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ALLEN VAN DRIEL RECOGNIZED with the Charles S. Billings Award

Smith County Memorial Hospital's CEO, Allen Van Driel, has been honored with the prestigious Charles S. Billings Award by the Kansas Hospital Association. The Charles S. Billings Award was created in 1971 to recognize distinguished service and outstanding contributions to the field of health care in Kansas. Mr. Van Driel's vision and leadership have been instrumental in transforming SCMH into a cutting-edge healthcare facility that provides superior services to the communities of North Central Kansas.



Van Driel served in the U.S. Air Force for six years as a linguist, including assignments on a combat reconnaissance aircrew.





Under Mr. Van Driel's ten-year tenure, SCMH has undergone a significant transformation, with the construction of a new facility equipped with state-of-the-art technology, an attached family clinic, and a healthy cafeteria that is open to the public. His mission to set the standard of excellence in healthcare for rural areas of Kansas has been the driving force behind his tireless efforts to empower and inspire the SCMH team.

Mr. Van Driel is a fierce advocate for rural access to OB Labor and Delivery services and has been instrumental in developing solutions to the challenges faced by critical access hospitals in maintaining OB services for the communities we serve. His calm and steady leadership during the COVID pandemic was commendable, as is his support for staff initiatives such as the Grow Our Own scholarship program that provides funding for healthcare staff to pursue their educational goals.



At SCMH, Mr. Van Driel is a leader who paints the big picture while remaining accessible and helpful. He is fearless in making tough decisions or pursuing the help patients and staff require at any given moment. He admits to being called "stubborn," but that very trait has been his strength, enabling SCMH to maintain stability and success as a critical access hospital.

Mr. Van Driel's tenacity in developing programs that match the strengths of his staff has led to innovative community programs such as the Hometown Cafe, where fresh, healthy food is available to the public at affordable prices. He also advocates for a robust Meals on Wheels program, which provides nutritious meals made fresh in the Hometown Cafe and delivered to underserved communities.

Having a leader who hears and sees staff members' big goals is invaluable, and Mr. Van Driel works tirelessly behind the scenes to help them achieve their healthcare dreams. Winning the Charles S. Billings Award is a testament to his outstanding leadership and dedication to improving rural North Central Kansas healthcare. The SCMH team congratulates Allen on winning this prestigious award.





Nex-Gen Interns

Thrive with Project Purpose



The Nex-Generation internship program aims to educate high school and college students about local career opportunities by providing internship opportunities in collaboration with participating organizations. Smith County Memorial Hospital (SCMH) fully supports Nex-Gen's mission and is proud to offer meaningful internships to local students.

This summer, SCMCH worked with three excellent and promising young Nex-Gen leaders: Alexis Holling, Cauly Haresnape, and Tinley Rentschler. They collaborated with our Rehab Services and Communications departments to create and promote a series of educational videos called Project Purpose. The video series features engaging and educational content from our physical, occupational, and speech therapists. Alexis and Cauly demonstrated exercises while Tinley filmed and edited the videos.

Project Purpose was an innovative way to give Alexis and Cauly up-close experience in the Physical Therapy department before starting college in the fall. Alexis will attend Colby Community College to pursue her physical therapy assistant certification, while Cauly will study Kinesiology at Kansas State University to become a physical therapist.



Nex-Gen interns Cauly Haresnape, Tinley Rentschler, and Alexis Holling with SCMCH mentors Ashley Behymer and Shannon Rogers



Tinley, a high school senior, plans to become a family doctor and hopes to return to SCMH to serve as a provider in her hometown. She had the opportunity to connect with different departments throughout the hospital while tapping into her high school reporting experience. Tinley said, "Through this internship, I gained real-life experience that helped me decide on a career path. This internship prepared me for the workforce, allowed me to meet many new people, and helped me improve my professionalism."



