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ES Hospital recognizes Breast Cancer Awareness Month

What's important now more than ever is for people to continue to get their regular health screenings and check ups, despite being in the midst of a pandemic, say officials at the Excelsior Springs Hospital. With October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the American Cancer Institute conservatively estimates that potentially 22 million screenings and over 80,000 cancer diagnosis may have already been missed due to the virus.

In speaking with ESH Director of Radiology Tonya Deason, she encourages women to get an

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Get your flu vaccination now!



Excelsior Springs Hospital is administering flu vaccinations Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



**WINNERS ANNOUNCED DURING
VIRTUAL EVENT ON OCTOBER 22!**

See back page for details.

Commitment to Caring Award Nominations 2020

Dr. Robert Buzard – Physician

Dr. Buzard is a caring and compassionate physician that has diligently served the Excelsior Springs community and routinely goes above and beyond in the treatment of his patients, staff and community. He is an invaluable asset to the Excelsior Springs community.

Misty Lawson – Utilization Review

Misty transitioned to a hospital role with ease after the Convalescent Center closure. She is a quiet,

but positive influence on the team and welcomes new employees and processes. She is quick to seek out opportunities to improve her knowledge and always willing to help with any project.

Amanda Romazon – Controller

Over the years, Amanda has provided countless hours of service, both in her role at the Hospital and in the community. Most of her efforts take place “behind the scenes”, but we should never take for granted the work that she does. Amanda also is well-known in the community for her work with the Christmas Committee and other City events.

Reynold Rose – Nursing

Reynold is always assisting multiple departments to help every ESH team member. He provides leadership to the Surgery department for process improvements, including the onboarding of new surgeons, equipment and surgery needs. He is always the first one here and the last one to leave.

Nicole Shields – Nursing

Nicole goes above and beyond what is expected of a nursing supervisor. In all of my years of working in the medical field, I have never seen such a hard worker, driven for success for her team and the organization. I am grateful for her expertise and assistance to all employees.

Up and Coming Award Nominations 2020

Lori Brookshire –Health Information Management

Although Lori is commonly known for her kind and caring attitude, her cool head during crazy busy times, her sweet smile which makes our day a little lighter is her greatest contribution. She is enthusiastic to help others.

Kelly Helou – Nursing

Kelly is always ready to listen to a fellow staff member, handles conflicts with a positive attitude and is patient and encouraging when teaching. She is always ready and willing to help and leads by example.

DeVonna Ishmael – Lawson Clinic

DeVonna is the perfect steward of what a determined, hard-working, reliable employee is. I

project nothing but great things happening in her future as a wonderful representative of the hospital and its clinics.

Keith VanBebber – Outpatient Clinics

Keith not only manages a successful department, he maintains a high level of knowledge and practice. He effectively leads his team, collaborates with multiple departments and maintains excellent physician relationships.

Logan Pettz – Human Resources

As a co-worker and a patient, I have found Logan to be kind, compassionate and helpful. He is agreeable to help with any patient care setting we need him in and is eager to mentor students. I know that I can always count on him.

ES Hospital remembers the 132 lives lost daily to suicide



In recognition of Suicide Awareness Month, the Excelsior Springs Hospital's Senior Life Solutions program held a number of different activities throughout the month to recognize lives lost by suicide. For more information on Senior Life Solutions, visit our website at ESHospital.org.

Hospital team members address Chamber business leaders



Members of the Excelsior Springs Hospital pose for a picture at the Excelsior Springs Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon. The hospital sponsored the luncheon and gave a presentation on new services being offered by the hospital. Read a feature on the Chamber's website at bit.ly/ESChamberLuncheon.

Hospital brings free COVID-19 testing to local residents

In partnership with Clay County Public Health Department, Heart to Heart International, KU Medical Center, Kansas City Direct Primary Care, and Ray County Public Health Department, the Excelsior Springs Hospital has helped to offer free COVID-19 testing to asymptomatic and essential workers with inadequate access to testing the past few weeks. Tests have been administered in both Excelsior Springs and Lawson.



Gary Schmidt recognized for 14 years of service

The hospital recognizes the service that Gary Schmidt has given as he retires from his position on the Board of Trustees. With his original board appointment being in 2008, Gary has served as Chair for the Excelsior Springs Hospital Finance Committee for the past 10 years and the Vice President of the Governing Board for the last year.

