

MONTHLY PULSE

The latest events, community news, and much more!

Upcoming Events

- Drue-Thru Flu Shots - 10/8
- Foundation BINGO - 10/15
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Physical Therapy Month
- Auxiliary Bazaar - 10/22
- HCHS Lab Fair - 11/7

HAPPY HCHS ANNIVERSARY!

- 10/1 - Louis Hays: 41 yrs
- 10/2 - Joanna Martin: 1 yr
- 10/2 - Julie Kresser: 29 yrs
- 10/5 - Candi Randall: 5 yrs
- 10/10 - Jennifer Taylor: 9 years

MONTHLY MEETINGS

- Foundation Meeting - 10/13
- Trustees Meeting - 10/19

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- Charity Kindler - 10/3
- Ronda Noren - 10/3
- Candi Randall - 10/8
- Nicole Bose - 10/9
- Brenda Losey - 10/9
- Denise Wiedel - 10/10
- Sarah O'Daniel - 10/11
- Louis Hays - 10/20
- Shannon Lynch - 10/21



HCHS HIRES PERMANENT CNO/COO, STACY NEUBAUER

The Harlan County Health System Board of Trustees would like to announce the hiring of Stacy Neubauer, RN, as the permanent CNO/COO of HCHS. In this role, Neubauer will oversee all nursing staff in both the clinic and the hospital.

Stacy is a familiar face to our community and we're happy to have her join our team! Her experience includes an Associate's Degree in Nursing (RN), Bachelor's in Healthcare Management, and then a Master's in Healthcare Administration. What interested her in this position was the opportunity to get back into nursing and overseeing the many different areas the hospital has to offer. Neubauer mentioned, "I look forward to the change and opportunities that have begun at HCHS. I can't wait to help move this healthcare system to the next level to continue to provide excellent care to our community in this ever changing healthcare industry."

Stacy grew up just down the road in Franklin, NE. Her and her husband, Brian, have been married for almost 19 years and they have two kids together, Drew (14) and Halee Jo (10). When she's not at work, she loves family time, watching Husker football, baking, and boating on the lake. She's also a huge fan of the fall season, chocolate & peanut butter, and diet coke. Welcome, Stacy, to the HCHS team! We all look forward to working with you and seeing what you have to offer our awesome health system. We wish you the best of luck in your new role!

"The key to success is to focus on the goals, NOT the obstacles"

FROM THE DESK OF
DR. PATRICK AUMAN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear team,

As you all know, this last month we had to say goodbye to our fellow teammate, Kevin, who had to unfortunately return back to Arizona. However, he will be staying on board as a Clinical & Operational Consultant to help Stacy transition into her new role and offer any assistance that she may need along the way. We are pleased to have him still be a part of the HCHS team in some way, but he will be missed around here by many. Stacy will make a wonderful addition to our team though as the permanent CNO/COO. She will be overseeing all of nursing just as Kevin did, along with some additional duties. Welcome aboard, Stacy!

I would also like to congratulate this year's 'Caring Kind' award recipient, April Einspahr. She was awarded this through the Nebraska Hospital Association and was nominated by other HCHS employees. This is an award given out each year and we've had so many wonderful recipients over the years. Recipients of this prestigious award have gone above and beyond the call of duty to demonstrate compassion for patients, cooperation with co-workers and dedication to excellence in their job responsibilities. April, has truly shown what it means to care and is an excellent representation of our healthcare system.

Studer training has also begun for our department heads, administration, and our Board of Trustees. Every month, there will be one day set aside for onsite training. Various activities will take place and department heads will then be encouraged to incorporate the things they learn into their staff meetings and/or training, as well as every patient experience they encounter. We are looking forward to our journey with the Studer group and the potential it has to help grow our organization even more.

Lastly, thank you to all of our staff for continuously following all of the COVID precautions we currently have set and for always putting on a brave face through all of this. The numbers in our community are on the rise and we can only assume things will get worse before they get better at this time. I encourage you all to continue to practice social distancing and to wear a mask at all times in public places. I appreciate all of your hard work and commitment to our organization and for doing your best to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in Harlan County. This is a team effort and we would not be successful without every one of you.

Best Regards,
Dr. Patrick Auman



HCHS FOUNDATION

**Next Bingo Night: Oct. 15th
@The Johnson Center - 6:30 PM**

The Foundation board is continuing monthly BINGO on the 3rd Thursday of each month. They're also working on some new fundraiser ideas for next year. Our main goal for 2021 is to establish a successful, annual golf tournament as well as add in another larger event for the year. Due to COVID-19, we've had to tentatively set dates for such events and are now just waiting out to see what the 2021 year will bring for us all. We have full confidence that we'll be able to accomplish both!