SCMH offers excellent opportunities for students to explore their interests through internships, work-study, and job shadowing programs. In a supportive environment, students can learn, grow, and gain knowledge about medical and non-medical healthcare careers. Alexis shared her experience, saying, "I have learned a lot about the physical therapy world and acquired new skills that will benefit me in my area of schooling." Cauby expressed his passion for improving the lives of others and his desire to return to Smith Center to practice as a Physical Therapist. He said, "My favorite part of this interning experience is the people. I love being around my coworkers, as well as our patients. It is truly amazing to watch physical therapy change the lives of others for the better."

Project Purpose was also well-received in the community, with @scmhks Instagram reach increasing by 31.5% and engagement skyrocketing by a whopping 85.7%. The interns brought a fresh and fun perspective through Project Purpose, and we thank them and Nex-Generation for the opportunity to grow together.

Scan the code with the camera on your phone to be taken to our Instagram account!



SMITH COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Empowers Employees with Scholarship Program



Smith County Memorial Hospital (SCMH) is dedicated to investing in its employees and promoting their professional growth. The hospital's latest initiative, the Grow Our Own scholarship program, is a shining example of this commitment. The program, funded by donations from the community, empowers eligible employees to pursue degrees, certifications, and training programs relevant to their roles and career goals. SCMH proudly announces the 2023 Grow Our Own Scholarship recipients: Kiley Conaway, Lori Dennis, and Kai Wolfe.

Kiley Conaway, RN and

Specialty Clinic Supervisor, applied for a scholarship to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. She believes that gaining additional skills and knowledge will help her provide a higher standard of patient care. Kiley expressed her gratitude for the community's donations: "The cost of a college education is a heavy burden, and this scholarship award will help lessen the burden. Thanks to the Grow Our Own scholarship, I am one step closer to being able to achieve my goals. Thank you for investing in my future!"



Kai Wolfe, RN and Chief Nursing Officer, also applied to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. Kai expressed his excitement, saying, "To have the support of our hospital and community is humbling and motivating. I am excited to further my education and be able to utilize my knowledge at Smith County Memorial Hospital for many years to come."



Lori Dennis, Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker and Patient Advocate, will use the scholarship to earn a Master's Degree in Social Work to become a clinical social worker and provide therapy to patients in need. "I couldn't be more thankful to SCMH for encouraging me to further my career and pursue my dreams," said Lori.

SCMH's COO, Sarah Ragsdale, believes investing in employees' education is a win-win situation. "Our staff will have the opportunity to acquire new skills and knowledge that will help them perform better in their jobs and advance their careers, while our hospital will benefit from their enhanced capabilities and patient care."

The program is open to all full-time employees who have been with SCMH for at least one year. Applications are evaluated based on relevance, feasibility, and impact on the employee's career and the hospital's goals. This round's awardees committed to a two-year service agreement in consideration for each receiving an \$8,000 scholarship award.

The Grow Our Own scholarship program is a testament to SCMH's commitment to investing in its employees and promoting their professional growth. The hospital is excited to offer these scholarships to its valued employees and looks forward to seeing its positive impact on our community's health.

If you wish to contribute to this scholarship fund, please visit www.scmhks.org/ways-to-give and select the Grow Our Own fund.





QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IS A TEAM EFFORT

TO CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE PATIENT EXPERIENCES



*by Jeni Wallgren,
Chief Information and
Quality Officer*



Patients may overlook Quality Improvement (QI) programs in hospitals, as they occur behind the scenes during daily operations. At Smith County Memorial Hospital and Smith County Family Practice (SCMH/SCFP), our Quality Improvement programs aim to enhance processes that result in positive outcomes for our patients. We take a hospital-wide approach to these initiatives, recognizing the benefits of working together as a team to provide top-quality care. The concept of Quality Improvement links our staff to the responsibility of improving the systems we work in. We all have two jobs: to do our trained jobs and enhance our methods. QI is a collective and continuous effort by everyone at Smith County Memorial Hospital and Smith County Family Practice to create changes that lead to better patient outcomes (health) and system performance (care).

