

November Newsletter



Time To Give

YEAR-END GIVING



Rawlins County Hospital Foundation reminds you there is still time to make your year-end giving donations. This year the Rawlins County Hospital Foundation has purchased an ultrasound machine and outdoor signage while also helping with electronic health record implementation and scholarships for education. The Rawlins County Hospital Foundation has also pledged to help the Rawlins County Health Center purchase automated medication dispensing units for the inpatient pharmacy and emergency room.

To make your tax-deductible donations, please mail your check to the Rawlins County Hospital Foundation, 707 Grant St, Atwood, KS 67730. For any questions, please call Suzanna at 785-626-3211 ext. 220 or email at sdozbaba@rchc.us

TREE DECORATING CONTEST

Employees of Rawlins County Health Center are participating in a tree decorating contest and need your help! Please stop by the Front Lobby between Dec. 7th and Dec. 24th to cast your vote for your favorite tree!



Santa Golf Ball Tickets are on Sale Now at the Rawlins County Health Center Front Office or from any Rawlins County Hospital Foundation Board Member. The Santa Golf Ball Drop is scheduled for Dec. 19th after the light parade.

Thank you to the County Crew and City Crew, Ken Higley and Kyle Herspring who helped clear snow during the November Blizzard at Rawlins County Health Center and Prairie Plaza!



SPECIALTY CLINIC

CARDIOLOGISTS

Dr. Miller December 1, 15

Dr. Denney December 8, 22

Dr. Pandit December 16

SURGEON

Dr. Frankum December 9, 21

MENTAL HEALTH

High Plains Mental Health December 10

New Beginnings Counseling December 3, 10, 17, 31



Jodie Cahoj, Radiology Technician, PRN

RCHC PURSUES LEVEL IV TRAUMA DESIGNATION

Brandon Bailey, MSN, APRN-C, CCRN, NREMT spoke with the RCHC Board of Trustees Monday, November 23rd regarding Level IV Trauma Designation.

Bailey explained that most motor vehicle accidents happen in rural areas. With the closest Level I Trauma Designated Hospitals in Denver, Wichita, and Kansas City getting a Level IV Trauma designation will improve patient outcomes and increase chances of surviving should anyone experience a traumatic event.

Benefits of becoming a Level IV designation include providing an evidence-based approach to trauma care, feedback from higher level facilities, improving care for stroke and heart attack patients, and ultimately allowing friends and family to return to Rawlins County Health Center for rehabilitation.

The Board signed a letter of support, as have the Medical Staff, to begin this process. Dr. Brewster Kellogg, Medical Director, Vicki Reuber, RN, Trauma Program Manager, Sharon Cox, CEO, and Amber Withington, CNO, make up the Local Trauma Council.

The Level IV Trauma designation is an opportunity to provide a community-wide approach to trauma care, which also includes the EMS department and law enforcement. If you have any questions or want to help Rawlins County Health Center obtain a Level IV Trauma designation, please contact Amber at 785-626-3211 ext. 218 or email awithington@rchc.us.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



Rawlins County Health Center's Emergency Room is available all day, every day throughout the year. Outpatient Services, Business Offices, and the Rawlins Clinic schedule is:

December 24th Close at Noon

December 25th Closed All Day

December 31 Open Regular Hours

January 1, 2016 Closed All Day

WELLNESS RAWLINS COUNTY

McDonald (Senior Center) December 9, 23 9:00 am

Herndon (Sunflower Villa) December 2, 16, 30 9:00 am

Atwood (Senior Center) December 14 9:00 am

Atwood (Prairie Plaza) December 8, 22 10:30 am

EMPLOYEE WEEKLY STARS

- ◆ Thank you, **Diana Solko** and **Tracy Doty** for helping accounts receivable staff when they need assistance.
- ◆ Congratulations **Darla Lovelady**, **Jane McCain** and **Grace Tendean** for passing the TNCC course!
- ◆ Thank you, **Arianne Prochazka**, for presenting at the Rotary Meeting!
- ◆ Thank you, **Penny Pedersen**, for making cider for the PT patients and for feeding everyone who was able to come to work after the big snow.
- ◆ Thank you, **Raul Vargas**, **Esmeralda Flores**, **Michael Blodgett**, and **Steve Clouse** for always pulling together to help get the job done!
- ◆ Thank you, **Raul Vargas**, for staying with a patient and helping them finish their puzzle!
- ◆ Thank you, **Ryan Marvin**, **Chase McKittrick**, **Jack Maris** and **Michael Blodgett**, for making sure that everyone got home safely, to work safely and for working so hard to get the grounds cleaned.
- ◆ Thank you, **Gail Smith**, for representing RCHC so positively. Post on Facebook: "I called the clinic today, and Gail Smith answered after a few rings. She was the only one working on the top floor of the hospital for the reception and clinic. She had to come from her office in billing and came to the clinic to answer the phone, and she was still very pleasant! Now that's dedication."
- ◆ Thank you, **Emily Kastens** and **Arianne Prochazka** for making plates and remembering the nurses who couldn't get away for the Thanksgiving potluck.
- ◆ Thank you, **Gail Smith** and **Mary Howland** for covering in the clinic.
- ◆ A BIG Thank You, **Maxine Wright**, for helping a patient get home after hours.



Rawlins County
Health Center

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Emergency Room Open 24/7 365 days/year.

Rawlins Clinic Open M-F 8:30 am—12 pm, 1pm—5pm and Saturday 9 am—12 pm