

# THE SMITH

*Smith County Memorial Hospital Monthly Newsletter*

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## HOSPITAL GRAND OPENING CEREMONY & TOURS

Smith County Memorial Hospital and Family Practice will hold the grand opening ceremony of the new facility on Sunday, Aug. 5, five years after the initial planning process started and just 18 months since the start of construction. Hospital operations will remain at the current location until Wed. Aug. 8.

Join us as we celebrate the completion of construction of the new hospital and clinic from 2 to 5 p.m. on August 5, with a dedication of the building at 2 p.m., followed by guided tours and refreshments. The new building is located at 921 E. HWY 36 in Smith Center.





# HOSPITAL REFOCUSSES FOOD SERVICE

## STEVE SMITH NAMED HEAD CHEF

Steve Smith has been hired as the new head chef and registered dietitian at Smith County Memorial Hospital.

Chef Steve has spent the last 8 years as executive chef of a restaurant in Nevis, an island in the Caribbean. His extensive experience in the food service industry includes opening restaurants all over the world such as an Italian restaurant in Dubai and two seafood restaurants in Reno, among many more through his consulting firm.

After experiencing a cardiac episode that Steve attributes to an unhealthy diet, he changed his lifestyle and began his education in the Medical Dietetics program at Ohio State University. He received his Registered Dietitian License after passing the national board exam in 2009.

"I'm excited about this new opportunity to use both of my specialties, culinary arts and dietetics in the healthcare industry," Chef Steve explains the enticement of his new role.

In an effort to improve the continuity of care for patients of SCMH and refocus food service to cafe inspired dining using fresh ingredients and an a la carte menu, administration moved forward with hiring a full-time registered dietitian with experience as a head chef in the restaurant industry.

"Our Food Service Staff have done an excellent job doing what they've been asked to do. Now we are asking them to accept a lot of new changes. That is where the decision to hire Steve became necessary," Allen Van Driel, CEO, explains.

The new direction for food service is two-fold. The first priority is for Chef Steve to work closely with Primary Care Physicians on implementing diets that are conducive to improving health. He will meet with hospital inpatients to plan their menu and counsel them on diet plans or restrictions.

"A close collaboration with a Registered Dietitian is a huge benefit to the patients. It helps focus the medical direction to holistic health," Chief of Medical Staff, Dr. Overmiller says.

Secondly, Chef Steve's role at SCMH will be dedicated to improving the accessibility, quality and options of the food produced in the hospital through a customer-focused kitchen.

Come sample some of Chef Steve's creations at the Grand Opening event on Sunday, Aug. 5 from 2 to 5 p.m.

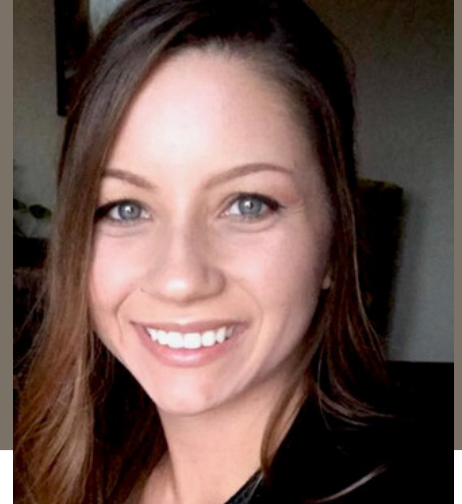


# SMITH COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TO HOST INTERN

Through a grant provided by Nex-Tech called Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth, SCMh will host intern, Courtney Schmidt. The goal of the internship is to provide students with valuable, hands-on experiences in a professional setting.

Courtney is a Smith Center High School grad who went on to receive her Bachelor Degree at Emporia State University. She is currently working on her Master's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Human Resource management.

Courtney will participate in many projects during her internship but will dedicate time to a training schedule for current employees necessary for a seamless transition to the new facility. Courtney's discipline in Human Resources is well suited for the responsibilities she will have during her internship.



## CEO BLOG: A MESSAGE FROM ALLEN VAN DRIEL

For well over a year now, construction has been underway on the new Smith County Memorial Hospital and Family Practice. Milestones have been reached and recorded along the way, each as exciting as the last. Video and photographs of the building, inside and out, have shown progress and each time we publish new footage, we get the “WOW!” response.

Plans for the grand opening ceremony of the new facility and the official transition date of hospital operations are now finalized. There are still hundreds, if not thousands, of details to be completed, but each day brings us closer. Landscaping, including planting of trees, shrubs, and grass began a couple of weeks ago. Inside the building, flooring is nearly complete, touch-up painting is ongoing and window

coverings are being installed. The new CT scanner and digital X-Ray equipment have been installed. The computer servers will be installed this week, which will allow the beginning of installation of many new systems, including telephone, nurse call, infant security, security cameras and access controls, fire alarms and cardiac monitoring equipment. All of that will take several weeks to install and test.

Both Hutton and Health Facilities Group are completing punch lists and identifying items that have been overlooked or need correcting. Commissioning (start-up) of all heating, cooling, and other mechanical systems has begun and will continue for some time.

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## CEO BLOG: A MESSAGE FROM ALLEN VAN DRIEL, CONTINUED

Engineers will be on site for system inspection, followed by the State Fire Marshal, who will determine when the building is safe to occupy. Already some of the large storage containers that various subcontractors had placed on the site have been removed, with others to follow.