MEET THE NEW HIRES!

- Michelle Conn- MLT
- Adrianna Frerichs - Patient Care Technician

AVAILABLE POSITIONS

- Medical Technologist
- CNA, LPN, or RN
- CFO
- Dietary Worker - PRN

- **SIMULATION DEMONSTRATION WITH AIRCARE**
- On Sept. 17th, members of our staff conducted a simulation demonstration that included walking a "patient" from the ER, through the Critical Access Hospital experience, and then on to the Good Sam. AirCare. It was a wonderful training experience for our staff and our community enjoyed getting to see upclose exactly what we can do for our patients.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: Diane Fegter

- This month's employee spotlight is, Diane Fegter! Diane has been a part of HCHS for 40+ years and wears many hats around here including: Quality Coordinator, Risk Manager, IC, and EH. What she loves most about her job is the staff and people she see's every day. Diane is also a member of our Service Excellence Committee. Outside of work, she spends her time with family, reading, or crocheting. If she could choose one superpower, she'd love the ability to time travel. Diane is also a big fan of Snicker's candy bars and would love to travel to Walt Disney World. Thank you for commitment to HCHS, Diane!





Fall into HEALTH!

HCHS Lab Fair & Virtual Health Fair

November 6-7, 2020

Harlan County Health System

the HARLAN HERO

Congrats to our first 'Harlan Hero' of the month, Charity Kindler! This award was presented based on her ability to go above and beyond her normal work duties, as well as her teamwork and commitment to HCHS.

Way to go, Charity!



SEPTEMBER WAS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

September was Suicide Prevention Month. In support of suicide awareness, the SLS team organized a walk that many staff members participated in. They also handed out candy to staff and patients, as well as created an outdoor display and a few other displays inside. If you ever have questions about their program or would like to make a referral, you can reach them at (308)-928-9048.

Think Pink!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month! Women who schedule their mammogram during the month of October will receive a special gift at the end of their appointment.

#DoltForTheGirls



HIPAA & SAFETY TRAINING

Our annual HIPAA & safety training in Relias needs to be completed by all employees. *All trainings must be completed by Oct. 8th.*

GET YOUR FLU VACCINE!

Starting Oct. 1st, Diane will be providing flu shots to all staff. She will be set up in the ER from 7:30 AM - 3:15 PM that day. If you can't make this day, please arrange with her another time.

Employee's immediate family members (spouse and children) are also able to receive the vaccine at a discounted rate.

Drive-thru Flu Shot Clinic



Our drive-thru flu shot clinic will be set up in the HCHS ambulance bay. You will be required to fill out paperwork the day of or you can find the registration form on our website at www.harlancountyhealth.com. Can be submitted to insurance so be sure to bring your insurance card.

When: October 8th

Where: HCHS Ambulance Bay

Time: 5 - 7 PM

*Cost (without insurance): \$35-regular dose
\$70- high dose (for those 65 or older)*



BAZAAR

RAFFLE TICKETS

The Auxiliary will be selling raffle tickets for a handmade Christmas tree skirt or a child's electronic gator vehicle. Tickets are \$1 each.

Contact an Auxiliary member to purchase your tickets.

please join us for the

ANNUAL HOSPITAL BAZAAR

OCTOBER 22, 2020

JOHNSON COMMUNITY CENTER - ALMA, NE

NOON MEAL SERVED FROM 11 AM - 1 PM

This year's Bazaar will look different due to COVID restrictions. **Only take-out meals will be available from 11 AM - 1 PM.** All baskets will be sold through the HCHS Facebook page or in-person at the hospital.

Sponsored by: Hospital Auxiliary
For questions, call (308)-928-2151

SEASONAL FLU TIPS:

1. Get vaccinated
2. Stay home if you are sick
3. Wash your hands frequently
4. Avoid shaking hands or close contact
5. Eat healthy & stay active



BENEFITS SPOTLIGHT:

Dental Benefit Summary:

- Provides coverage for key preventative services such as regular checkups and cleanings.
- Helps offset potentially expensive dental procedures.
- Fast and easy claim payments.
- 3 Tiers to choose from.

UPCOMING HOME GAMES:



Alma Cardinals

- 10/2 - V FB vs. Arapahoe - 7 PM
- 10/5 JV V vs. Loomis - 5 PM

- 10/8 - V VB vs. South Loup - 5 PM
 - 10/8 - V FB vs. Dundy Co. - 7:30 PM
- SO. Valley
Eagles



36th Annual Orleans APPLEFEST

October 3rd | 9 AM - 8 PM



- Craft Vendors
- Pumpkins for sale
- Bake sale
- Drive-In Movie
- Parade @ 10 AM