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A Monthly Newsletter for the Staff of MMC



Jason Douglas

President's Message

It's the winter that just doesn't seem to end, isn't it? Hopefully we'll start to see some signs of spring over the next few weeks. Even the sun shining more is a mood booster.

Speaking of booster, there was some staff communication sent out recently with some clarity around the COVID booster shot. Just a few things to reiterate with that:

- Fully vaccinated as staff at MMC means you have received your first series of the COVID vaccine (or one with J&J). This, or an approved exemption, has been our requirement for staff. However, up-to-date status means you've also received your booster shot. At this time, booster shots are not a requirement for staff, however, they are critical in the fight against COVID, and we encourage staff to get boosted.
- With variants being a part of the future of this virus, it's crucial to get boosted. Plus, there are different guidelines for boosted vs non-boosted staff:
 - For example, non-boosted staff have longer quarantine periods after exposures (typically 10 days), while boosted staff normally do not need to quarantine at all.
 - Anyone carpooling for work needs to be boosted.

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You can get boosted at Walgreens and Walmart in Ashland. Once boosted, please record your vaccine in Immuware for Employee Health.

Some exciting service developments – we're gearing up to launch Lasik eye procedures at MMC soon and look forward to this new service for our patients. There already seems to be a high demand for it in our community. Dr. Sam Kuchinka will be the Ophthalmologist performing these procedures and we're grateful to him for his collaboration and efforts in getting this service launched locally. There is no official start date for Lasik surgery at MMC. More information will be coming soon.

Did you know March 30 was National Doctor's Day? What a great time to take a moment and thank all of our dedicated providers for the care they provide for our communities every day. We really are so incredibly grateful to all of you. Keep your eyes peeled for some social media posts about Doctor's Day and be sure to thank them when you see them.

As events go, we're participating in the National Donate Life Month in April - a time to celebrate the generosity of those who have saved lives by becoming organ, eye, tissue, marrow, and blood donors, and to encourage more to follow their example. There will be a flag raising event on Friday, April 22 at 10am here at MMC. We'd encourage you to attend this honoring event.

You all work so hard and I'm really proud of that and honored to work with you.

With gratitude,



Jason Douglas, CEO of MMC

EMPLOYEE ACTIVITY NIGHT

Tues., April 5 • 5:30 PM

On Zoom

The Employee Wellness team invites all staff to learn how to carve a maple tree tap. Live zoom instruction hosted by **Doug Jennings, Staff Development.**

The sumac wood will be provided for you, but you will need your own carving tool. Check the portal for more details or call **Kyle Narges, Employee Wellness** at Ext. 5508 to sign up.



Upcoming Events

DONATE LIFE FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

Friday, April 22 • 10 AM

In front of the MMC Main Entrance

Please help recognize Donate Life Month with a statewide Donate Life flag raising ceremony to promote organ donation.

Anyone who is willing, meet in front of the hospital at the flag pole at 10 AM on Friday, April 22. Wear your blue and green colors!

Together, with organizations across Wisconsin, we will honor donors and their families and promote the mission of organ, tissue and eye donation.

Please contact **Jill Curry, Nursing** with any questions: jcurry@ashlandmmc.com.

[More Upcoming Events >](#)

Upcoming Events (continued)

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Friday, April 22 - Sunday, May 22

City-Wide

Help the Community Team celebrate Earth Day for a whole month! Details about this year's community clean up will be posted on the portal in the near future.



Save the Dates:

NURSES WEEK

May 6 - 12

NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK

May 8 - 14

Welcome to Chequamegon Bay

MMC is proud to have Dr. Castillo-Nelson & Dr. Frank join our medical staff of providers.



Christina Castillo-Nelson, MD
FAMILY MEDICINE
St. Luke's - Chequamegon Clinic



Khloe Frank, MD
FAMILY MEDICINE - OBSTETRICS
Essentia Health - Ashland Clinic



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Did You Know...

You can get paid if you recruit someone to come and work at MMC?