SCMH/SCFP reports on a variety of quality measures to government and insurance agencies. All of these measures are crucial and provide us with insight into potential areas of improvement. One of the quality measures we use to guide our improvement program is the patient experience survey. This patient survey covers multiple areas across the hospital and clinic, such as communication with staff, hospital environment, room, meals, and overall assessment, to name a few. The survey helps us enhance our patients' safety, quality, and experience. The projects we develop from the surveys are data-driven, allowing us to monitor our performance monthly, quarterly, and yearly to ensure we are on track toward improved quality of our services. Patients can rate their experiences from very poor to very good and leave a free-text comment, providing additional insight into improving our quality of care.

We initiated projects based on patient comments, such as requests for improved communication tools like whiteboards in our hospital rooms and enhancing the ease of contact through solutions such as Patient Portal messaging. These surveys are sent to patients after clinic appointments, ER visits, or Inpatient stays. We encourage everyone to complete the surveys to help us identify potential improvement areas. Positive patient experiences increase the likelihood of patients and their families becoming more engaged in their health outcomes. Quality is one of our core values, and our goal is to deliver safe, effective, and optimal patient care.



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CHRONIC CARE MANAGEMENT & REMOTE PATIENT MONITORING: A Combined Approach

by Tinley Rentschler, SCMH Nex-Generation Intern

Smith County Memorial Hospital has joined forces with The University of Kansas Health Systems to offer an innovative solution for individuals struggling with chronic conditions. The Remote Patient Monitoring Program is a cost-effective and efficient way for patients to manage their health without leaving the comfort of their own homes.

Using a user-friendly bluetooth device, patients can easily monitor their vital health readings, including blood pressure, glucose levels, oxygen levels, and more. The device is highly accurate, providing healthcare providers with precise data to evaluate a patient's health condition more effectively. The best part is that the program is covered by Medicare at little to no cost, making it accessible to those who may have limited financial resources.

The Remote Patient Monitoring Program is especially beneficial for individuals with chronic conditions that are difficult to manage, such as those who take multiple medications, have transportation limitations, or limited help at home. This program empowers patients by enabling them to maximize their functionality while staying safe at home. With the seven-day-a-week tracking service, healthcare providers can assess a patient's treatment plan more

effectively, ensuring they receive personalized care that meets their unique needs.

Individuals with chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart failure, hypertension, hypotension, and certain lung conditions can benefit greatly from the Remote Patient Monitoring Program. This program provides them with the tools they need to manage their conditions better, leading to a more accessible and fulfilling life. If you are interested in the program, we encourage you to speak with your healthcare provider for more information.



*Dr. Conant with
Tinley Rentschler*





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personalized care close to home.

HPM is Your Partner in Pain Relief

At Smith County Memorial Hospital, we prioritize your well-being and are dedicated to helping you if you're experiencing persistent pain. Our partnership with Holistic Pain Management (HPM) provides our patients with access to the latest pain management advancements.

You no longer need to endure long hours of travel or wait for months to secure an appointment in a metropolitan area. By partnering with HPM, we can schedule an appointment with a pain specialist quickly.

Our team, in cooperation with your primary care provider, will dig deep to locate the origin of your pain, then offer you the most advanced therapies available. With HPM and Smith County Memorial Hospital working together, you'll receive certified pain specialists, reduced wait times and appointments close to home, personalized treatment plans, and better outcomes.

Where Do You Hurt?

HPM's qualified medical practitioners are experts in diagnosing and treating chronic pain. They meticulously evaluate your symptoms and attentively listen to your pain story to pinpoint the root cause of your distress.

Our team is experienced in treating a wide range of medical conditions that can cause persistent pain, including but not limited to joint pain, headaches, various types of arthritis, neck and back issues, and other painful conditions.

The Treatments We Provide

At HPM, our expert team is dedicated to identifying the root of your pain, so that we can provide you with a custom-made plan to alleviate your discomfort and restore your body's normal functions. Our advanced techniques include targeted nerve blocks, radio frequency ablations, injections, and a variety of cutting-edge therapies that allow us to give you the relief you need.

Your pain management team at Smith County Memorial Hospital is a group of devoted medical experts who work with hospital staff and collaborate with your primary care provider. Equipped with state-of-the-art equipment and training, they work hard to help you regain your well-being.

