

Memorial News

Memorial Hospital of Lafayette County

From Sherry's Desk

School is almost out and it's time to gear up for all of the summer fun activities. MHLC and the Auxiliary will be participating in Canoe Fest. Come out and join them or support them and cheer them on. They are a very supportive group of women who do so much for MHLC, MHLC is once again sponsoring a team for the Relay For Life. We have a great committee who are busy fund raising and planning our theme. Please come out and support them.

Just as Lafayette County is looking at a very tight budget for 2010, the state of Wisconsin, which just passed a tax

on hospitals a few months ago, is currently in the process of increasing that tax 20% higher than originally agreed to. The good news for MHLC is that critical access hospitals are exempt from the tax.

MHLC became licensed as critical access hospital in April 2002. CAH status has proven to be a very positive move for us. This is just one of the many ways we have benefitted from this status.

On the Federal level more information is becoming available on the Recovery Act and what it means in dollars for MHLC as it relates to our electronic health re-

cords implementation. We appear to be on track to be at the appropriate level of implementation to receive the incentive dollars when they become available in 2011.

As you can see things are moving at a rapid rate on the county, state, and Federal level. I will keep you updated in the



coming months. In the meantime have a fun-filled summer.

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Save the Dates:

- June 10-Blanchardville EMS Heart Fair 6-8pm
- June 12-14 Canoe Fest
- June 17-Relay Bake Sale
- June 20-21 Laf Co. Relay for Life
- June 21-Father's Day/1st day of Summer!
- July 14-19 Laf Co. Fair
- July 24-Aux Golf Classic
- July 28-Blood Drive

Relay for Life...

Don't miss this year's Lafayette County Relay For Life, June 20-21 at the Lafayette County Fairgrounds. Betty Boyle and John Sonsalla were named survivor co-chairs this year. They will share their stories followed by the Survivor lap, all beginning at 6 p.m. A fun filled cake auction begins at 8 p.m. and luminary lighting at 10 p.m. MHLC's team theme this year is "Fighting Back; Cancer...Let's get ready to Rumble!". Join our team walking laps, at our annual campsite or at our nightly campfire. In attempts to exceed our team goal of \$2000, we are still selling t-shirts for \$10, purple bows to help "paint the town purple" for \$10, 50/50 tickets, a **bake sale to be held on Wed June 17th** and there may even be a rumble or two at the Relay...join us and see. Please support our efforts to "Fight Back" to help find a cancer cure! If you are interested in making a donation or want to join the MHLC Relay team, please contact Dale Cwynar or Kris Roelli.

Celebrations...

June Birthdays:

Jim Bradley	7
Nancy Edwards	7
Nancy McCarten	7
Margaret Zimmerman	12
Judy Mathys	13
Cathy Lee	15
Jim Taylor	15
Laura Strause	16
Jaime Corley	20
Dr. Bernardoni	23
Marna Howery	26
Patty Hardyman	26
Ashley Kleiber	27
Glenn Szydowski	30



Enjoy a treat on your special day!

June Anniversaries:

Rita White	1971
Nancy McCarten	1979
Kay Davis	1989
Michelle Hauser	1991
Terri Vieth	1994
Katy Thompson	2001
Nicole Lewis	2005
Laura Erdman	2006
Shirley Matteson	2008

Make Plans to Join us...

Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

9th Annual Golf Classic

Friday July 24th

12-6 p.m. 2 person Best Ball



**Proceeds benefit
our hospital!**

**Call the Darlington
Country Club for
Tee Times
608.776.3377**

NOT A GOLFER...NOT A PROBLEM

*Silent Auction All Day

*Lunch & Dinner Available

*Raffle with Great prizes including Nintendo Wii & Wii Fit

*Live Music by "Just One More" beginning at 6 p.m.

*Live Auction at 7:30 p.m.-Dick White Auctioneer

Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

Hole Sponsors needed...Auction & Raffle items needed...Any Donation is appreciated!

From Marie's Desk:

Greetings from your MHLC CFO...

