



Happy Birthday!

December Birthdays

- 3 Katie Simmons
- 7 Sally Robson
- 21 Jean Britt

- 27 Wendy Klosterman

January Birthdays

- 9 Judy Wyckoff
- 13 Phyllis Shaft

*If your name has been left off, please forgive us and contact McKenzie at 263-6692.

Important Numbers:

- Memorial Hospital.....263-2100
- Volunteer Services Office.....263-6692
- Hospital Scheduling.....263-6660
- Heartland Surgery.....263-0505
- Rehab Scheduling.....263-6664
- Memorial Health Foundation.....263-6688
- Marketing and Communications.....263-6686
- Home Health & Hospice.....263-6630
- Impact Sports & Fitness.....263-3888
- Village Manor.....263-1431
- McKenzie’s E-mail.....mfunston@mhsks.org
- MHS Website.....www.caringforyou.org

MHSVC Executive Board Meeting
Highlights - December 2020

- Meeting called to order and prayer for Hospital Auxiliaries was read in unison.
- Minutes were approved.
- Communications- thank you note from EOC for participating in the Employee Gifting time.
- Treasurer’s Report- \$52,087.96 ending balance.
- Card Committee- the committee did not meet in October or November. Most committee members are working from home. Several boxes of cards are ready to be displayed.
- Craft Committee- the committee has not met in person for a couple months. They are working from home on different projects.
- DVS Report- 415 hours in January and gift shop sales of \$4,129.28.
- CEO Comments- Mr. Courtois reported the latest information on Covid-19. The positive percentage of those testing positive is increasing, hospital admissions and deaths are also increasing. Access to hospital beds is limited, and staff numbers are reducing. Mr. Courtois shared that affiliation is set for Jan. 1, 2022. Many meetings and other preparations are being held to be ready for this date, but all is going well. It will give us better access to quality health care. Lunches with the CEO have been cancelled due to Covid. The hospital house at 800 N. Brady is scheduled to be completed by January 1, 2022. It will be used to house visiting personnel. Jeans day donations have been very successful and helpful to many. A new hospital truck has been purchased from Holm Automotive. Rural Health Symposium and KHA Leadership Institute were very useful to those attending
- Old Business- McKenzie shared that our bench has been installed at the MHS walking trail. It is the one in the northeast corner of the trail, or at Brady St. and Memorial View Dr. McKenzie had received a call from the family of Lee Kaufman wanting to get a picture of their family with the bench. They were very pleased to learn the bench was ready for use. A credit card machine like the hospital uses will be installed soon. Twenty-five families received gift bags of food items for making a Thanksgiving meal
- Next MHSVC Executive Board meeting will be January 13 at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room C.



The GrapeVINE
Volunteer Information Network
January 2022



Mission Statement: Memorial Health System Volunteer Corps serves as a link between the community and Memorial Health System by providing support through acts of kindness, donations of time, talents, and financial gifts.



VOLUNTEER MARY LEACH GETS RECOGNIZED

Memorial Health System Volunteer Corps member, Mary Leach, was nominated for Dickinson County Hero of the Month for December. State Farm insurance agent Amanda West presented Mary with a \$100 check to use however she would like to. State Farm also partnered with OCCK (Occupational Center of Central Kansas) to give Mary a year’s worth of bus passes. She was nominated for always showing up for “work”, helping others, and always having a smiling face. The surprise presentation was held on November 30th in the front lobby of Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

DATES TO REMEMBER
JANUARY 2022

- January 1st- New Years Day
- January 11th-20% off Linen Sale in gift shop
- January 13th- MHSVC Executiv Board meeting
9:30am Conf Room C
- January 13th- Card Committee -
9a-3p, Nichols Education Center
- January 17th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 27th -Craft Committee -
9a-3p, Nichols Education Center

Memorial Health System (MHS), in Abilene, and Salina Regional Health Center, in Salina, announced back in April that they agreed to enter into a strategic alliance in order to better serve the patients and families of their respective communities in north central Kansas. The date is now approaching for the affiliation to begin.

On January 1, 2022, Salina Regional Health Center will assume responsibility for the management and operations of Memorial Health System. Ownership of the hospital will not change. However, all Memorial Health System employees will become employees of Salina Regional Health Center.

The staff of MHS has been participating in extensive training in recent weeks, and that training continues for many departments. Training consists of everything from human resources requirements, policies, computer programs, and more.

The focus of the affiliation is to increase services and care available to the people of Abilene and Dickinson County. Nothing in the agreement inhibits or eliminates a patient’s ability to choose from whom or where they receive services.

“As we move closer to January 1, 2022, we are excited to begin a new chapter in MHS history regarding affiliation with Salina Regional Health Center. We have stated before, it is a great opportunity to move forward with collaboration instead of competition. Affiliation means we are better prepared to head into the future to provide and enhance care to those who seek our services. Our goal, as Memorial Health System, is to continue to provide access to healthcare in this area for all patients well into the future, and affiliation will ensure that we are able to do that,” said Harold Courtois, Chief Executive Officer of Memorial Health System.

Affiliation is coming soon!

On January 1, 2022 Memorial Health System will be affiliated with Salina Regional Health Center.

What to expect:

For You

New and improved processes will help to better the patient experience:


- Continuity of care
- Accurate & efficient documentation
- Same day services

As always, please have your identification and insurance cards ready on every visit!

For MHS Staff

In order for us to improve your patient experience, employees must undergo several changes. All departments of MHS will have a “go live” date on January 1. Please expect longer wait times while staff learns to navigate through new systems and processes.

Your patience is appreciated!



Heartland
Health Care Clinic
Located inside of Memorial Hospital

WALK - IN CLINIC

7:00 - 11:00 A.M. & 1:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Monday - Friday

**Pending Provider Availability*

Convenient treatment for:

Colds & Flu

Sore Throat

Ear Infection

Laceration Repairs

Muscle Strains & Pain

Minor Aches & Pains

The Walk-In Clinic is here for those who need immediate care, but do not need to go to the Emergency Department. Appointments are not needed. Patients are seen in the order they arrive.

New patients may utilize the Walk-In Clinic. We hope new patients will decide to make Heartland Health Care Clinic their health care home.

www.CaringForYou.org

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VOLUNTEER CORPS ANNUAL GIFTING PROGRAM

Each year The Memorial Health System Volunteer Corps holds several fundraisers to raise money, in hopes of offering “gifts” to the Health System that would help enhance departments and the services they offer. These items were presented to the Volunteer Executive Board and were approved.

- EOC (Employer of Choice).....Cotton Candy Machine
- Impact Sports & Fitness.....Vinyl Padded Folding Chairs
- Food and Nutritional Services.....Food labeling machine
- Infection Control.....Standard Bariatric wheelchair
- Village Manor.....Snow Cones/Syrup
- TV Fire Stick
- Outdoor lawn games
- Leaf Blower
- Ice Chest
- Outdoor Patio Fan
- Maintenance.....Grass Trimmer
- Emergency Department.....White Boards

Total Amount gifted: \$5,000 (approximately)

