RCH recently received an important piece of equipment for use in the new MRI/Nuclear Medicine facility, which is currently under construction. An MRI Vital Signs Monitoring System, purchased with the aid of a generous grant from the Heartland Community Foundation, arrived on June 22.

Karen Harris, Director of Diagnostic Imaging, described the arrival of the monitor as “another piece of the puzzle that’s going to get us to where we want to be in the future with our imaging services. The more we can offer these state of the art technologies and services to our patients the better we’re going to be.”

The system will allow RCH technologists to monitor a patient’s vital signs while they’re in the MRI environment. If a patient requires IV sedation, the Vital Signs Monitoring System is necessary to allow the clinical staff to track the patient’s vital signs throughout the procedure, which may take up to an hour. Without the monitor, any patient requiring IV sedation would need to have their scan done at another facility.

While the new on-site MRI will have a large bore and the suite will be equipped with stress reduction amenities such as sound reduction and stress reducing light and video technologies, some patients may require IV sedation due to anxiety, pain or claustrophobia. This is especially true for infants, children and others who are unable to remain still during the scan.

**Congratulations to Heather Balthazor and Sam Pfannenstiel!** These ladies recently added their names to the list of Registered CT Scan Technologists at RCH, along with Randy Richmeier.

Director of Diagnostic Imaging, Karen Harris, has challenged all of her technologists to get registered in CT Scan. Eventually, CMS will not reimburse the hospital unless it is performed by a registered technologist in that modality. Karen has encouraged her technologists to get ahead in the game so they won’t be rushed to get it done later.

Karen said, “It takes a lot of intense studying and dedication to achieve this certification and I am so proud of all of them for their efforts to make our CT Scan department even more outstanding!!!”
HR News

JOB OPENINGS:
- Cook

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CHANGES IN EMPLOYEES:
- Christine Bohl will be a PRN Radiology Tech.

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Rhonda Thyfault & Cathy King are on FMLA. They are asking for your generosity by donating PTO hours to their account. If you would like to do this, please contact Cindi for the form.

July 1st RIDDLE:
What goes with you wherever you go, often demands an answer, and never asks you a question?

(First correct answer to Kandie Morain at ext. 214 or to kmorain@plainville.hpmin.com wins a dozen free Otis Spunkmeyer cookies from the Auxiliary Gift Shop!)

Marlene Dohe, Tonya Bethel, Katelin Dohe, and their families would like to thank Dr. Sanchez, Ron Williams APRN, and the entire RCH staff for the wonderful care that was given to our loved one, Dale Dohe. He was truly a fighter, and an incredible man. We miss him so much, but know that he is not suffering any longer. Your continued prayers are much appreciated. Thank you all again for everything!

- The Dohe Family

DWD will be closed on July 4 for the holiday.
RCH welcomes new Occupational Therapist, Elizabeth “Liz” Burleigh, MSOTR/L. She will provide both outpatient and inpatient occupational therapy services as she joins RCH’s Rehabilitation Department.

AJ Thomas, Rehab Director, is eager to have Liz on board. “We are excited about the different therapy programs she is going to bring and develop to offer new services to the residents of Rooks County. She is joining our team at the perfect time to help us transition into our new facility and helping us continue to bring value to health care here in northwest Kansas.”

RCH’s Occupational Therapy services help people of all ages attain or regain as much functional physical competence and ability as possible in instances of a disability. This may include helping children to participate fully in school or social situations. Also those recovering from injury in order to return to work and their normal daily routine as well as seniors who are experiencing physical and cognitive challenges.

Born in the small farming community of Mansfield, PA, Liz was trained in Occupational Therapy in Philadelphia. She moved to Rooks County from South Boston, VA.

Asked about her first impressions of her new home, she said, “The community is very reminiscent of the one I grew up in. The entire county is a very friendly place.” In her spare time Liz enjoys gardening, cooking and antiquing.

“The nurse was amazing and truly caring. I can not say enough good things about our hospital. One thing that I have always appreciated is the fact that I don’t have to wait for the doctor or APRN. The quick response once we get there is amazing. I highly recommend our facility and am thankful to have this option right here.” – Another Grateful RCH patient
July Anniversaries
Michelle Wilkens 1 Year
Kristen Wyatt 1 Year
Justin Lampe 1 Year
Crystal Mahan 6 Years
Elizabeth Hyde 7 Years
Stephanie Bjornstad 12 Years
Sheila Eichman 12 Years
Jolene Whitehair 13 Years
Vi Gehring 13 Years
Pat Ferland 13 Years

THANK YOU for your years of service!

This little cutie is Brooks Balthazor. He is the son of Heather Balthazor, who is a Radiology Tech.

Brooks is the first person to enjoy the new high chair that was recently purchased for use in the cafeteria!

We are happy to accommodate our smallest and most precious visitors!

Amanda Claridge has 3 KC Royals tickets she would like to sell. The game is Saturday, September 17 at 6:15pm against the Chicago White Sox. Seats are located in Section 125, Row P, Seats 9-10-11. Cost is $115 each. Contact Amanda Claridge if interested. 785.885.8155
RCH Auxiliary NEWS

THANK YOU! for supporting the RCH Auxiliary’s Paradise Creek Festival PIE SALE. The Auxiliary raised over $1,100 thanks to your generosity. The Auxiliary would also like to thank Bill Stahl for all of his efforts to make this fundraiser a success!

The RCH Auxiliary SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE has published the information about the Rooks County Health Center Auxiliary Memorial Scholarship. The deadline to make application is July 15th. The Auxiliary has also voted to create a Rooks County Health Center Auxiliary Memorial RCH Employee Scholarship. It also has an application deadline of July 15th. These scholarships are funded by the Memorial Tree Lighting Ceremony held in December every year. This year it will be held on December 6th. If you know a student who resides in the hospital district and has been accepted in a health care related field of study they can contact Shirley Comeau, Scholarship Committee Chairman at 785-737-3492.

RCH Auxiliary sponsored BLOOD MOBILE
The next blood mobile is scheduled for July 7th from 11 am to 5 pm at the K of C Hall.

Otis Spunkmeyer Cookies!!! Available in the Gift Shop on Thursdays!
Friday, July 1  
Hamburgers, chips, baked beans, peanut butter sheet cake

Saturday, July 2  
Chicken pasta casserole, garlic bread stick and cookies

Sunday, July 3  
Swiss steak, mashed potato w/ gravy, cheesy broccoli, salad, and chocolate pie

Monday, July 4 – Independence Day  
Brats & fixings, potato salad, chips, “special dessert”

Tuesday, July 5  
Chicken Cordon Bleu, baked potato, green beans, salad, hot fudge cake

Wednesday, July 6  
Chicken Caesar wraps, pasta salad, chips, cherry square dessert

Thursday, July 7  
Chef salad, fruit pizza

Friday, July 8  
Beef carnitas, beans & rice, Choco Taco

Saturday, July 9  
Fried chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, cauliflower/broccoli, caramel delight

*The rest of the menu was not available at print time.*
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