

RCH Receives Level IV Trauma Center Designation from KDHE



The trauma center at Rooks County Health Center (RCH) has again received designation as a Level IV Trauma Center by the Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment (KDHE). Every three years, designated trauma centers must meet the

essential criteria that ensure trauma care capability and institutional performance as outlined by the American College of Surgeons and endorsed by the Kansas Advisory Committee on Trauma.

“We know that every second matters when a life-threatening injury occurs. Trauma center designation is a key part of the overall statewide trauma system which increases the chance of survival and reduces permanent injury for patients in Kansas,” said KDHE Secretary Susan Mosier, MD, MBA. “On behalf of families and visitors in our state, we congratulate Rooks County Health Center for serving this vital role”.

Injuries are a leading cause of death and disability in Kansas. KDHE’s Trauma Program works to assure those that are injured in Kansas have access to an organized system of trauma care that offers them the best chance of recovery.

There are four separate categories of designation by the Kansas Trauma Program. Each category has specific criteria that must be met by a facility seeking that level of designation. A trauma care system includes a network of hospitals providing a spectrum of care for injured patients. Trauma center designations are based on the hospital’s care capability, from the highest level of care possible (Level I) to hospitals designated Level IV.

Level IV trauma centers are rural hospitals whose primary role in the trauma care system is to stabilize seriously injured patients and, if necessary, transfer them to the appropriate higher level trauma center. Hospitals that have achieved Level IV trauma center designation have demonstrated a commitment to providing optimal care for those who have been seriously injured.

RCH is one of the few critical access hospitals in Kansas that is willing to make the immense effort and incur the expenses necessary to attain Level IV designation. As RCH staff explained, the necessary higher levels of staff training and education required to obtain Level IV, coupled with the advanced equipment required, is possible due to the support and commitment of the hospital board and administration. As one RCH nurse stated “We just hold ourselves to a higher standard. This is the right thing to do for our community, so we at RCH make the effort and make sure we get it done”.



NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION **New MRI & Nuclear Medicine Suite**

Construction Update

The structural steel contractors stormed the building site and made quick work of the structural steel installation this past week. Bar joists and metal roof deck were carefully welded into place. The next step will be framing the exterior walls.

Again, we remind everyone that during the construction project, the MRI driveway is closed to all pedestrian and automobile traffic. All visitors and staff parked in the front parking lot of the hospital are encouraged to enter and exit the building using the main doors.





HR News

JOB OPENINGS:

- Cook
- RN

CHANGES IN EMPLOYEES:

- **Lori Frederking** will return as ER/Trauma/Education Coordinator.
- **Makayla Sanchez's** last day will be August 12.

The pension rep will be here on Tuesday, August 9. A sign-up sheet is in the employee hallway if you would like to meet with him.

August Anniversaries

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| Jericha Bequilla | 1 Year | Laura Burton | 5 Years |
| Eric Bose | 1 Year | Chad Persing | 6 Years |
| Sarah Rudman | 1 Year | Janey Denton | 6 Years |
| Jill Chestnut | 1 Year | Erin Newell | 7 Years |
| Jacque Harmon | 1 Year | Jan Jones | 9 Years |
| Aleesha Wilson | 2 Years | Dawnite Colburn | 11 Years |
| Lacey Dreiling | 2 Years | June Karlin | 12 Years |
| Lynn Finnesy | 2 Years | Scott Carpenter | 12 Years |
| AJ Thomas | 4 Years | Cindy Ross | 20 Years |
| Danelle Wise | 4 Years | Bill Stahl | 22 Years |

We appreciate your year(s) of service!

Thank you!



July 1st RIDDLE:

Three feet have I, yet not a single leg. What am I?

(First correct answer to Johnna Lambert at ext. 237 or jlambert@plainville.hpmin.com will win a dozen cookies from the Auxiliary Gift Shop!

Thank you all, you saved me! I never thought at my age I would ever be in an ambulance for a heart issue. You all made this rotten time so much better, thank you! I owe you much more than a bill!

-Grateful ER Patient

Laurie Augustine is shown using a fire extinguisher during the July 28 fire safety demonstration for staff.



Way to go Laurie!!!

The newly formed PFAC Committee will have their first official meeting on August 10th! Thank you to those volunteering to be on this important committee. We are very excited to get your feedback on how we can provide our patients with the best possible care.

RCH Staff include: Casey Arnold, Jill Chestnut, Jan Jones and Jolene Whitehair.

RCH Board Member Representative: Charlie Allphin

Community members include: Kenda Ross, Ann Ochampaugh, Deb Miller, Deb Becker, Dennis Tucker, Larry McDermott, Stephanie Vohs, and Candace Rachel.



RCH is staffing a booth at the Rooks County Fair in Stockton from Monday, August 8 to Saturday August 13. We are looking for volunteers to work in the RCH booth in the evenings from 5 to 9.

There is a sign-up sheet in the back employee hallway and on the bulletin board in the business office. Employees can flex their time during the week so they can get paid for their time at the fair.