MMC and both unions have recently agreed that MMC can pay \$1,000 to an employee who successfully recruits certain employees. The bonus would be paid after the new employee is here for 6 months, provided both are still here at that time. Currently we would pay that bonus for:

Ultrasound Tech - Radiology • CT Tech - Radiology • MLT or CLS - Lab • RN Circulator – (Experienced)
Respiratory Therapist • Physical Therapist.

Please continue to help us recruit during this time and encourage people you know to apply at MMC!
Contact Human Resources if you have any questions at Ext. 5520.



All in the Family

Let's recognize **Jocelyn Langholz, BHS** for going above and beyond by recently conducting a virtual meeting for health care students through the WI Express program. It is a program through NW Wisconsin Area Health Education Centers – designed to encourage health care students to consider work in underserved areas. They do a rural health care program every year. Jocelyn has done this with **Andrew MacGregor, Chaplain** (as well as Dr. Gardner in the past) for a number of years. Jocelyn received this great feedback from one of the students this year:

"Thank you for taking the time to virtually speak today about self care as well as practicing rural healthcare. Your knowledge will no doubt positively impact my current practice as a Registered Nurse.

Self care, especially when working, is something I don't always prioritize. I especially loved when you stated "like in an airplane, always put your oxygen on first". How true it is; we must take care of ourselves first, before being able to lend a hand to others. Thank you again."

Congratulations to **Stefanie Cadotte, NWCC!** She has been awarded a \$5,000 educational scholarship from the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS). Stef is working towards her Masters Degree in Nursing. She is one of 30 people to receive this scholarship!



Dr. Matthew Bettendorf, General Surgery Services completed the 2022 Birkebeiner. He placed 187 overall (among over 10,000 skiers at least). Congratulations Dr. Bettendorf!



The Miss Ellie Foundation Scholarship



Ellen Hodgson, passed away peacefully, finishing a six year ovarian cancer battle on November 11th, 2020. She devoted upwards of 40 years of her life to work at MMC as an operating room technician. Over the years she participated in multiple humanitarian trips to the Philippines, through MMC. Her care of the health and well-being of humanity was truly worldwide.

Ellen had a dream to bring health and education to others both far and wide. Her dream continues on with the Miss Ellie Foundation. The permanent focus of the foundation is to provide at least three \$500 scholarships to Ashland High School Graduates.

Here's who qualifies:

- Students going into any field of study, at a 4 year or a technical/ community college
- A graduate from a local tribal band
- Any previous graduate/attendeo going on to further his/her education/training

To apply for the Miss Ellie Scholarship, make a donation or to find out more visit misselliefoundation.org.

Events in Review



The final celebration for the Feel Better Care Better/Feel Better Heal Better campaign was a winter picnic with a free BBQ style meal for all staff on March 7. The picnic was provided by Nutrition Services and coordinated by the Steering Team. Thanks goes out to the Service Team for organizing the Feel Better/Care Better initiative and for hosting the "find the sun" medallion hunts, the Wellness Team for creating the gratitude wall, and the Steering team who created the random acts of kindness wall in the front entrance of the hospital. We made it through the darkest months of winter, and now on to spring and light!

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Events in Review (continued)



We invited community businesses to go blue for Colon Cancer Awareness Month and share their photos on our Facebook page for a chance to win a free lunch. The two winners were the Red Cliff Tribal Council and Mike Bigo State Farm Insurance. Visit the MMC Facebook page to see all of the businesses who participated in the contest.

Thank you to all of our staff who recognized Colon Cancer Awareness Month by wearing their blue as well.

Special thanks to **Dan Heinzen, Building Operations** for helping MMC go blue by hanging the blue lights on the front entrance of the hospital.



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Events in Review (continued)



Accounting



Marketing



NWCC



Periop



Rehab Services



Periop



Ophthalmology



Radiology



Hospital Gift Shop Offers New Items



The gift shop has some great new clothing items for spring! Stop down on your next break and add a fresh new item to your wardrobe. Need a last minute birthday gift and card for someone special? There are lots of new purses, and novelty items on the shelves as well. Remember all employees get 10% off any clothing or gift item. Sorry no discount on food.