On May 19th at the Hospital Board Meeting, the 2008 Audit was presented and approved. MHLC had a lot of things going on in 2008 which did have an impact on our bottom line. With MHLC's exciting step toward the Electronic Health Records in 2008 and then more into 2009, we have incurred some additional costs associated with this. We are hopeful that our efforts will be recognized and we will be rewarded for our efforts by the State and

Federal authorities through the Stimulus Package. And, with this and the other ongoing miscellaneous changes we make at MHLC, we always keep our focus on providing the very best quality care to Lafayette County and the surrounding areas. And, it is no wonder that MHLC continues to score well on the many different quality tests. Please continue to review your statements from our office, and if you have any questions or concerns, please call us at



608-776-5733. We appreciate your feedback and are very happy to serve you. MHLC is proud to support Patient Friendly payment plans and Patient Financial Assistance Program.

Please contact our Billing Department with any questions or concerns at 608-776-5733. Thank You for choosing Memorial Hospital of Lafayette County for all your healthcare services!!

Marie

Protect your ears...

With approximately 28 million Americans suffering from hearing impairment, protecting your hearing early on can decrease your risk of severe hearing loss later in life. The two most common causes of hearing loss are noise exposure and aging. Participating in noise producing jobs and hobbies such as farming, construction or hunting can slowly cause hearing loss. Similarly, listening to music at an extreme volume can damage hearing abilities. "It's extremely important to protect your hearing

around loud sounds," said Brenda Rubert, AuD, CCC-A, Doctor of Audiology at Memorial Hospital of Lafayette County. "Once you've damaged your hearing, you can't get it back."

To prevent hearing loss, make sure to protect your ears with ear muffs or ear plugs when participating in loud activities such as mowing the lawn, operating a snow blower, attending a concert or using power tools. Also, be sure to keep volume to a minimum when using headphones. A good rule of thumb is that if your ears are ringing after listening to music, the volume was too loud, and you are causing temporary hearing loss, which can be permanent if continued. "It doesn't take long to protect your ears, and I find that people with hearing problems look back and wish they would have taken the proper precautions," said Dr. Rubert, who can fit patients with custom ear plugs. "Hearing aids may be hard for people to accept, but I really encourage peo-

Signs of hearing loss include:

- Often asking others to repeat what they have said
- Having trouble hearing when background noise is present
- Needing the TV volume turned up to a level too loud for others.
- Perceiving others to be mumbling when they speak
- Hearing ringing in the ears

ple not to be leery of them, as advancements have made hearing aids more comfortable and effective," said Dr. Rubert. "People are usually pleasantly surprised at how natural they sound and feel. Many patients comment that the experience has been life changing."

For more info about purchasing custom ear plugs, scheduling a hearing exam or learning more about new hearing aid technology, contact the MHLC Outpatient Clinic at 608-776-5748.



Brenda Rubert, AuD, CCC-A

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STROKE HAPPENS

Everyone is potentially at risk for a stroke—a friend, spouse,
parent, co-worker...even you!

That's why you need to know the warning signs today!

CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY if you or someone else
experience any warning sign:

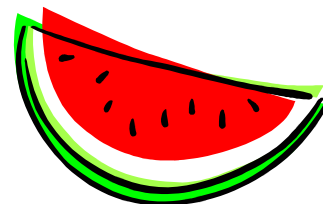
- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance
- Sudden, severe headache with no known cause

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What's to do...

Summer Community Events:

Darlington Canoe Festival	June 11-14
Lafayette Co Relay for Life	June 20-21
Belmont Brass & Brats	June 10
Opening of "Public Enemies"	July 1
Shullsburg 4th of July Celebration	July 1-4
Wiota 4th of July Celebration	July 5
Darlington Chamber "Tunes at Twilight"	Sundays in July
Lafayette County Fair	July 14-19
Shullsburg's "Concerts in the Park"	Thursdays in July thru Aug 6
WI State Fair	Aug 6-16



Dear Community Supporter,

The Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is in the midst of organizing our 9th Annual Golf Classic fund-raiser to benefit Memorial Hospital of Lafayette County. All proceeds will be used for projects geared toward patient, visitor and staff comforts. We are currently continuing to build upon our Serenity Terrace project, landscaping and purchasing much needed, updated training equipment for our staff.