You are not alone! As your team, we are wholeheartedly dedicated to finding the best possible solution to your condition so you can get back to all the activities you enjoy most.

The Timeless Significance OF HOSPITALITY



Smith County Memorial Hospital (SCMH) takes pride in its connection to the community. We renew our commitment to serving you as we celebrate our fifth anniversary on Highway 36.

"Critical access hospitals play an important role in our rural communities," Allen Van Driel, CEO of SCMh, said, "Without access to high-quality healthcare, many of our communities would fade away. We know our patients have a choice in their healthcare, and we want to support a rural quality of life and participate in our area's economic growth."

SCMH believes that a quality healthcare facility can improve the wellness of the individual patients it serves

and that of the community as a whole. And since the Smith County area has a small population, practitioners can develop closer relationships with their patients, allowing them to provide a higher caliber of care.

"Our team is always striving to exceed expectations. While they may not see as many patients as facilities in urban areas, our providers must be trained to handle a multitude of situations and care for a diverse population. I'm extremely proud of the team at SCMh for their excellence in care and their compassion for our patient community," Van Driel said.



Dr. Leah Wiehl has been a Smith County Memorial Hospital Provider for six years. Dr. Wiehl has three daughters who keep her busy. She says,

The best part of my job is the relationships with other providers, nurses, and especially patients.



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MISSION

Setting the standard of excellence in healthcare for North Central Kansas.

VISION

To do the right thing every day for the health of our patients, the development of our staff, the transparency of leadership, the confidence of our communities, and the improvement of systems.

VALUES & CULTURE

COMPASSION: Coworkers, patients, and guests feel appreciated. We care for and support the well-being of each other. Patient care extends to physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual support.

QUALITY: Evidence-based practices ensure that care provides the best outcome possible. We hold ourselves accountable by measuring outcomes of care and service.

ACCESS: Patients and guests have access to see their provider and receive services needed in a timely way. We strive to offer and add services necessary to preserve and improve healthcare.

STEWARDSHIP: Human and financial resources are used responsibly in the delivery of care.

LEADERSHIP: We are encouraged to grow in our careers through continuing education, membership and leadership roles in professional organizations, and by teaching and training others. As an organization, the hospital strives to be seen as a healthcare leader.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: We are encouraged to be engaged in local and surrounding communities to pursue personal fulfillment, to represent the hospital as a business partner, and to better know our patients' needs.

HISTORY: The Road to the New Building

We are most proud of our rich history of medical providers and staff in Smith County. We have been blessed with a variety of qualified and community-minded providers, a virtue that we strongly believe comes from years of teamwork.

Scan the QR code to watch the video below to see how three of our past doctors nurtured the belief that health care is about people, not money.



SMITH COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

NURSE ADVOCATES

for Health Equity and New Parents

by Shelby Stacy, Director of Communications, Kansas Hospital Association

The Kansas Hospital Association (KHA) Health Care Worker of the Year Award highlights hospital employees who have made a significant contribution to the betterment of their hospital. These individuals are nominated for this award because they routinely go above and beyond the call of duty.



Whitney Winder is dedicated to providing outstanding and equitable patient care. As a registered nurse with Smith County Memorial Hospital, Winder epitomizes compassionate care and teamwork.

Smith County Memorial Hospital (SCMH) is located in a maternity desert, so Winder seeks educational opportunities to improve her skills to maintain obstetrics labor and delivery services. Her passion for serving lower socio-economic families fuels her tenacious pursuit of national and regional grants. She recently coordinated a team of three nurses, including herself, to complete a three-day training with Drive Safe Kansas to become certified as child passenger safety technicians.

Winder works to achieve health equity using evidence-based infant nutrition practices. Her commitment to helping underserved babies thrive in their homes led her to implement the EMPOWER Best Practices at SCMH as part of the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative. Thanks to her work to receive a national grant, the EMPOWER educational resource is now available to the nursing staff. Winder also shares her knowledge by teaching the EMPOWER Best Practices to every nurse in Smith County as well as leading regional educational training on infant nutrition.