While you are shopping try out a cup of Antler Specialty Goods black coffee. For only \$1.00, you can get a steaming 12oz cup of this amazing specialty coffee. Gift shop staff can also safely fill reusable travel mugs, but note, it's still \$1.00 for each 12 oz of coffee.

When you make a purchase at the gift shop, a portion of your money is going back to our organization to help fulfill the annual Partners of MMC department wish lists. Yet another reason to visit the MMC gift shop today!

If you have any questions call the gift shop at Ext. 5171.

NEW Online Help Desk

Effective Tuesday, April 5 The REI Information Systems Team will be implementing a new help desk ticketing solution; the system in which Information Systems records calls, emails, and requests that come in to their department. This ticketing solution includes a self-service, user-entry portal through which you will enter requests to fix, replace, or implement technology solutions. (*user = you*).

The most impactful change is that you will no longer email tickets to helpdesk@ashlandmmc.com.

Instead, a new "help" icon will be added to every on-site desktop or remote desktop (VMware) for staff working off-site. When a need presents, simply click on the "help" icon, select the form which best meets the reason you are contacting us, complete the form, and submit.

The helpdesk@ashlandmmc.com email will be decommissioned at the end of the day April 4, 2022 in preparation for this transition.

More details, and an introductory video are available on the MMC staff portal.



Area Hotels that Offer Discounts for our Patients & Their Families

Medical Lodging Discounts



AmericInn by Wyndham Ashland
3009 Lakeshore Dr. East, Ashland
715-682-9950
wyndhamhotels.com

Please call ahead.

NOV - JUNE	JULY - OCT
\$89.99+tax	\$109.99+tax
Every Day	Every Day



Best Western The Hotel Chequamegon
101 Lakeshore Dr. West, Ashland
715-682-9095
bestwestern.com

State that you are an MMC patient when you call for reservation.

SUN - THURS	FRI - SAT
King /City View	King /City View
\$107.10+tax	Queen /City View
Queen /City View	2 Queens/City View
\$98.10+tax	\$116.10+tax



Cobblestone Inn & Suites
818 West Main St., Ashland
715-682-5066
staycobblestone.com/wi/ashland
\$97.00+tax Every Day



Crest Motel
115 Sanborn Ave., Ashland
715-682-6603
crestmotelwi.com

MON - FRI	SAT - SUN
25% off	10% off
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Lakeside Motel
1706 Lakeshore Dr. West, Ashland
715-685-1777
lakesidemotelashland.com

15% off regular rates for MMC patients & families.



Medical Lodging Discounts



Quality Inn
30600 US Hwy. 2, Ashland
715-682-5235
choicehotels.com/wisconsin/ashland
SEPT - JUNE ONLY
\$79.99+tax
Sun. - Thurs.



River Rock Inn
1200 West Lakeshore Dr., Ashland
715-682-3232
riverrockinn.net

Single Queen	Single King	Double King or Queen
\$89.00+tax	\$99.00+tax	\$109.00+tax



Super 8 Motel
1610 Lakeshore Dr. West, Ashland
715-682-9377
wyndhamhotels.com/super-8/ashland

Please call ahead.

10% off regular rates

Transportation

Ashland Drives Taxi: 715-730-0094
9 AM - Midnight, 7 days a week.
Find them on Facebook.

Bay Area Rural Transit: 715-682-9664
Public transportation bus system with on demand service available.
5:30 AM - 8 PM, Mon. - Fri. & 8:30 AM - 7 PM, Sat.
Ask about BayCo Door2Door Van service for longer rides.
bartbus.com

Bay Mobility: 715-718-6688
8 AM - 5 PM, Mon. - Sat.
Hours may vary as needed.
baymobility.net

Pathways Transport: 715-373-2800
8 AM - 4:30 PM, Mon. - Fri.
pathwayswi.com





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Thanks Nicole and Gina for bringing some Springtime flair to their co-workers in Patient Financial Services with this creative display!

Got Photos?
Submit them to *Right Here!*

We'd love to highlight your favorite photos. Send us your favorite photos of anything related to our community, or to MMC or any milestones of you and your family.

Email your pictures as JPG files to
krdeering@ashlandmmc.com