

Welcome:

Alesa Johnson, Aurora, IT Department
 Peggy Bell, Giltner, EPV Housekeeping Department
 Kristina Johnson, Central City, RN, Memorial Hospital
 Tina Byerly, Aurora, MCHI Business Office
 Bryce Andrews, Aurora, Maintenance Department
 Kaleigh Smith, Grand Island, Respiratory Therapy
 Bobbi Jo Franklin, Aurora, RN, Memorial Hospital

Welcome Back:

Kris Lewis, Aurora, LPN, MCC

DEPARTMENT OF THE MONTH:

The Memorial Community Care Activities Department has been selected as MCHI's June, 2010, Department of the Month. When visiting with Pam and Marlene, they show such enthusiasm and a positive attitude when planning activities and special events for the residents. They truly enjoy their job and are teamplayers working with residents and staff. They schedule their hours around the activities that work for the residents. MCC is sure having fun for National Nursing Home Week.



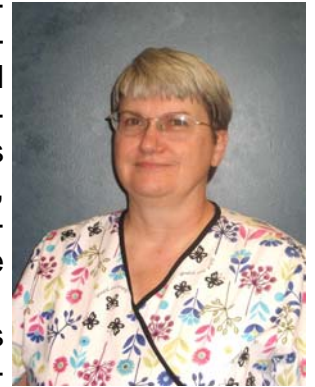
Pam Janzen, Marlene Flodman

Have you ever wondered what the inside of a medical helicopter looks like? You can check it out and ask questions of the personnel at 10:15 am on Friday, June 4, when the Midwest Medical helicopter will be here.



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

Beverly Valentine, RN, Memorial Hospital has been selected as MCHI's June, 2010, Employee of the Month.

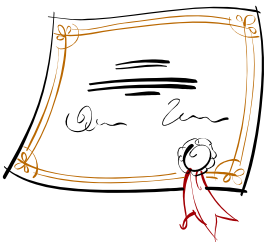


Beverly goes above and beyond the usual nursing interventions when administering patient care. Whether it be on the floor or in ER, Beverly treats each patient as if they are the only patient she is caring for. She has been witnessed singing German Hymns to a patient who spoke German and was extremely anxious and disoriented. This helped calm the patient and kept the patient safe. Given any tense, high stress situation, Beverly's calm voice and gentle touch have soothed many of our most difficult patients. Coworkers and patients have benefited from her wonderful backrubs. Beverly is an excellent charge nurse and if you are working with her you know that she will be organized and ready for any situation that may arise. She is a wealth of information from both experience and skill and she will be happy to help a coworker by teaching them what she knows. Congratulations Beverly!

Remember to support the Auxiliary on June 24 with their Luncheon at the Bremer Center during the A'ROR'N Days.

SERVICE AWARDS PICNIC

Be sure to mark Thursday, July 15 on your calendar because you won't want to miss the Service Awards Picnic. It will be held at the Leadership Center with an indoor picnic and all the trimmings! The picnic dinner will be served from 5:30-6:30, buffet style, with the Service Awards being presented at 6:16 pm. Following the meal, the Leadership Center Facilities will be open to enjoy, including swimming, horseshoes, paddle boats, basketball, etc... Retirees will also be honored at this picnic. Plan to attend, it really is great fun!



HIPAA TRAINING

Thank you to the 158 employees that completed their HIPAA training via the Swank e-learning web-site. If you are one of the 127 employees that haven't completed it – May 31st is the due date. ☺ A few departments have a 100% completion rate. Yay!!!! Contact your supervisor or Laurie if you have questions or problems.

PHOTO, PHOTOS, PHOTOS. WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS

We live in an area filled with beauty and charm, what better way to promote the area we call home than through a calendar featuring photography of Hamilton and Clay County.

Contest entries can be shot with a digital or film-based camera. All photos must be of subject matter located in Hamilton or Clay County, and may include landscapes, wildlife, architecture, people, etc. Altered images (photography manipulated for quality and/or for artistic purposes) are acceptable. Entries must be titled and the location of the subject matter must be noted. Original photography taken prior to contest notification may be submitted; however, previously published photographs and photographs that have been submitted to other contests are not allowed. The photographer must be an MCHI employee or Board Member.

All photographs must be submitted to Laurie Andrews by August 31, 2010.

NOTES FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE WORK GROUP

1. Speed bumps will be arriving in the parking lot very soon.
2. New Isolation signs are in use in the Hospital.
3. We continue to do great increasing our days since a Lost Time Accident.



CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR GRADUATES
Alexa Badura, RA, MCC
Tara Hansen, NA, MCC

Patient Comments:

- *** All the services were great. They made me feel comfortable and not hurried! The rooms were very nice and clean. I was in and out in no time, nothing could have gone better! Thanks for the service. (Even my toast was warm.)
- *** Radiology and Lab were great even after being called in at 3:30 am. Nurses were great. Thanks to all.
- *** Everyone and every department gave great care. I knew they would—that is why I chose Aurora. They are the best!!