Winder is empathetic and understanding of the needs of new parents and families. She became a Certified Lactation Educator to offer breastfeeding support to new parents. Educating parents is her passion because she believes it helps parents succeed while alleviating stress. She also teaches childbirth and baby basics classes in the community four times a year and includes time in the courses for parents to ask questions and get to know other families in the area.

Winder was recognized, along with other Health Care Worker of the Year nominees, during the KHA Awards Luncheon at the 2023 KHA Annual Convention in Wichita.



Whitney Winder with her husband, Jace



WELCOME GUERRERO LOPEZ, PA-C

We are pleased to welcome Guerrero Lopez, PA-C, to the Smith County Memorial Hospital family. A native of Macksville, Kansas, Lopez became acquainted with SCMH through a clinical rotation as a PA student from Wichita State University. After completing his physician assistant education in 2020, he went on to practice clinical gastroenterology in South Central Kansas with additional experience in emergency and urgent care medicine. Lopez is passionate about serving rural Kansas and eagerly returned to SCMH as a part of our emergency department team. He and his girlfriend raise two dogs, Rudy and Milo, and two cats, Luke and Leia.

Congratulations to Girl Scout Troop 20428, Laura Kingsbury (RN & ER Supervisor), and Shannon Rogers (Director of Communications, Marketing & Development) for winning an Emerald Award. The award recognizes their educational video on safe trick or treating. Thanks to the Kansas Association of Health Care Communicators for recognizing their community service.



Scan the QR code to watch their video.



WOUND CLINIC Recognized with Award of Excellence

We're honored to announce that our Wound Clinic is a recipient of RestorixHealth's highest achievement, the Wound Center of Excellence Award. Recipients of this prestigious award meet or exceed national wound care quality benchmarks over a set period of time. The Wound Center of Excellence Award distinguishes centers that have demonstrated exceptional success by meeting or exceeding clinical and operational benchmarks in several categories, including healing benchmarks and adherence to clinical practice pathways, along with a patient satisfaction rate of 96% or higher. Congratulations on your outstanding achievement.

Pictured left to right: Hallie McCall, Tracy St. Clair, Shari Johnson, Kassie Levin, and Alexa Kirchhoff

Our Wound Clinic is open every Wednesday.



MOCK EMERGENCY RAISES AWARENESS

about the Dangers of Distracted Driving



Accidents can happen in the blink of an eye. One moment you could be driving peacefully on the road, and the next, you might be involved in a collision. "It takes only milliseconds to turn your world upside down," emphasizes Laura Kingsbury, Smith County Memorial Hospital ER Supervisor. Sadly, many accidents happen due to distracted driving, with texting and driving being a significant contributing factor. It is crucial to understand the dangers of texting while driving and take measures to avoid it.

Texting and driving is a common problem that impacts drivers of all ages. It's easy to assume that sending a quick text message won't cause any harm, but it only takes a moment of distraction to cause a serious accident. Studies have shown that texting while driving is just as dangerous as drunk driving.

That's why avoiding texting and driving at all costs is essential. If you need to send a text message, pull over to a safe place and do it there. It's not worth risking your life or the lives of others on the road.

It is crucial for hospital emergency departments to regularly participate in emergency drills because they help staff practice their skills for real emergencies. By doing so, hospital emergency departments can improve their response times and provide better care to patients.

Emergency drills also serve as an opportunity to educate the community about the risks of distracted driving. When high schools participate in these drills, young people can witness the devastating impact of accidents on individuals and their families. By understanding the dangers of distracted driving, students learn to avoid it, and they can encourage their peers to do the same. Easton Hrabec, who played the role of an accident victim in the drill, described his experience as a small adventure but stressed that it would be far from an adventure if it were to happen in real life.

We thank the Smith Center School SAFE Committee, Smith County EMS, Smith Center Jr/Sr High School, and the local agencies for organizing the recent mock crash event in Smith Center. The event was a sharp reminder to avoid texting, drinking, or using Snapchat while driving. Let's all strive to drive safely!



