

The Scanner

A MCH Employee Newsletter
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Memorial Community Hospital CT Upgrade

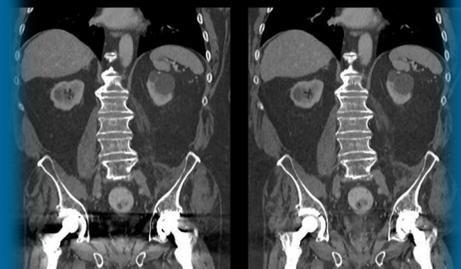
Memorial Community Hospital and Health System (MCH) recently upgraded the CT scanner from a 20-slice to a 64-slice scanner. This upgrade allows for higher coverage, faster speed to acquire images, which improves patient comfort and safety. This upgrade also allows for more and different exams which were not possible with the previous version. With fast acquisition speed, additional CT angiography exams (examination of blood or lymph vessels) are now offered.

CT angiograms are an essential part of MCH's CT stroke protocol used in emergency settings to rapidly diagnose patients presenting with probable strokes and to enable appropriate urgent management. CT angiography is a CT examination performed with a timed IV contrast (dye) to enhance the carotid and vertebral arteries and other structures in the brain. It not only allows for the visualization of numerous intracranial features relevant to a stroke but also shows brain structures (anatomy) that may be relevant to the treatment of the stroke.

With the upgrade to a 64-slice scanner, MCH upgraded to the newest CT software available. The updated software improves CT image quality in patients with implanted metal ware. It allows artifacts—often caused by dental fillings, implants, artificial joints, or pacemakers—to be significantly reduced to improve the image quality of your CT. The ability to see more detail in these types of challenging exams leads to improved ability of the Radiologist to read and interpret the CT images.

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- **Community Events**
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- **Summertime Happenings**



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Courtesy of Luzerner Kantonsklinik, Luzern, Switzerland

MCH In The Community and At Home

The American Red Cross community blood drive on June 10th resulted in 30 donors and 23 pints of blood donated from our location. The next drive is scheduled for August 17th!



Pastor Steve Helwig from Living Savior Lutheran Church stopped by to donate a car full of diapers for our Labor and Delivery department. A group at his church chose MCH as a service project to donate to. Thanks Living Savior!

One of MCH's founding doctors, Dr. Kenneth Charles Bagby, peacefully passed away on June 21, 2021. Doc, as many of us referred to him by, was an integral part of what MCH is today. In 1964, he began at the Blair Clinic and practiced medicine until his retirement in 2001. However retirement didn't stop him, he was an avid volunteer and spent many hours volunteering for community organizations, including the MCH Auxiliary and MCH Foundation. It was also his idea to build the Healing Garden and Railroad when the hospital expansion project started in the mid-2000's. He was a familiar and friendly face to so many of us here, a kind man, and will be missed greatly by many in this community.



Upcoming Events:

Tekamah's 4th of July Parade and town celebration, Arlington's Summer Sizzle, the Washington County Fair, multiple golf tournaments, Business and Brews and our rescheduled employee appreciation event for July 22nd!

Gateway to the West Parade

Thanks to the MCH Employees who were able to participate and walk in the parade on June 12th. Dustin Bell, Molly Dahlgren, Kelsey and her daughter, Megan and kiddos, Denise, Kaylee and her little guy, Tammy, Jeff and Patty. A special thanks to Dustin who can take an idea and run with it. We couldn't do it without him! The theme this year was The Roaring 20's.



Sweet Summertime

Artist and Quality staff member Heather Boyd has again creatively added to her potted plants...titled Garden Girls and Garden Critters.



Wendy Damme, HR, took her girls to Cabo for a graduation celebration and girls trip with some of Carley's friends and their moms. A fun, relaxing time was had by all!



Susie Gochanour's (PFS) daughter, Amber's team won 3rd place at the 16A State Tournament. There are a total of 5 Blair girls on the team.



Jen Newby (OD Finance) and I (Laura Willey, Marketing) ran into each other on Anna Maria Island in Florida a couple weeks ago. I walked out of a shop and Jen was standing there. We made eye contact, I was like "Jen?" and she said "Laura?". Funniest thing ever! Plus I had been caught in a rainstorm and we haven't seen each other's faces in over a year!



How to Have a SAFER Summer Vacation!

Summer is the perfect time to relax and take a vacation... but no matter where you go or what you do,

Don't forget the sunscreen (SPF 30), even when it's cloudy.

Wear sunglasses that block UV rays.

Drink plenty of fluids so you don't become dehydrated.

Don't leave kids alone near water, even for a minute.

Use life jackets when participating in water sports or in a boat.

Wear a bike helmet every time you ride. Fasten the strap.

Use insect repellent containing DEET to keep mosquitos away. Don't swat at bees.

When thunder roars, go indoors. Lightning is not far away.

Obey all safety signs and warnings.

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New Hires



Stacy Story,
House Supervisor,
RN



Kristen Seyler,
RN



Karissa Jennings,
CMA



Gordon Saltz,
Lead, IT



Angela Snyder,
Housekeeping



Kelsie Scheer,
APRN, Blair
Clinic, PRN



Sawyer Lawton,
Groundskeeping,
Summer Intern



Mason Bell, MCH
Summer Intern



Mark Donner,
Groundskeeping,
Summer Intern



Colby Hansen,
IT Analyst



Jessica Johnson,
RN, Specialty
Clinic



Paige Trausch,
PA-C, Blair
Clinic, PRN