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NEWS OF INTEREST TO RPMH EMPLOYEES

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR!!!!



The Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital Employee of the Year is Keri Halford. The announcement was made at the RPMH Christmas Day Awards Ceremony. Keri was presented her plaque and monetary award by Wayne Chowning, Hospital Board member. Keri was described as dedicated and professional and one who goes above and beyond in her job duties. Rosa praised her for numerous compliments from co-workers and patients. Keri has worked at RPMH since January 2010. She is a Registered Nurse in our Emergency Department and was the February Employee of the Month. Keri is a graduate of Post High School and Covenant School of Nursing in Lubbock. She and her children, Kambri and Brenson, live in Snyder.

HEARTBEAT

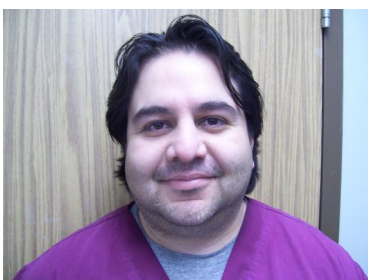


Heartbeat of the Year:

Congratulations to our heartbeat of the year winners-[PLANT OPERATIONS](#). These guys work tirelessly and with little recognition for the hard work and long hours they put in to keep our facility running. Whether it is mowing dead grass in the 100+ degree summer, chipping ice in the 20 degree winter, checking a drippy sink, or simply doing a walk through of the facility in the middle of the night to make sure that the facility is ok-these guys are here for the safety of the patients, the families, and staff here at RPMH. We are very grateful for their dedication, hard work, and generous spirit.

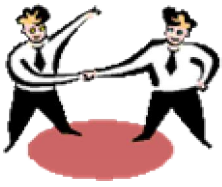
[Thank you Steve Clark, Howard Bryant, Ronny Ashley, Julian Garza and Chuck Browning!!!](#)

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

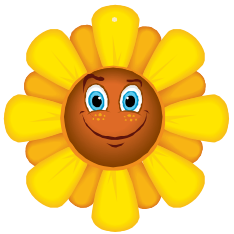


Congratulations to James Kittley, RPMH's December Employee of the Month. James has been with RPMH since 2008. He is a Medical Technologist. James graduated from Rule High School and in 2006 he graduated from Navarro College with an Associate Degree in Applied Science/Medical Laboratory Technology. James was nominated for this honor by a co-worker who praised James for voluntarily changing his work schedule to the night shift when an employee "could not make it in due to the weather". In the nomination James was described as "always willing to fill in as needed" and "his value is beyond words". James and his wife, Dorothy, live in Sweetwater with their 3 children, Elena, Alexander and Gabriel.

NEW EMPLOYEES



SPECIAL MENTIONS



NURSING

Martie Bivens
 Tiffany Rivers
 Melissa Bodine
 Elsa Raney
 Lauren McKeehan
 Tope Aruna
 David Richards

DIETARY

Jasmine Gentry
 Frank Ramirez

LAB

Dennis Harris
 Jill Hawkins

Amanda Gonzales
 Becky Bohall
 Candace Alford
 Crystal Cornutt
 Jeri Lopez
 John Martinez
 Lillie Williams
 Lori Brockman
 Matilda Romero
 Sharon Jones
 Tana Fomby
 Eddie Spencer
 Michelle Maberry

Amber Hope
 Bonnie Garcia
 Christina Achenbach
 Dorthey Blueford
 Jewel Parker
 Kristen Shirley
 Linda Garza
 Maria Morvant
 Robin Lollar
 Stephen Cashiola
 Zach Gill
 Jill Adams
 Wes Stafford

Anna Burrows
 Bridget Coe
 Cody Paty
 Heidi Schlemmer
 Joan Coldiron
 Leola Gentry
 Linda Sharp
 Mary Segura
 Scott Fortin
 Tabitha Humphries
 Becky Tomlin
 Kristen Shirley

Congratulations to Joan Coldiron for receiving five mentions-she received a \$5.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card.

Congratulations to Mary Segura, Bridget Coe and Kristen Shirley for receiving ten mentions-they each received a \$20 Gift Card to Buck's BBQ.

Congratulations to Jill Adams and Wes Stafford for receiving 25 mentions-they each received a \$50 Wal Mart Gift Card.

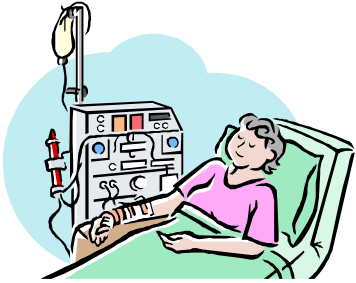
SPECIAL DAYS



January 22-28

National Certified Nurse Anesthetists Week

PATIENT OPINION POLL



"We were well informed of what to expect and what to do. Everyone was very friendly and nice. Thank you all!"

"I want to thank everyone for the excellent service and care I received while in the hospital. The personnel were absolutely perfect! "

"Just wanted to say this is the best surgical experience I've had from the beginning to the end. Everyone was so kind. Thank you all!"

