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Surgery Expansion Planned in Franklin

The Medical Center at Franklin plans to expand its facility to enhance surgical services. The \$4 million expansion project will encompass 9,400 square feet and include the construction of two operating suites, an endoscopy suite and a six-bed recovery unit.

"Minor surgeries are currently performed at The Medical Center at Franklin, but more complex surgeries that require large equipment are prohibitive due to space limitations," said Clara Sumner, Chief Executive Officer of The Medical Center at Franklin. "This facility expansion and the addition of another general surgeon to the Medical Staff will enable The Medical Center at Franklin to expand its surgical services and allow residents of Simpson County to stay right here in Franklin for more complex surgeries."

William Daniel, M.D., general surgeon, will open his practice in the Franklin Medical Pavilion in January 2011. John Korba, M.D., general surgeon with Bluegrass Surgical Associates in Bowling Green, has been practicing in Franklin as part of The Medical Center at Franklin's Physician Specialty Clinics for 12 years.

The Medical Center at Franklin has asked the Simpson County Fiscal Court to be the issuer of \$10 million in tax-exempt bonds to refinance the 2006 bond series used for the 25-bed patient wing expansion and to finance the proposed surgery expansion project. The requested bond issue is non-binding and would not incur any responsibility on the part of taxpayers. The Medical Center at Franklin is solely responsible for the repayment of debt created by the issuance of the tax-exempt bonds.

Construction will begin in December with completion expected in August 2011. The current ambulance entrance for the Emergency Department will relocate to accommodate the expansion.

Nursing Scholarship Opportunity

Commonwealth Health Foundation is offering a Nursing Scholarship for students actively enrolled in an accredited Nursing Program at Western Kentucky University. This scholarship is made possible through the generosity of James W. Brite, a long time board member of The Medical Center and Commonwealth Health Free Clinic, and his wife, Mary Carolyn Wolfe Brite. The scholarship is available to students enrolled in either an Associate Degree Nursing Program or a Bachelors Degree Nursing Program.

The Scholarship is for the 2011 calendar year (Spring 2011/Fall 2011). It includes \$6,000 per year to be applied to tuition, required textbooks and fees.

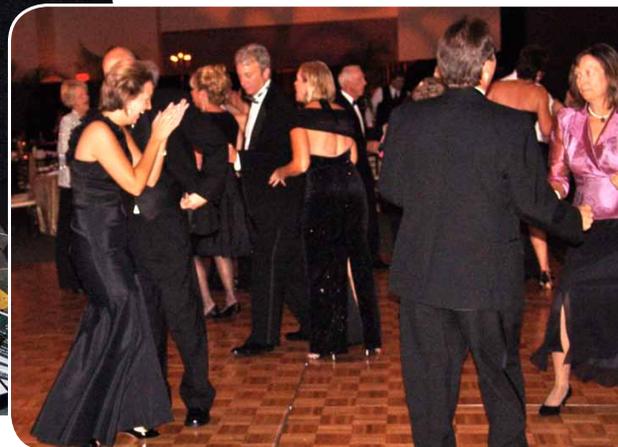
For more about qualifications and if you are interested in applying for the James W. and Mary Carolyn Wolfe Brite Scholarship, please contact Jennifer Pratt, Marketing/Development Coordinator, at ext. 1543 or jp Pratt@chc.net to obtain an application.

The completed application and accompanying documentation must be returned to Human Resources by November 29, 2010. Selection of the recipient will be announced on December 17, 2010. We look forward to receiving your application.

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Charity Ball "Puttin' on the Glitz" for Free Clinic



"Puttin' on the Glitz" came to life as the 6th Annual Charity Ball kicked off the holiday season on Saturday, November 13 at the Sloan Convention Center in Bowling Green. It was a red carpet affair like no other. The event raised more than \$155,000 to benefit Commonwealth

Health Free Clinic. This black-tie evening has a tremendous impact on the lives of the patients and families served by the Free Clinic. More than 300 supporters of this premier event have once again made a difference in the health of our community.

Childhood obesity focus of Unite to Read event



On November 16, The Medical Center at Franklin sponsored the Unite to Read Night at Simpson Elementary School. With the growing childhood obesity epidemic, the goal of this fun learning experience was to create excitement among children on making healthier choices. Approximately 700 children were given a copy of the book *The Magic School Bus: Inside the Human Body*, compliments of

The Medical Center at Franklin. Teachers read the book in class prior to the event. On the night of the event, six school clubs from Franklin-Simpson High School provided stations with activities pertaining to the human body. Volunteers wore gowns, booties and hats provided by the hospital as they guided the children through the activity stations. Parent sessions were also held to provide parents with information and ideas to encourage healthy eating and exercise for their children.



Upcoming Events

Stroke Screening

November 30

1 – 4 p.m.

The Medical Center Health & Wellness Center at Greenwood Mall

Following completion of a brief stroke risk scorecard and blood pressure screening, a registered nurse will discuss areas of concern with you. *Preregistration required by calling 270-745-0942.*

C-Section Class

November 30

6– 8 p.m.

