

## RCH Has Successful Competency Fair



RCH held their annual competency fair on September 29. The competency fair gives our medical team a chance to learn new or refresh their current skills. It was another huge success this year. Thanks to all who took the time to put it together and make it happen. The feedback we got was that this year's fair was a little harder than last years and it took almost twice as long to get through it all, but the modalities were

very good and informational.

We only had 2 full time nurses that weren't able to complete the courses because of scheduling and some nurses that came later weren't able to get through all the modalities.



We will schedule a mini make up day to give everyone a chance to finish up after we get through all the files and see where we need to focus. If you didn't bring your folder back because it wasn't done, please return it so we can make sure to get everything covered in the make-up session.



Once again thanks to everyone for your willingness to improve and learn so we can continue to offer the best patient care around. You guys rock!!!  
By Pam Harmon, Director of Nursing



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BACK



**DEADLINE TO ORDER BREAST CANCER AWARENESS SHIRTS IS THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2.**

**Order forms are on** bulletin boards in the Employee Hallway and Business Office. You can also sign up with Eric or Kandie.

Cost is \$12 for small through XL  
 \$14 for 2XL  
 \$16 for 3XL

Please pay in advance to Eric or Kandie.

We are using a different printer this time and they are using polyester fabric that looks and feels like cotton.

## October Anniversaries

Kristen Wyatt	1 Year	Wendy Walker	2 Years
Bethany Couse	1 Year	Genny Robben-Rahjes	13 Years
Debbie Sander	2 Years	Gwen Lewis	16 Years
Lori Austin	2 Years		

## Transportation Service Provides Mobility and Increases Independence

“The Van” is keeping Rooks County residents on the move, while enabling many to live as independently as possible.

“The Van” is what the staff at Rooks County Transportation Service and their loyal riders call the service, but it’s actually more than one van and much more than just transportation. Johnna Lambert is the director of Rooks County Transportation



Service and Casey Arnold is the main contact for scheduling “The Van”. Lambert explained that the service is funded by grants from the Kansas Department of Transportation, the United States Department of Transportation as well as contributions from Rooks County and every town in the county. Fares are by donation only with a suggested donation of five dollars for transport to a special event.

While 75 percent of rides are medically related, “The Van” also takes riders to shopping, the hairdresser and even cultural events. One rider relies on the service to attend college courses at Fort Hays State University. Even pets can get a ride as long as they are restrained and under control. “The Van” is available for Rooks County residents and will deliver riders to stops in Phillips, Osborne, Graham and Ellis counties.

Doris Casey is a Plainville resident who’s been using “The Van” since the service began. This proudly independent woman knew she had to give up driving but still wanted to maintain her active lifestyle. Not wanting to impose on family or friends to help her get around, Doris found out about the service and immediately became a huge fan. “It’s so convenient,” says Doris. “As soon as I call Casey (Arnold) it’s all arranged. I have no worry, all I do is check my calendar, and I know what time they’re going to pick me up and what time I’ll be home. And the drivers are so nice. They really care about assisting you.”

Lambert noted the feeling of safety and comradery that “The Van” riders share, “When it’s dark, late or the weather is bad with rain and wind, our riders have no stress. They can visit and laugh while the drivers do the work.”

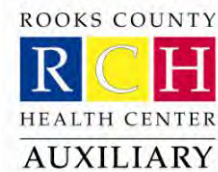
Lambert and Arnold are quick to credit the dedication, compassion and training of the three drivers. Speaking about Jeannie Rolfe, Jerry Keyes and Robin Bailey, Arnold said, “The service just

wouldn't work without the drivers." Lambert added, "They're the face of "The Van" and the soul of the service. They care a great deal."

There are a few things that new riders can do to help make the system run smoothly. Call at least 24 hours in advance for a ride. When making a reservation, be sure to mention any special needs such as a lift for a wheelchair. Have patience as the demand for transportation service is great. Medical transport takes precedence when scheduling routes, so if a trip is for groceries, the rider might have to wait a bit. Finally, if you need to cancel a scheduled ride, please call and cancel or reschedule.

"If I didn't have this service I doubt if I would be able to stay in my home. The drivers are so nice and really good about assisting you. I encourage everyone who needs it to call for this service," said Casey.

"The Van" runs Monday through Friday from 8a.m. to 5p.m. unless road conditions are unsafe. Riders can call the Rooks County Health Center main line at 785-434-4553 and ask to be connected to Transportation. For more information, visit [www.RooksCountyHealthCenter.com](http://www.RooksCountyHealthCenter.com).



## RCH Auxiliary NEWS

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The Auxiliary is planning some really great fundraisers for our hospital expansion project! Mark your calendar for these special dates. More information will be coming soon!

### Upcoming Events:

Saturday Nov 14, Annual Bake Sale at Mr. K's

November 24 & 25, RCH Auxiliary Fall Festival at RCH Education Center!

December 8, Memorial Tree Lighting at RCH

December 14, Hospital Bake Sale at RCH

December 15, next blood drive at Plainville K of C

**RCH Auxiliary is still selling \$50 and \$100 Mr. K's and Webster's gift cards in the gift shop (5% of the profits goes to the Auxiliary)**





## Human Resource News

### JOB OPENINGS:

- Cook
- RN
- Housekeeper
- Occupational Therapist
- Walk In Clinic Nurse
- Circulating/PACU RN
- Admissions Clerk

## Flu Vaccines for 2015-16 Season

As an employee of RCH you are required to either have a flu vaccine or wear a mask whenever you are in the facility from October 1 – March 31. All vaccines given through RCH are preservative-free. If you receive your flu vaccine elsewhere, you will need to bring a copy of your records to Employee Health.