We are asking for your support. Please spread the word among family, friends, and colleagues to participate in this exciting event. To make this event a success, we are in need of hole sponsors and auction items. Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

Our 9th Annual Golf Classic is planned for Friday July 24th, 2009. Two person best ball from 12-6 p.m. will include a \$10,000.00 Hole-in-One prize! For available tee times, please call the Darlington Country Club at 608-776-3377. Lunch and dinner will be available, as well as a silent & live auction, live music by "Just One More" and a raffle to take the chance on some great prizes this year. A short program will also be held to announce winners of golf and flag prizes.

If you wish to sponsor a hole, donate an item to the auctions or raffle, or to make a monetary donation, please complete the form below or feel free to contact Jody Tuescher at 608-776-5781 or Lorri Cwynar at 608-776-3998 for more information.

Hole Sponsorships-MH Auxiliary Golf Outing

To ensure the financial success of our golf outing we are offering a hole sponsorship program. Signage will be provided at a specific hole, in the Darlington Country Clubhouse, and in the Republican Journal of Darlington.

Hole-in-One Sponsor: \$300 donation to sponsor a hole includes 4 green fees, 2 carts, 4 meals & advertising.

Eagle Sponsor: \$200 donation to sponsor a hole includes 2 green fees, 1 cart, 2 meals and advertising.

Birdie Sponsor: \$100 donation to sponsor a hole includes 2 green fees, 1 cart and advertising.

Par Sponsor: \$50 donation to sponsor a hole includes 1 meal and advertising.

Club House: \$25 donation includes advertising.

(Circle One)

1. Hole Sponsor: Hole-in-One Eagle Birdie Par Club House

Yes, I will be golfing No, I will not be golfing

2. Yes I would like to donate an auction item: _____

3. I cannot attend but my tax deductible donation is enclosed



Name: _____ Business: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please send donation/check payable to:

Memorial Hospital Auxiliary
Attn: Pam Hinderman
245 Main Street, P.O. Box 50
Darlington, WI 53530

June 2009

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF LAFAYETTE COUNTY

...“We Treat You Like Family”



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Podiatry-Dr. Chubb Cardio-Dr. Mason	2 Ortho-Dr. Sathoff Audio-Dr. Rubert Grant-10am	3 Gen Surg-Dr. Gibson Neuro-Dr. Perry Urology-Dr. Graf	4	5 Cardio-Dr. Stoiber	6
7	8 Podiatry-Dr. Chubb GYN-Dr. Lindsey Bioterror-11am ER-12:30	9 Ortho-Dr. Sathoff Neuro-Dr. Kazkaz Families First-8a QI-1:30	10 Gen Surg-Dr. Gibson Urology-Dr. Graf Aux-6pm	11 ENT-B. Knutson Pacer-R. Fields Dept Head-10:30	12 Cardio-Dr. Hinderaker	13
14	15 Podiatry-Dr. Chubb Cardio-Dr. Hinderaker	16 Ortho-Dr. Sathoff Audio-Dr. Rubert MHF Exec-11:30 Relay-1pm	17 Gen Surg-Dr. Gibson Neuro-Dr. Perry Urology-Dr. Graf Bake Sale 8am...	18	19 Cardio-Dr. Stoiber	20 Relay for Life
21 Father's Day! First day of Summer!	22 Podiatry-Dr. Chubb GYN-Dr. Lindsey	23 Ortho-Dr. Sathoff	24 Gen Surg-Dr. Gibson Urology-Dr. Graf	25 Cardio-Dr. Grogan	26	27
28	29 Podiatry-Dr. Chubb	30 Ortho-Dr. Sathoff				