The Medical Center Auditorium

This class offers a video and discussion on what to expect and how to prepare for returning home with your baby after cesarean section surgery. *Preregistration required by calling 270-796-2495.*

Fatherhood 101

November 30

7 p.m.

The Medical Center Medical Conference Room

George Miller, R.N. a nursery nurse at The Medical Center, will discuss concerns of new fathers with regard to responsibilities and relationship changes with a new baby and mom. *Preregistration required by calling 270-796-2495; dads only!*

Prepared Childbirth One-Day Express Course

December 4

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The Medical Center Auditorium

This class covers information on preparing for labor and delivery. For those who have already taken a childbirth series class, this one-night refresher course can serve as a quick recap. *Preregistration required by calling 270-796-2495.*

Vascular Screening

December 3

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Medical Center Health & Wellness Center at Greenwood Mall

Three painless, noninvasive tests —carotid ultrasound, abdominal aortic ultrasound and ankle/brachial index—screen for disorders such as stroke, aortic aneurysm and lower extremity vascular disease. The cost is \$35 per screening or \$90 for all three. Members of Senior Health Network, Men's Health Alliance and The Women's Center can get all three for \$80. *Appointments are required by calling 270-745-0942.*

SIDS Prevention and Safe Sleep For Infants

December 7

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

The Medical Center Health & Wellness Center at Greenwood Mall

Nurses from The Medical Center Nursery and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) will provide valuable information on sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) prevention, safe sleep and a CPR review. This is a vital class for parents, babysitters, and church nursery and child-care providers. *Preregistration required by calling 270-745-0942.*

Six Sigma Awareness Training

December 9

Location: Human Resources Building, Classroom A

Six Sigma Awareness Training is required for all full-time or part-time employees who have not already attended. Registration can be completed through NetLearning.

A New Baby's Coming Class

December 9

6 – 8 p.m.

The Medical Center Auditorium.

This is a siblings class for kids ages 3 and older to prepare for the arrival of the new baby. *Preregistration required by calling 270-796-2495. Participants should bring a doll or stuffed animal.*

Make the Season Bright

Bowling Green — December 2

Franklin — December 7

Scottsville — December 9.

Each event begins at 5:30 p.m.

Each event will come alive with a candle lighting ceremony, music, remembrances, and a visit by Santa Claus. Entertainment will be provided by local choirs, and refreshments will be served.

One hundred percent of money raised by sales of the lights go to patient care at Commonwealth Health Free Clinic.

To learn more about *Make the Season Bright*, call (270) 745-1543.

Have a
happy
and
healthy
Thanksgiving!

The Medical Center at Franklin expands schedule for mammograms and ultrasounds to Saturday

The Medical Center at Franklin understands the demanding schedule of the working women in their community. For that reason, they have expanded their schedule, offering Saturday appointments for digital mammography and ultrasound services. Mammograms are offered the third Saturday of each month and ultrasound services will be offered each Saturday. For more information or to schedule your appointment, call (270) 598-4899.

Education offices have moved to new location

The Education & Development offices formerly located on 4th Street have moved to Commonwealth Medical Plaza on 2nd Street, first floor (same building as Employee Health). Education classrooms and offices are located in Suite 101 and 102 of the Medical Plaza.

New Classrooms in the Medical Plaza:

Classroom 6

Classroom 7 – computer lab

Security Celebrates Veterans Day

Security celebrated Veteran's Day in a special way—by featuring the photos of their department's veterans on the door. Security would like to thank all the veterans in the organization for their service.



(In front): Lance Rogers; (back row) Rob Fiessinger; Ron Waterbury; Chuck Webb; Gary Sullivan. Security veterans pictured in poster: Larry Birge – U.S. Army; James Dean – U.S. Army; Chuck Dillon – U.S. Army; Rob Fiessinger – U.S. Army; Nick Hutcheson – U.S. Air Force; Ashcon Karbasi – U.S. Air Force; Eric Lacer – U.S. Army; James Monroe – U.S. Marines; Lance Rogers – U.S. Army; Gary Sullivan – U.S. Air Force; Ron Waterbury – U.S. Air Force; Chuck Webb – U.S. Air Force. Not pictured: Ben Gifford – U.S. Navy; Andrew Mann – U.S. Marines; David Nimmo – U.S. Navy; Roger Perry – U.S. Army.

Accomplishments

Clinical Ladder: The 6th Clinical Ladder Recognition Dinner was held on November 16 at Christ United Methodist Church. For 2010, there are eight new CNIIIs, six renewals to CNIII, one promotion to CNIV and two renewals to CNIV. The total number of clinical ladder participants is now forty-six.

Keith Jones, Franklin Facilities Manager, has successfully passed the Advanced Healthcare Security Officer Examination through The International Association for Healthcare Security and Safety.



HARTLAND MASSAGE

Just in time for the holidays, Hartland Massage will offer 90-minute Hot Stone Massage gift certificates for \$60 each. Therapeutic massage makes the perfect gift, and **CHC employees receive 20% off any massage and gift certificate purchase** (excluding special offers). Purchase gift certificates at hartlandmassage.com or call 796-6838.