Gary has been a member of the Excelsior Springs community for over 50 years, with his wife Dianne.

The Hospital has appreciated his years of service and contributions to our success.



Gary Schmidt, left, and Bob Craven, ES Hospital Board of Trustees President.

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annual mammography after the age of 40, and not to stop at the age of 65, but to continue getting regular screenings. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins/same day services are available. She also explained that the department had just passed its annual Mammography Quality Assurance Assessment, where they had no deficiencies and were recognized as a model for other agencies.

Alliance Radiology oversees the hospital's breast cancer imaging and is led by Dr. Amy Patel, MD, who explained the measures that have been put in place to assure safety for those seeking screening.

"Health centers have taken extra measures for cleanliness, are spacing out patient appointments, and staff are wearing PPE," Dr. Patel explains. "People shouldn't feel nervous about coming in."

Dr. Patel also offered a look at the work that is done in partnership throughout the region when it comes to women's health: "We all come together when it comes to health. We care about putting our patients first and addressing their health in a timely manner. With there being a lack of specialized breast care in the area, working together we can offer the best standard of care for patients."

Excelsior Springs Hospital follows all patients, from the results of the biopsy to the treatment that they get. Officials also stressed not letting cost get in the way of screenings or treatment. There are special funds set aside to assist those who may need help financially. Even if additional treatment is needed, special funding has been made available for the cause.

If you are interested in setting an appointment, please contact the Radiology Department at 816-629-2700. Throughout the month of October, the hospital will be giving out Breast Cancer Awareness tumblers to all those who are screened.



SPECIALTY PHYSICIAN CLINICS - OCTOBER 2020

All clinics are subject to change due to the recent COVID-19 pandemic.

We encourage patients to call 816-629-2700 prior to your scheduled appointment.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Orthopedic Clinic - Dr. Justice Podiatry Clinic - Dr. Shemwell	2
5 Oncology Clinic - Dr. Beeki	6 ENT Clinic - Dr. Coffman Rheumatology Clinic - Dr. Scott	7 GI Clinic - Dr. Coleman	8 Orthopedic Clinic - Dr. Cornett Podiatry Clinic - Dr. Shemwell	9 Dermatology Clinic - Dr. Tonkovic
12 Cardiology Clinic - Dr. Maragos	13 Rheumatology Clinic - Dr. Scott	14 GI Clinic - Dr. Coleman	15 Orthopedic Clinic - Dr. Justice Podiatry Clinic - Dr. Shemwell	16 Pain Management Clinic - Dr. Hamilton
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JOIN THE ES HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION IN A VIRTUAL EVENT

A Night at the Hospital

OCTOBER 22, 2020 | 7 P.M.

*A Night of
Celebration,
Hope, and
Progress*

JOIN US **OCTOBER 22 AT 7 P.M.** FOR A FABULOUS EXPERIENCE, BROUGHT RIGHT TO YOUR HOME!

Social distancing at its finest! Our Virtual Event will host all the familiar elements: engaging speakers, Commitment to Caring Awards, a silent auction, and even optional take-out meal from our sponsoring restaurant, Willow Spring Mercantile. Don your best gala duds, or your coziest jammies -- whatever suits you! Event details at eshospital.org/nightatesh.

Award Nominations

See page three of this newsletter for the 2020 Nominations.

Our congratulations to all nominees!



Online Auction October 15, 22

With holding a Virtual Event and On-line Auction this year, we will reduce expenses, therefore we are hoping to raise \$40,000 to purchase medical equipment for our specialty clinics. Everyone is welcome to participate in our Silent Auction!

Many great items this year, including an Autographed Jersey from Kansas City Chiefs Quarterback Patrick Mahomes!

Buy A Chance for a Cash Prize!

10 Winners of \$50 each | 10 Winners of \$100 each | 1 Winner of \$1,000!

Must purchase an Event Ticket for our Virtual Raffle. All non-winning Raffle Tickets will be entered into the final drawing for \$1,000.

Add a Golden Ticket to assure you are entered into the drawing for \$1,000!