A very big milestone will be the construction of the entrance from Highway 36. Work was scheduled to begin on the entrance last week, but was delayed because of the very welcome rain. Now we anticipate the highway project to begin the first week in June and to be completed by the end of July. The highway will be widened to allow for construction of turning lanes for both eastbound and westbound traffic from the highway into the hospital grounds. This construction will create some minor changes to traffic flow on the highway while construction is underway, but hopefully the inconvenience will be minimal. Once the highway work and entrance driveway are completed, the shoulders of the highway, extending on the south side down into the hospital property will be seeded with cover to control erosion. Final seeding with natural grasses will occur later in the year, when they are most likely to grow well without a lot of additional effort from us.

And finally, Hutton crews spent all of this past weekend removing the memorial tablets from the north end of the original hospital building and moving them to the new site, where they will be installed in front of the hospital. This carries on the tradition established in the late 1940s when plans were made for the existing Smith County Memorial Hospital. We feel that this tradition is important to maintain. Judging by the number of times I have been asked about this topic by members of the public, it is also important to you as well. We're very pleased that Hutton was able to remove and relocate the stone tablets.

More details will be released in the coming weeks, but please "Save the Date" for our grand opening ceremony on August 5. We know you'll be as pleased and impressed with the new facility as we are. Until then, please continue to maintain a safe distance from the construction site as we work to relocate to the new facility. Every day brings us closer and the staff of SCMH are just as excited (or more so) as you are!



# PULMONARY FUNCTION & REHAB SERVICES

JESSICA HOMMON, CRT

Pulmonary diseases affect more than 35 million Americans. Jessica Hommon offers pulmonary rehabilitation programs through SCMH. Her services include pulmonary function testing, therapeutic exercises, educational training and individualized treatment plans.

A custom rehabilitation plan can increase exercise capacity, reduce shortness of breath and lead to a more active life. Medicare and most private insurance companies cover rehabilitation. If you think you can benefit from these services, please contact SCMH to set up an appointment with Jessica by calling (785) 282-6845.



# BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP

The Smith County Breastfeeding Coalition has scheduled the next meeting time for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, located at the City Park.

If you are an expecting mom, breastfeeding mom or would like to learn more about breastfeeding, you're invited to attend. For questions, call 785-282-6656.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

- Tuesday, June 19, 5:30 p.m. located at the City Park
- Thursday, June 28, 10 a.m. located at the Smith Center Health Department
- Tuesday, July 17, 5:30 p.m. located at the Srader Center
- Thursday, July 26, 10 a.m. located at the Smith Center Health Department



# SPECIALTY FOCUS- DR. ABHISEKH RAY



The Specialty Clinic at Smith County Memorial Hospital has introduced a variety of new specialists in the last year including Board Certified Nephrologist, Abhisekh Sinha Ray, M.D.

Dr. Ray specializes in the treatment of kidney conditions and abnormalities through medication, diet changes or dialysis.

Dr. Ray earned his medical degree from the University of Calcutta. He completed his residency at Interfaith Medical Center and became a Fellow in Nephrology at Kansas University Medical Center.

Dr. Ray is scheduled once a month at SCMH. If you would like more information about treatment options or the referral process, call the Family Practice at 785-282-6834.

## SPECIALTY CLINIC SCHEDULE JUNE 2018



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 <u>Wound Care</u>
4	5 <u>Cardiology</u> Dr. Azzam	6	7	8 <u>Wound Care</u>
11 <u>Surgery</u> Dr. Teget	12 <u>Cardiology</u> Dr. Azzam	13 <u>Cardiology</u> Dr. Efstratiou	14 <u>Surgery</u> Dr. Banker <u>Nephrology</u> Dr. Ray	15 <u>Wound Care</u>
18 <u>Surgery</u> Dr. Teget <u>OB/GYN</u> Dr. Pankratz	19	20	21 <u>Orthopedics</u> Dr. Adamson	22 <u>Wound Care</u>
25	26	27 <u>Orthopedics</u> Dr. Adamson	28 <u>Surgery</u> Dr. Banker <u>Pulmonology</u> Dr. Stritt	29 <u>Wound Care</u>

# JOB OPPORTUNITIES



To access an application, visit our careers page at [SCMHKS.org/careers](https://SCMHKS.org/careers) or contact Human Resources for more details about the positions listed below at (785) 282-6845.

## **CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT - C.N.A.**

Smith County Memorial Hospital is seeking a part-time Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) to provide patient care under direct supervision of a licensed nurse. The CNA will work closely with the nursing and medical staff to implement care plans for patients in the hospital setting while achieving positive clinical outcomes and patient/family satisfaction. Current shift needed is evenings from 3 to 11 p.m. Competitive wages and benefit package available. An application is available online at [SCMHKS.org/careers](https://SCMHKS.org/careers) or call Human Resources at 785-282-6845.

## **MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – TECHNICIAN**

The Maintenance Department is seeking a full-time employee for general building and grounds maintenance. A qualified individual will have experience and/or education in building trades. Essential job functions include: servicing building utilities, light-duty electrical maintenance, general plumbing repairs, completing small-scale construction projects, snow removal, landscaping & groundskeeping and day-to-day problem solving. Rotation of weekend and holidays with on-call commute time under 30 minutes required.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – SKILLED CUSTODIAN**

The Environmental Services Department is accepting applications for a full-time skilled custodian. This position will be responsible for all aspects of housekeeping services in the hospital and clinic. Various hours/shifts and benefits package available. On-call rotation required. Knowledge of disinfection and infection prevention process is preferred, however, training will be provided.