This year we have a few different flu vaccine options:

For those **65 years and older** we have a special High-Dose Trivalent (contains 3 strains) vaccines. This is a new option for us this year.

For those age **6 months through 64 years** we have a Quadrivalent (contains 4 strains) vaccine.

We also have FluMist Quadrivalent **Intra-Nasal vaccine**. This is available for non-pregnant people age **2 through 49 years**. This is a Live Influenza Virus.

Flu vaccines can be obtained in the OP department. Outpatient will come around to departments as they have time.

Flu vaccines will be available to household family member of employees for **\$20**. You can have your family member register and pay at the front desk, Then once the face sheet and vaccine sheet are printed, they can get their vaccine in the OP department. Please call OP at 688-4401 Ext. 242 before you come to decrease the likelihood you will need to wait.

Employee vaccines must be obtained by **Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**. Any employee receiving a vaccine after this date must continue to wear a **mask for 10 days** after vaccination.

## Current Departmental Completion Percentage of Flu vaccination stats as of 2:45 on 9/30/15:

Nursing - 51%  
RN's - 55%  
**LPN's - 100%**  
CNA's - 64%  
Paramedics - 50%  
Rehab Services - 71%  
Respiratory Services - 50%  
Engineering - 0%  
OutPatient/OR - 82%  
Radiology - 56%  
Lab - 88%  
**Materials - 100%**  
Transportation Van - 66%  
Senior Leaders - 50%  
**Social Services - 100%**  
HIM - 0%  
Dietary - 88%  
DWD Clinic - 80%  
**Communication & Dev - 100%**  
**RCH Clinic - 100%**  
**Cardiac Rehab - 100%**  
Environmental Services - 17%  
Pharmacy - 0%  
Business Office - 90%  
IT - 0%  
Admissions - 80%



**\*Last day to receive flu vaccine without having to wear a mask is Monday, October 5th! Let's bring those percentages up!**

# QUARTERLY REGULATORY MEETINGS

## WEDNESDAY, October 14<sup>th</sup>

*All Meetings will be held in the HIM Conference Room*

### **8:00            Quarterly Quality**

**Reporting This Quarter:  
Engineering, Environmental Services, Materials Management,  
Therapy Departments, Cardiac Rehabilitation,  
Health Information Management, DWD clinic  
Business Office/Administration/Finance/Admissions,  
Communications & Development**

### **9:30            Quarterly Infection Prevention**

### **10:00          Quarterly Privacy Oversight**

### **10:15          Quarterly Corporate Compliance**

### **10:30          Quarterly Utilization Review**

### **11:30          Quarterly Risk Management**

*After the Quality Meeting, all meetings will run consecutively and meeting times will be approximate. The start of all meetings will be announced overhead so those people can arrive at the appropriate time.*



# Lunch Menu



**Thursday, October 1**

Chicken strips, cheesy potato casserole, layered pea salad, sherbet cup

**Friday, October 2**

Meat Loaf, baked potato, sweet corn, tomato salad, Texas sheetcake

**Saturday, October 3**

Ham Sandwich, macaroni & cheese, red grapes, pudding cup

**Sunday, October 4**

Legend beef fillet, mashed potato/gravy, cheesy broccoli, pasta salad, chocolate pie, dinner roll

**Monday, October 5**

Hot Pork Roast Sandwich, mashed potato/gravy, sweet corn, creamy coleslaw, cherry square dessert

**Tuesday, October 6**

Spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, strawberry poke cake, garlic breadstick

**Wednesday, October 7**

Beef & Noodles over mashed potatoes, sweet corn, rosy applesauce, Oreo cookie cake

**Thursday, October 8**

Meat Loaf, baked potato, buttered carrots, Italian vegetable salad, fruit pizza

**Friday, October 9**

Grilled chicken on bun, tater tots, fresh fruit cup, coconut crème pie

**Saturday, October 10**

Pasta casserole, green beans, fruit cup, lemon bar, garlic breadstick

**Sunday, October 11**

Legend beef, mashed potato/gravy, capri vegetables, tossed salad, crème pie, dinner roll

**Monday, October 12**

Brats on a bun, potato salad, baked beans, peanut butter bar

**Tuesday, October 13**

Lasagna, sweet corn, tossed salad, layered pudding dessert

**Wednesday, October 14**

Beef sliced brisket, potato casserole, green beans, tossed salad, scotcheroos



**Thursday, October 15**

Baked potato bar, Hawaiian cake





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				<b>1</b> <b>1:15 Policy Committee Mtg</b> Dawnite Colburn	 <b>2</b> <b>PAY DAY</b> Lori Custer	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Pam Harmon	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Debbie Sander	<b>9</b> Bobbi Norton	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Turn Time Sheets In</b> Nita Dunning	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>8:00 – 1:00 Quarterly Reg. Mtgs</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>PAY DAY</b> Marlene Dohe Sheila Eichman	<b>17</b> Aleesha Wilson
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>12:00 Foundation Board Mtg</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>8:30 – 1:00 Med Staff &amp; Grand Mtgs</b>	<b>22</b> Elizabeth Hyde Lynn Finnesy	<b>23</b> Lisa Karlin Lonnie Weiser	<b>24</b> Judy Munsell Kristen Wyatt LeAnn Zimmerman
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Turn Time Sheets In</b> <b>8:00 – 4:00 New Employee Orientation</b>	<b>27</b> <b>6:00pm – RCH Board Mtg</b>	<b>28</b> <b>10:00 Safety/Infection Prevention Rounds</b> <b>1:30 Disaster Safety Mtg</b>	<b>29</b> <b>8am &amp; 2pm Quarterly Staff Mtgs</b> <b>10 RCH Auxiliary Mtg</b>	<b>30</b> <b>PAY DAY</b>	<b>31</b>  Meghan Augustine