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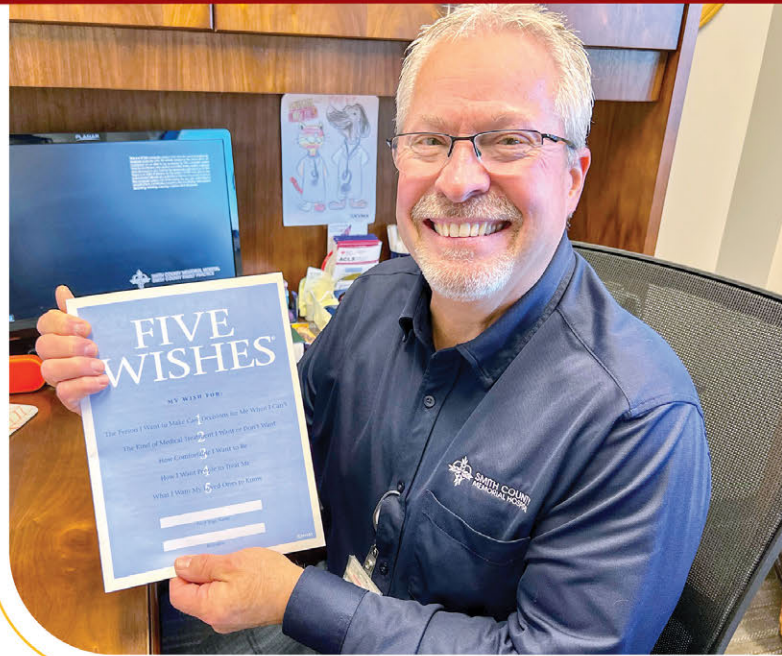
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WISHES

Life is unpredictable and there are times when we have no control over it. However, there is one thing that we can control - how we are treated if we become seriously ill. The Five Wishes document is a simple and easy-to-complete form that enables you to specify your medical, personal, emotional, and spiritual needs.

Unlike other living wills or advance directives, Five Wishes is the first document that addresses all aspects of your care wishes. It not only covers your medical needs but also your personal, emotional, and spiritual needs. Additionally, you can choose the person you want to make healthcare decisions for you if you are unable to make them yourself. Five Wishes provides you with the control and peace of mind you deserve.

Five Wishes also allows you to have open discussions with your loved ones and healthcare provider about your treatment preferences in the event of a serious illness. By clearly outlining your care wishes, you are protecting your family from the burden of making difficult decisions without knowing your preferences. Your loved ones will be able to focus on supporting you and being there for you when they fully understand your wishes.



Five Wishes was created with the help of the leading experts in end-of-life care to ensure that it is comprehensive, easy to use, and meets your needs. Obtain your complimentary copy of Five Wishes from our registration staff. We recommend you discuss the document with your loved ones and arrange an appointment with your provider to review your advance care wishes.

FIVE WISHES is the first living will (or advance directive) that talks about your personal, emotional, and spiritual needs as well as your medical wishes.

MY WISH FOR:

- 1. The Person I Want to Make Care Decisions for Me When I Can't**
- 2. The Kind of Medical Treatment I Want or Don't Want**
- 3. How Comfortable I Want to Be**
- 4. How I Want People to Treat Me**
- 5. What I Want My Loved Ones to Know**

FIVE WISHES is a program of Aging with Dignity.

Please scan the QR code to learn more about Five Wishes with Ferrill Conant, M.D.