Employees celebrated high patient satisfaction scores with an employee BBQ on Wednesday, July 27.

Thank you for the great care you give to our patients and their families!





RCH Employee Spotlight

Name: **Kristen Atchison**
RCH Team: CNA
Start date at RCH: March 2016

Kristen Atchison is a PRN CNA in our Nursing Department and has been a stay at home mom for the past six years.

Her husband James works for Coffeyville Resources and they have two children, Kinley Jo (5) and Grant Matthew (2).

She enjoys photography and is currently a full time nursing student.



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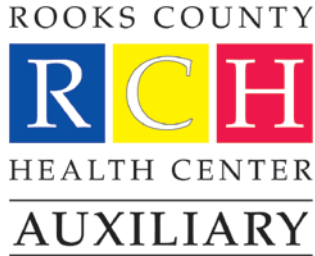
Name: **Makayla Sanchez**
RCH Team: **Dietary**
Start date at RCH: May 2016

Makayla Sanchez is our newest temporary Dietary Aid and enjoys basketball, volleyball, baking and reading.

She has previously been a swimming instructor, secretary, resident assistant, grader and medical records clerk.

Makayla is the daughter of Dr. Daniel and Karen Sanchez and attends Southern Adventist University.





RCH Auxiliary NEWS

The RCH Auxiliary **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE** would like to announce scholarship recipients for 2016/2017.

For the **Rooks County Health Center Auxiliary Memorial Scholarship**: Fallyn Handley received a \$300 scholarship.

For the **Rooks County Health Center Auxiliary Memorial RCH Employee Scholarship**: Cricket Rice and Kristen Atchison received scholarships of \$500 each.



Shown left to right: Karen Sinclair, President; Kathy Ramsay, Member; Kristen Atchison, Cricket Rice and Shirley Comeau, Member.

These scholarships are funded by the Memorial Tree Lighting Ceremony planned for this year on Thursday, December 6th.



RCH Auxiliary sponsored BLOOD MOBILE held a successful blood drive on July 15th receiving 46 units of blood.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Next blood mobiles are scheduled for September 11th 11am-5pm, and December 11th 11:30am -5:30pm at the K of C Hall in Plainville.



Nancy Sterling is shown proudly representing RCH at the Baby Care Street Fair, which was held in Hays on July 23.

Looking good Nancy!

 **Lunch Menu** 

Monday, Aug 1

BBQ pork on bun, macaroni salad, coleslaw, ice cream bar

Tuesday, Aug 2

French dipped sandwich, macaroni & cheese, chips, layered pudding dessert

Wednesday, Aug 3

Chicken tacos, Mexican rice, chips & cheese, Mississippi mud cake

Thursday, Aug 4

Baked potato bar, tossed salad, Hawaiian cake

Friday, Aug 5

Chicken strips, potato casserole, tossed salad, Texas sheetcake

Saturday, Aug 6

Swiss steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas, tossed salad, Toll House Cookie bar

Sunday, Aug 7

Fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, garden salad, cherry pie

Monday, Aug 8

Spaghetti, broccoli, garden salad, garlic breadstick, ice cream

Tuesday, Aug 9

Green bean dumpling, garden salad, garlic toast, Rice Krispie treat

Wednesday, Aug 10

Hamburgers, tater tots, southern style green beans, broccoli deluxe salad, rosy applesauce

Thursday, Aug 11

Chicken Cordon Bleu, baked potato, mixed vegetables, layered pea salad, sherbet

Friday, Aug 12

Taco salad with all the fixings, peanut butter sheetcake

Saturday, Aug 13

Deli sandwich of choice, vegetable soup, macaroni & cheese, pudding cookies

Sunday, Aug 14

Pot roast, parselied potatoes, buttered carrots, roll, apple pie

Monday, Aug 15

Chicken fettuccine alfredo, garden salad, garlic breadstick, Italian crème cake

August

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| | 1 Turn In Time Sheet | 2 | 3 Disaster/Safety Mtg 1:00 pm Dr. Dan Sanchez Emily Decker | 4 Policy Comm. Mtg 1:15 pm | 5 First Friday PAY DAY | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 Pension Rep Here Amber Hageman Joe Brewster | 10 Erin Newell | 11 | 12 Johnna Lambert | 13 |
| 14 | 15 Turn In Time Sheet Foundation Board Mtg at 12 pm Pat Meyers | 16 | 17 Med Staff & Grand Mtgs 8:30 am - 1 pm Samantha Augustine | 18 New Employee Orientation 8:00 am - 4 pm | 19 PAY DAY Laura Burton Joselyn Wilkens | 20 Tonya Bethel |
| 21 | 22 Camille Elivera | 23 RCH Board Mtg 6:00 pm | 24 | 25 Auxiliary Mtg at 10 am. RCH Dept. Head Mtg at 2pm Stacy Ratliff | 26 Michele Hinger Megan Casey | 27 Dr. Lynn Fisher |
| 28 | 29 Turn In Time Sheet Justin Thummel | 30 | 31 | | | |