COSMETIC PROCEDURES

Now that we caught your eye with that heading, you will be disappointed to realize we aren't advertising free cosmetic procedures to all employees. It is, however, important to note that cosmetic procedures cannot be submitted for reimbursement to the Flexible Spending Account. Even more disappointing is the fact that dental whitening/bleaching is defined as a cosmetic procedure.

NEBRASKA HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION DIRECT CARE STAFF AWARD

Mary Harris has been nominated for the Nebraska Health Care Association Direct Care Staff Award. Mary, a Certified Nurse Aide at Memorial Community Care for the last six years, was among more than 75 long term care employees who were nominated for direct care staff awards that were presented at the Nebraska Health Care Association/Nebraska Assisted Living Association Mid-Year Convention held in Kearney on April 27-30, 2010. A total of 12 awards were presented statewide recognizing individuals for their outstanding service to the long term care profession.

Mary was nominated by Julie Picsek, RN, DON, at Memorial Community Care for her leadership and commitment to the residents and staff at MCC. Thanks for doing a great job Mary!!!

Building Project Update

We are still on track to have bids ready for the “shell” of all three new additions, ER, Dietary, MCC by the end of May or first week of June. We have an image of what the new west entrance will look like, which will be posted in the news cabinet by the kitchen.

If the bids are acceptable to the Board of Directors when they come back the end of June, dirt work will begin in July. That work will make the ER and the Hospital Admissions/Outpatient doors not accessible for patients, visitors or employees. For those who were at the Update meetings in April, you know the plan. For those who were not able to attend, here is the plan to get into our hospital.

The east lobby entrance will be made accessible for ambulances. The doors from the current ER and admissions will be used (if possible) to create a new “construction” accessible entrance. Cheryl Erickson is meeting with the ambulance to determine the parking needed for them to load/unload and to turn around. Please remember that the parking in the upper portion of the east lot will be very *limited* and needs to be restricted for our Hospital visitors and MCC families and visitors.

Our daytime, hospital patients will utilize the clinic entrance and then will travel to admissions via the hall by my office. Employees will have to use the entrance by maintenance or the east entrance.

Parking will be congested so please, if you park on the West, park as far north and west as you can. Currently, too many employees are utilizing the stalls closest to the hospital and these **MUST** be saved for our patients and families.

While we will review this more as July approaches, please remember our Behavior Standard of walking guests to where they need to go. The above may be our plan but not everyone will get the word and many will come in the wrong door. Our Motto, throughout the next couple of years, needs to “Doing what is best for our patients”. If we always keep that in mind, the best decisions will be made and our patient’s frustrations will be kept to a minimum.

2010 Time to Rock n’ Roll Again ~ A’ROR’N DAYS

The MCH Physical Therapy & Memorial Foundation Sponsor 2010 Fun Run & Wellness Walk will be held Saturday June 26th. All runs/walks begin and end at the Bremer Center.

DISTANCE: 10K & 5K RUN and 1 MILE WELLNESS WALK and 1 MILE KIDS RUN

TIME: 6:30 am-7am **BREMER CENTER for CHECK IN & LATE REGISTRATIONS FOR 10K, 5K, Wellness WALK**
REGISTRATION CLOSES at 7AM

7:05am **START - 10K, 5K, Wellness Walk**

7:45am **CHECK IN - KIDS RUN**

8:05am **START - 1 mile KIDS RUN**

COURSE: Begins at the Bremer Center and is an “out and back” course to Streeters Park via the Lincoln Creek Trail. 5K & WALK is one lap, 10K is 2 laps.

ENTRY FEE: **\$10 – 10K & 5K** **ALL PAID ENTRANTS RECEIVE A T-SHIRT**
\$15 – LATE REGISTRATION June 15 until 7:AM day of Race
\$10 – KIDS RUN

DIVISIONS: **10K RUN**

Male/female 19 & under, 20-35yrs., 36yrs. & up

5K RUN

Male/female 19 & under, 20-35yrs., 36yrs. & up

KIDS RUN

Male/female 9 & under, Male/female 10-13

AWARDS: Medals will be awarded to top 3 male/female finishers of 10K & 5K. KIDS RUN medals will be awarded to top 3 male/female finishers in each age division & all finishers receive a ribbon.

FOOD: Fruit, muffins & drinks will be provided for participants after the race & during the awards presentations.

Entry forms will be available at the Physical Therapy Building; Memorial Health Clinics in Aurora, Clay Center and Harvard; Chamber Office, Schneider’s Hardware and at the event the day of the race.