

MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

GRAPEVINE

June 20, 2008

Welcome New Employees

Welcome to the following new MMH employees:

Sandra Wilson – Central Sterile
Jelena Wallis – Patient Financial Services
Holly Strait – Environmental Services
Karleen Torres – Environmental Services
Sylvie Madrigal – Acute Rehab Unit
Jennifer Bjerke – Cardiac Cath Lab
Roxanne Tilma – Medical/Surgical
Rebekah Parish – Laboratory
Dale Jensen – HIM
Angelica Gonzalez – Environmental Services
Bruce Redmon – Dietary Services

Healthcare Scholarship Offered by Curecanti Medical Society

The Montrose physicians of the Curecanti Medical Society are once again accepting applications for a scholarship award for training in the health sciences field. The purpose of the award is to honor Dr. George Balderston, a member of the medical society and a physician in Montrose for over 25 years.

Applicants of any age wishing to pursue training in a health related field are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to applicants from the Montrose area who intend to return to the community to utilize their talents. This scholarship is open to any high school graduate, nurse, medical student, therapist, hospital employee, or anyone anticipating health sciences training.

Applications may be obtained by calling the Curecanti Medical Society at 901-3787, or by e-mail request at wcipa@montrose.net. Completed applications should be returned to Pat Riddell, WCIPA, 207 South 4th Street, Montrose, CO 81401. Applications will be taken through July 31. The selection of the winner will be made by the Curecanti Medical Society.

Summer Solstice is June 20 at 7:59 PM EDT

Upcoming Activity

You may want to mark your calendars for the following upcoming activity:

Grin & Barrett Charity Bike Ride: This charity fun ride is happening on **Saturday, July 19th**. The San Juan Healthcare Foundation sponsors this ride in support of patient wellness at Montrose Memorial Hospital and the San Juan Cancer Center. The ride includes a challenging 110-mile ride and two shorter rides. Registration forms may be picked up in Administration at MMH, or at Cascade Bicycles. Contact Lark Jacobsen at 240-7397 for more information.



Brush Up on Your HIPAA

Tanya has been assigned to clean out an area with lots of old patient documents. After she verifies that they can be thrown out, she piles them up on a cart and makes a few trips to the open dumpster behind the building. Later, the healthcare facility is featured in the news with a headline, “Patient Privacy in the Dump.” Now the facility faces more bad publicity and the possibility of patient lawsuits and HIPAA penalties for failure to either shred the documents or safeguard them until they could be properly destroyed. What did Tanya do wrong?

Tanya should have received workforce privacy and security training teaching her what information is confidential and how to protect it—including how to dispose of paper documents safely. Her supervisor should have considered the disposal question when assigning Tanya the project. Failing that, Tanya should have asked her supervisor before carting documents out to the dumpster. The facility may have a high-volume shredder that Tanya could have used, or there may be oversized locked bins that the shredding contractor could have provided for this project. Any time and expense spent on a special solution would have been worthwhile, and far better than the unfortunate outcome.

Remember to use the secure document shredding

bin in your department when disposing of documents with confidential information.

Thank You!!

To all the warm and caring friends I work with, "Thank you" hardly seems enough to tell you how much I appreciate ALL that you did for me over the last few months while I was ill. All of you took such excellent and gentle care of me. Your thoughts and prayers, visits, calls, cards, flowers, gifts, food, money and CAL time all made a difficult time in my life so much easier and I thank you from the bottom of my heart!!!! I am forever grateful to have you all in my life.
Love, Madeline

Tips from the Security Dept Fireworks Safety

Hospital Emergency Rooms in the United States treat approximately 10,800 Firework injuries a year with approximately 6,500 injuries occurring during a one month period surrounding the Fourth of July. Children from 5 to 14 years of age are very adventuresome and experimental. This age group is frequently involved in fireworks-related injuries, pointing out the need for close adult supervision of all firework activities. Burns are the most common injuries followed by eye injuries. Firecrackers accounted for 26% of all injuries followed by rockets (17%) and sparklers (17%). Sparklers caused the greatest number of injuries in children 14 and younger, followed by firecrackers and rockets. Of the 6,500 injuries reported, approximately 1,600 were eye related injuries. Sparklers accounted for 1,100 injuries of which 500 occurred to children under the age of five.

How can these injuries be prevented? Children under the age of 14 should not handle sparklers. Keep burning sparklers away from clothing and flammable material as well as vehicles and buildings. Used sparklers should be placed in a bucket of water. Sparklers burn at 1800 degrees Fahrenheit and bottle rockets can stray off course or throw shrapnel when they explode. Do not let your child play with fireworks, even if his/her friends are setting them off. Fireworks are not toys and should be treated with respect. Read all cautions and warnings before use and apply common sense.

Fireworks and alcohol do not mix. Have a sober designed "shooter" who can use fireworks as they were intended. Never alter fireworks, shoot off homemade fireworks, or shoot off multiple fireworks at one time. Do not use professional commercial fireworks or illegal explosives. Obey all local laws pertaining to the use of fireworks, and always think

about safe responsible use of fireworks so as to eliminate injuries and fires. For more safe tips on Fireworks Safety, visit The National Council on Fireworks Safety website at www.fireworksafety.com.

Employment Opportunities

- Admissions Registrar – Full time – Admissions
- Biller – Full time – Patient Financial Services
- Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehab Supervisor – Full time – Rehab
- Cardiology/Medical Imaging Nurse Clinician – Full time – Cardiology
- Central Sterilizing Technician – Full time – Surgical Services
- Clinical Education Coordinator – Nursing Administration – Full time
- Dietitian – Full time – Nutrition Services
- Dosimetrist – Full time – San Juan Cancer Center
- Family Center Nurse Director, RN – Full time
- Food Service Worker I – Part time
- Food Service Worker III – Full time
- HIM Coding Specialist – Full time – Health Information Management (Medical Records)
- House Supervisor RN – Full time – Nursing Administration
- Housekeeper – Full time – Environmental Services
- Licensed Practical Nurse – PRN – Acute Rehab Unit
- Occupational Therapist/COTA – Full time – Acute Rehab Unit
- PBX Operator – Part time – Patient Financial Services
- Phlebotomist – Full time – Laboratory
- Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner – Other – Basin Clinic
- Polysomnography Technician – Full time – Respiratory Care
- Registered Nurse – Full time – Emergency
- Registered Nurse – Full time – Family Center (OB)
- Registered Nurse – Full time – ICU
- Registered Nurse – Full time – Med/Surg
- Registered Nurse – Full time – OR
- Respiratory Therapist – Full time
- Staff Accountant – Casual – Accounting
- Surgery Finance Coordinator – Full time – Patient Financial Services
- Ultrasound Technologist – Full time – Medical Imaging

Sol + stice derives from a combination of Latin words meaning "sun" + "to stand still." As the days lengthen, the sun rises higher and higher until it seems to stand still in the sky.

As a major celestial event, the Summer Solstice results in the

longest day and the shortest night of the year.