"Becky Bohall, Maria Morvant and Amanda Gonzales were great and very kind, they made me feel at home. They went out of their way to make sure my baby and I were comfortable. I had a wonderful stay while under their care."

"I would like to say thank you to the Nursing, Radiology, Cardiopulmonary departments and Housekeeping for the wonderful care I received. This hospital has a hard-working, professional and caring staff."

BOATRIGHT'S BLOG



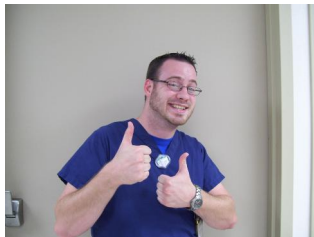
It was once said that "Many people look forward to the new year for a new start on old habit". I can't say that I have thought that exactly, but it is undoubtedly what I have done on more than one New Years' past. There are some old habits that I want to keep, but there are definitely some that I would like to shed (along with the extra pounds from holiday goodies). This year is going to ring in some exciting changes for us. Our Medical Surgical remodel will be complete and we will be moving our patients into newly renovated rooms and our staff into new "digs" at the nurses' station. What a great way to start 2011!

We also will be experiencing our triennial Joint Commission Survey sometime in the next few months. I asked the question at the Townhall meetings at the end of November, "If the Joint Commission survey team showed up tomorrow morning would you and your department be ready?" I am asking you that question again and I am asking myself as well. Continuous readiness is the key to successfully completing a survey and to making sure we are always doing the right things. We will not know in advance when they will arrive, but we can know that we will be prepared and proud of our hospital and the care we provide and be ready to show them our stuff! I know we will do well and that they will be impressed by our commitment to providing the very best care we are capable of.

And remember: Let's keep perfecting those old habits that make us better and get rid of those that keep us from realizing our full potential. Happy New Year!

Congratulations to our Employee of the Year, Keri Halford and to the Plant Operations department for their Heartbeat award. You make us proud. And to the other 200+ employees of RPMH, I love working in a hospital full of amazing, dedicated individuals, you have blessed my life and I thank you!

Christmas Party Gala



RPMH had its annual employee Christmas celebration on Wednesday, December 21. A full day of events including food, games, music and Santa Claus were enjoyed by all.

Thanks to all the members of the Christmas Committee for making our party a great success:

Natalie Rubio-Midnight Breakfast
Saundra Lane-Goodfellows
Sharon Hardin & Susan Gaspersonovich-Guessing Jars
Julie Hall-Band
Leigh White-Guessing Game
Tammy Cagle, Jennifer Serrault, Adrianna Saenz and Glynis Gotcher-Trivia Questions

Stephen Cashiola was voted this year's RPMH Top Chef. He received cooking utensils and bragging rights!

Guessing game contest winner was Donna Ashley. She was presented a \$25 gift certificate to Skeet's Texas Grill by Leigh White.

Rosa Best, Director of Nurses, was on hand to present Tina Rozco with the 47" flat screen TV she won by entering a raffle to benefit the Nursing Scholarship Fund.

Natalie Rubio-Midnight Breakfast!

WELCOME HOME SOLDIER

It truly is a wonderful Christmas for one of our employees. Blanca Torres' son, Max arrived at Ft. Hood on the morning of December 22nd. Matt has been stationed in Iraq and Kuwait. Blanca and her husband, Arnold traveled to Ft. Hood on December 23rd to bring their son home for good. Our country is so blessed to have young men and women fighting for our safety.

There are several other employees who have family members fighting for the same cause. Mickey Williams' son, Matt McCann stationed in Kuwait will be home in July. Dody and Arlon Barnes' son, E5 Bradley Barnes, USN is serving on the Abraham Lincoln, an aircraft carrier in the Middle East. Chuck and Patricia Browning have a son-in-law, Damon Chrismer who is serving in Kuwait, Ronny Ashley's nephew, Lenny Ashley, USN is serving on the USS Enterprise in Kuwait. Sherma Barham has a nephew, 1st Lt. Gerod Strother serving in El Paso, TX, Cindy Armenta's brother, Sgt. Alex Armenta serving in Germany. Helena Beltran has several family members serving. Sgt. 1st Class, Levie Roland, U.S. Army Reserve stationed in Baton Rouge, LA, Lance Noell, Active Duty U.S. Army, Branch: Field Artillery, Rank W-1, Ft. Bragg, NC. Also, Megan Rogers a Private will be attending basic training in July, Sgt. Tomas Acevedo is in the Army Reserves and is stationed in New Port, RI., Senior Airman Kyle Meyer is in the Air Force and stationed at Eglin AFB in FL., SGM Kevin Rogers Army Military Policeman stationed at Ft. Braggs, NC and Sgt. Luis Rico, 9th Comm. U.S. Marines stationed in CA. Becky Bohall's son, Bobby Bohall is serving in the Marine Reserves and Angella Soles' husband is in the National Guards.

Please keep our men and women in the military in your thoughts and prayers during the holiday season and throughout the coming year.

God Bless our troops!!!

