

March 15, 2019

Poison Prevention Classes Scheduled for Rooks County Schools

March 17-23 is National Poison Prevention Week and nurses from Rooks County Health Center (RCH) will be conducting poison prevention classes in county elementary schools beginning March 18.

Children under the age of 6 are the most frequent victims of accidental poisoning. According to the University of Kansas Health System almost 50% of the calls to poison control centers involve children in this age group and nearly 90% of poisonings happen at home.

The good news is that most poisonings can be prevented. To enhance poison awareness and help educate young children, RCH is providing a learning presentation to Rooks County students from Preschool to 1st grade. The presentation will consist of a video produced by The University of Kansas Health System called "Hunter and Scout's Poison Patrol" as well as activities to help children learn and identify common household poisons. Each child will be sent home with a pencil, a magnet with Poison Control's phone number listed, a special sticker, and a Poison Safety At Home booklet to read with their families, provided by The University of Kansas Health System.

Spearheading this safety initiative in Rooks County is Megan Casey, RN, a pharmacy nurse at RCH, who stated "The hospital is committed to providing education and enhancing community health and safety, and providing this presentation to the kids in our county is just one more way in which we're accomplishing that. There are so many everyday household items that can pose a poisoning risk to kids. Preventing such poisonings starts with education".

Casey went on to say that it was her hope that after the presentation kids would go home and share the important information they learned with their families.

The poison prevention presentations will be held at Little Lambs Preschool in Plainville on the morning of Monday, March 18, Stockton Elementary Tuesday, March 19 in the afternoon and at Sacred Heart Grade School Friday, March 22. Damar Elementary and Plainville Elementary presentation dates are yet to be announced.

If you or anyone you know touches, smells, or tastes a poisonous item call the Poison Help line immediately at 1-800-222-1222.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to Anne Givens!

She is the March Employee of the Month. Anne was nominated by Tammy Billinger. Anne has been an RN at RCH since November 2012.

Anne (left) is shown receiving her award from Pam Harmon, Director of Nursing (right).



Human Resource News

OPEN POSITIONS: –

Part-time/PRN Physical Therapist

CHANGES IN EMPLOYEES:

Karla Ruder will be the Flex Shift Housekeeper.

Lana Schneider will be an RN Night Supervisor.

PTO DONATION REQUESTS:

LaDonna Shetterly and **Caitlin Wessel** are requesting your generosity in donating PTO hours while they are on FMLA leave.

Rookstock is coming up on March 30!

If you haven't gotten your ticket it is not too late!

Check out www.Rookstock.com to learn more about the entertainment and auction items that will be available.



 Lunch Menu 

Sunday, March 17

Chicken Cordon Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, and Dessert

Monday, March 18

Chicken Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Chips and Salsa, and Fresh Fruit

Tuesday, March 19

Spoon Burgers, Small Salad and Ice Cream

Wednesday, March 20

Soup Day(choice of soup and special soup toppings) Bread stick, and Cherry Chip Cake

Thursday, March 21

Sloppy Joes, Cheesy Potato Casserole, and Fresh Fruit

Friday, March 22

Breaded Shrimp, French Fries and Fresh Fruit

Saturday, March 23

Stuffed Peppers, Garlic Toast and Lemon Bars

Sunday, March 24

Beef Roast Dinner and Pie

Monday, March 25

Hot Pork Sandwich, Vegetable, and Fresh Fruit

Tuesday, March 26

Ham & Beans, Corn Bread and Layered Pudding Dessert

Wednesday, March 27

Smothered Sancho's with Chips and Fresh Fruit

Thursday, March 28

Bierocks, Small Salad, and Hawaiian Cake

Friday, March 29

Enchiladas-Choice of Cheese or Beef and Fresh Fruit

Saturday, March 30

Spaghetti Casserole and Garlic Stick and Ice Cream and Cookies

Sunday, March 31

Meatloaf, Buttered Potatoes, Vegetables and Pie