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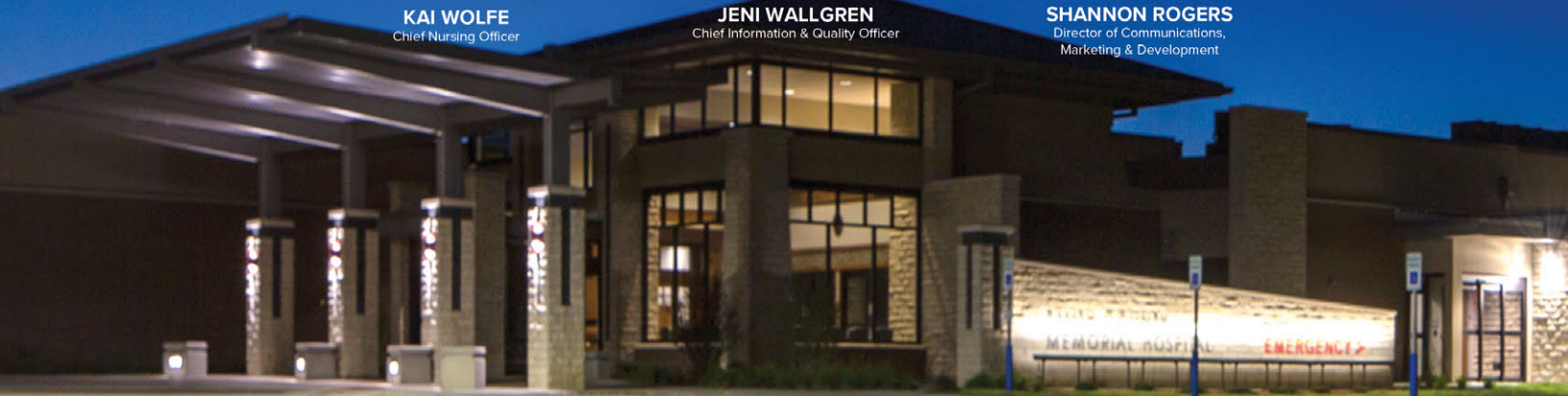
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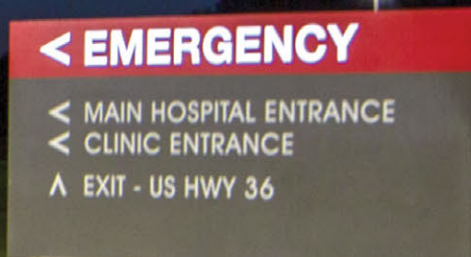
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SPECIALTY SERVICES

- Behavioral & Mental Health
- Cardiology
- Dermatology
- General Surgery
- Interventional Radiology
- Nephrology
- Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Pain Management
- Podiatry
- Pulmonology
- Urology
- Wound Care

HOSPITAL & CLINIC SERVICES

- Anesthesia/Pain Management
- Cardiac Stress Testing
- Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Chemotherapy & Immunotherapy
- Chronic Care Management
- Emergency & Trauma Care
- Imaging:
 - 3-D Mammography
 - Bone Density
 - CT Scan
 - MRI
 - Ultrasound
 - Echocardiography
 - Nuclear Imaging
 - Radiology
- Inpatient Nursing
- Laboratory
- Nutrition Consulting
- Occupational Therapy
- Outpatient Treatment, including Infusion Services
- Patient Advocacy
- Physical Therapy
- Primary/Family Care
- Prenatal and Obstetrics
- Respiratory Therapy
- Pulmonary Function Testing
- Pulmonary Rehabilitation
- Sleep Studies
- Speech Therapy



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CARDIOLOGY



Career Spotlight:

Registered Dietitian

Healthcare typically focuses on medical treatments and procedures, but there is a growing recognition of the importance of nutrition in overall health and wellness. At Smith County Memorial Hospital (SCMH), Chef Steve Smith's innovative leadership drives the expansion of our food and nutrition services to better serve our patients. We are seeking a Registered Dietitian passionate about food and nutrition to join Chef Steve's team. This career opportunity offers significant growth potential in a hospital committed to providing exceptional healthcare and hospitality.

Registered dietitians work closely with providers and other healthcare professionals to develop nutrition plans tailored to each patient's needs. This can involve everything from assessing a patient's dietary needs to providing education and support to help them make healthier choices. With the growing interest in preventative medicine, there is a high demand for registered dietitians to help patients manage chronic conditions and prevent future health problems.

