

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Water slide, obstacle course, dunk tank, volleyball, playground, sno-cones, popcorn, cornhole

Development

The **CampOut for a Cause** took place on the YSS Facebook page and YouTube Channel on June 4. The virtual event raised more than \$20,000 . The money will be used to serve people experiencing or facing homelessness.

Winners of the \$250 Amazon Gift Card for employees who raised the most money were members of the Maintenance Mafia team, a.k.a. the YSS Maintenance Department. They held a cookout fundraiser at Hazel-Atlas on June 4 and raised nearly \$900. A shout-out to all the employees who donated! Maintenance Manager Lisa Leach said she will use the card to purchase items



Kailani



Brutus

for their department.

Dog-gone talented! Cassidy Talamonti’s Brutus and Ashton Carroll’s Kailani won the Play n Stay Pet Camp \$25 gift certificates for receiving the most Facebook votes for awesome slow-mo videos of their dogs catching treats.

Ronald C. Mulholland Juvenile Center

A donor gave YSS money to purchase a new commercial-grade food processor for Dottie Polivka and her staff to use at RCMJC. Dottie said it makes chopping veggies and making egg salad, ham salad and chicken salad a breeze.



Prevention Services

More than 300 people from 12 states and three countries participated in the Pathways to Prevention Summit hosted virtually by the YSS Prevention Services Department on June 25. An incredible turnout and great job to all who had a hand in planning and implementing this logistically challenging event.

Keynote speakers were internationally

renowned WVU School of Public Health PhD Program Director Dr. Alfgeir Kristjansson, who presented “Can the Icelandic Prevention Model Work in West Virginia?”; and Dr. Dawn Thomas, Prevention Systems Manager with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, who spoke about “Paving the Way to Equity.”

YSS Values

- Every child has worth, value and potential.
- The care of our children is our first priority.
- Children need us to commit and take risks on their behalf.
- We strive to operate a quality-driven organization in management, services, and stewardship.
- We believe in organizational transparency and honesty.
- Creativity and innovation guide our effort.
- We are committed to our employees and value their contribution to our success.
- The commitment and wisdom of the governing Board is necessary to fulfill the mission and vision of the organization.
- Community support and partnerships are necessary to our success.
- The diversity of our youth and families, employees, Board members, and supporters contributes to our success.
- We listen to the stories of the children, families, and the community we serve.
- We avoid the complacency that would limit our success.

Work-iversaries



Marcus Worrels July 1, 2014
Jeremy Andrews July 2, 2015
Nathan Morris July 3, 2018
Trudy Brown July 7, 2016
Michael Talamonti July 8, 2020
Mark Moses July 9, 2012
Hannah Roberts July 12, 2016

Lisa Leach July 13, 2015
Kevin Serig July 17, 2019
Stephanie Tedrow July 17, 2019
Rebecca Miles July 18, 2013
Larry Kutay July 21, 2003
Elisa Hickman July 24, 2000
Kelly Rayl July 24, 2000

Birthdays



July 4
 Tammy Kruse, President

July 8
 Debra Wheeler, Professional Services

July 10
 James Worrels, Ronald C. Mulholland Juvenile Center

July 11
 Casey Higgins,

Community-based Services

July 17
 Tanya Duncan, Tuel Center

July 19
 Charles Richards, Tuel Center

July 20
 Kathy Burch, Ronald C. Mulholland Juvenile Center

July 24
 Tina Norman, Ronald C. Mulholland Juvenile Center

July 25
 Sarah Barlow, Community-based Services

July 25
 Allison Meadows, Community-based Services

New Hires and Promotions



Administration

- Nathan Schmidt, Accounting Specialist Sr.
- Hampton Knotts, Accounting Specialist

Community-based Services

- Zoe Woods, School Based Mental Health
- Morgan Barrett, Case Worker

Recovery Homes

- Nic Cochran, promoted to Director from Assistant Director
- Stephen Pownall, promoted to Assistant

Director from Adult Intervention Specialist/ Community-based Services

Ronald C. Mulholland Juvenile Center

Christopher Gonzalez, promoted to Case Manager from Corrections Officer 1



Warm Fuzzies

~~Stories~~ Pictures that will make you smile.

Chiller Installation Day ~ June 23, 2021



Watching the removal of the 7-ton old chiller and the hoisting of the 3 1/2-ton new chiller onto the Hazel-Atlas roof June 23 were, clockwise from above left, Erin George and Ethan Greene; Jocelyn Bailey, Ashton Carroll, Nathan Schmidt, Megan Cook, Emily Eckman and Tammy Kruse; and Lisa Leach, Wayne Hardy (ex-officio board member), Perry McMasters, Mark Voellinger and Donna Sims.

More Warm Fuzzies

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Kids in Care Picnic ~ June 16, 2021



Enjoying a day at Wheeling Park are, clockwise from top left, Beka Foston-Miles and Meghan Proctor, Helinski Shelter; Thaddeus Herback and Mellissa Slider (in the back of the boat), Tuel Center; Scott Watkins and Patty Morgan with Victoria France, McCrary/Community-based Services; and Holly Fox and Kelly Rayl, Administration.



In Memory of Colletta Sbrockey

October 25, 1929 — June 4, 2021

Colletta was a 20-year RCMJC employee and beloved mother of RCMJC Director Linda Scott

“She will be missed by everyone. The kids loved her.”

Robbie Winters

