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Abilene State Supported Living Center

**OUR MISSION:**  
To empower people to make choices  
that result in a life of dignity and  
increased independence.

Abilene SSLC

# AbSSLC News

Week of January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## SRT Week is Here!

Our annual State Review Team visit is this week. We can expect to see 20 + State Office staff on campus from Monday afternoon thru Thursday. They will be attending various meetings as well as spending lots of time at our homes and program areas. Please show them what Abilene SSLC Hospitality is all about!

## 2026 HSCS Statewide Awards

Nominate someone for the

### Statewide 2026 HSCS Awards!

Nominations cover a wide variety of areas and include both Individual & department awards. Scan the QR Code to submit yours!



## Recognizing Amazing Service

The following are celebrating 30+ years of service to the State of Texas in January!

Kalana Allen - Medical Records - 50 Years

Carol Carter - Campus Nursing - 42 Years

Yvonia Paige-Wilson - Unit 1 - 30 Years

## “Reply All” ... Should I?

The “Reply All” button in Outlook is likely one of the most overused features in the system. Before you hit it, ask yourself if everyone on the original email really needs my reply or just the person writing it? Or maybe someone totally different? Something as simple as a “Susie got a new job” email can quickly generate hundreds of emails with just one click. When everyone does it, chaos ensues!

## February 2026 Employee of the Month

It takes less than a minute to recognize an amazing co-worker by nominating them for the **February 2026 Employee of the Month!** Help recognize that special person making a difference.

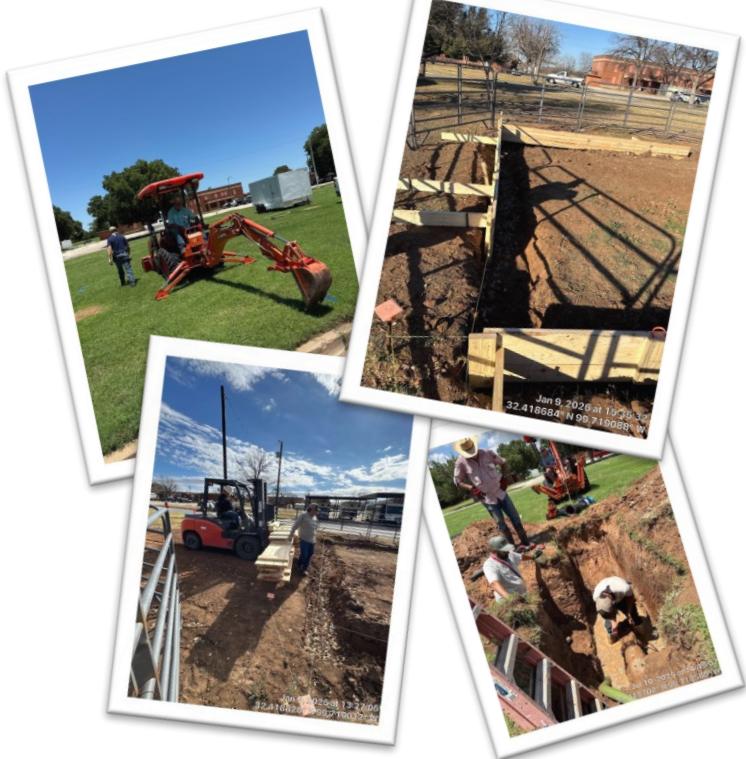
Click [here](#) or the Star to send in your nomination!



## We’re getting a Splash Pad?

We are! After the previous installation of a water line & new electrical, Maintenance officially started digging for the pump house that will power our new Splash Pad!

The Splash Pad (located just east of the Bill Cain Pavilion) will be a 40x20 area featuring two large water features (think dumping buckets & a mushroom) along with 18 jumping jets of water turning on at random times!



The Splash Pad is being funded by the Patient Benefit Fund. This fund is 100% comprised of donations made by families and friends of AbSSLC over the years. Donations for this fund are always appreciated! Contact Jeff Goza if interested in making a donation.

# Shout Outs!

SHOUT OUT TO the best crew @ **5962 Walnut!** Being the on-site BCBA, I see the daily challenges and successes that we as a team face, and each of you all from **Marie Castillo** all the way to **John Loveland** and everyone in between handle it with a smile on your faces. As we embark on this new year, remember we are in this together and you are all Rock Stars in my eyes. I won't forget **Kendrick** - he is an incredible assistant. He posses and shares a vastly superior skill of handling difficult situations and assists in guiding our team as a whole to tackle what may arise daily. Again 5962 crew you all are truly a blessing to the young men we serve!

Shout out **Lisa Donica!** Lisa and the staff at 6720 Circle Drive continuously keep the home tidy regardless of what happens that day. Lisa and her staff have received various compliments from several guardians / parents of those who live at the home. The families have shared "the home is so nice and clean", "my son looks the best he has ever been" "my son is so happy living here at the SSLC", "the home staff seems to have a strong team work going and that makes me feel good leaving my son when I leave". Shout out to Lisa and all the staff on 6720! Keep it up!

Shout Out to **Erika Runnels** at 6760 Circle Drive who has been doing an exceptional job filling in in the leadership role while staff are out. She has really proven herself and cares so much for the ladies at the home. You are appreciated and your hard work has not gone unnoticed. Thank You.

Shout out to **Alfredo "Freddy" Mora** for going above and beyond his job duties! Freddy is quick to address issues, concerns that come up with the home. Freddy takes pride in serving those who live here especially the men at 6730 Circle Drive. Freddy spends extra time with his staff and the men of 6730 which says a lot about how much he cares for his staff, the individuals, and to ensure his home is running efficiently. Way to go Freddy!

SHOUT OUT to **Cheryl Galvan** and **Steven Roberts** for helping direct traffic and getting people signed in for the campus wide training at the chapel this week! They say it takes a village to raise a child, but they should also say it takes TEAM WORK to run a facility.

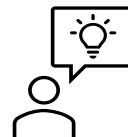
Shout Out to our supervisor **Alberto Landeros!** In all the chaos of changes and immediate in town trips on moments notice plus all the day-to-day updates he makes time to answer our questions or finds out the the correct response he gives his very best effort so we can successfully get our job done. It is greatly appreciated.

Shout out to **Maintenance** for their work on our Splash Pad. This is a huge project and it's the expertise of our amazing Maintenance staff making it happen!



## Life Safety Code Tip of the Week

Doors that are equipped with door closers are operating/closing properly, **latch fully**, and are not blocked or prevented from closing



Have an amazing idea to share to make things better, save time or money? Tell us!



## Shout Out Abilene!

We want to hear from **you!** Have a suggestion on how to make Abilene SSLC the best place ever to live & work? Have a concern to express? Want to recognize someone for their amazing work?

**Shout Out and let us know!**



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