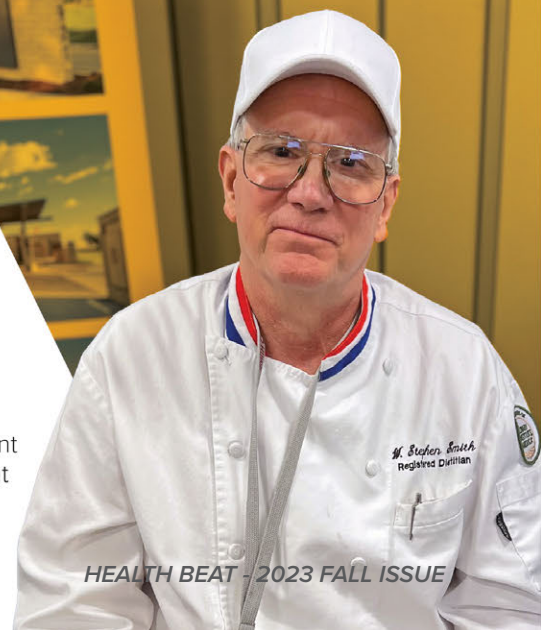
SCMH's innovative nutrition services offer freshly prepared meals using locally sourced ingredients. We are looking for a dietitian with a passion for food who understands the value of nutrition and can create nutritious and delicious recipes. The ideal candidate will be team and community-focused and develop recipes balancing nutrition and enticing flavors. They will collaborate with our nutrition and food services team regarding menu planning and nutrition specifications for patient care, the hospital's Hometown Cafe, and our Meals on Wheels program. The dietitian is responsible for providing excellent customer interactions and will be an ambassador for the hospital.

Chef Steve's exceptional work at SCMH was highlighted as a leading example of nutrition services during the statewide Kansas Hospital Association (KHA) Virtual Career Day. This event was held in collaboration with the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and the Kansas Department of Education, and more than 2,000 students participated.

Scan the QR code for the behind-the-scenes look at Chef Steve's nutrition services shown during the KHA virtual career day.



If you are passionate about nutrition and inspired by what you see, apply online at www.scmhks.org/careers.



PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL HEALTHCARE

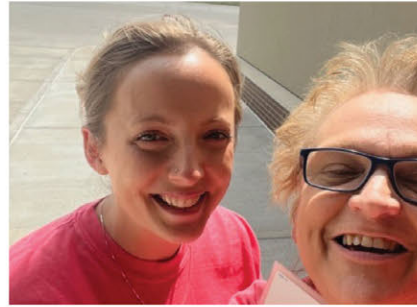
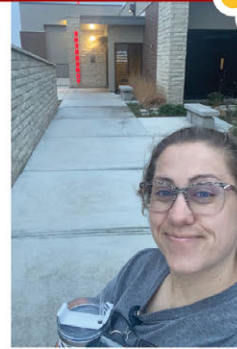
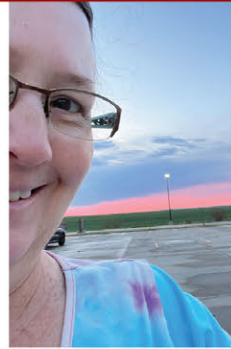


Our mission is to uplift our community's quality of life. At Smith County Memorial Hospital, we hold the values of patient, team, and community care close to our hearts, encompassing physical, emotional, and spiritual support. We strive to revolutionize rural healthcare through our collective efforts.

Since the opening of our new facility in 2018, our focus has been on two crucial areas: people and equipment. To maintain our high standards of excellence in rural healthcare, it is vital that we continuously upgrade our equipment. Additionally, we seek leaders who are committed to the well-being of our community in every department and role. We emphasize continuing education and community outreach as essential parts of our culture.

We aim to provide career opportunities that contribute to the vitality of our community. The Grow Our Own education and development fund supports work-study programs for youth, college internships, and the ongoing education of our staff. The equipment fund enables us to remain at the forefront of the services we offer our communities. Your contributions to Grow Our Own, Equipment, or Undesignated (to be used where most needed) are tax-deductible and will help us achieve our vision of doing the right thing every day for our patients' health and our staff's wellbeing.

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