

JMHCC celebrates ‘A Symphony of Care’

In 2014, Robert Larson, Elgin, shared his story about how Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center in Elgin (JMHCC) saved his life. A decade later, he continues to advocate for the local health care system.

“There have been many others with similar stories,” he says.

“If not already, there will be a time when the staff and facilities of Jacobson Memorial will be here for your family and for you. With that moment, we will come to understand what we have and how fortunate we are. And in that moment, we come to understand access and how important it is in our daily life,” Larson says.

This month, JMHCC is celebrating all those stories.

With the theme, “A Symphony of Care,” JMHCC will celebrate National Hospital Week with activities May 12-16, including discounted prices on certain lab tests.

“We invite the public to celebrate the week with us, and encourage everyone to take advantage of the screenings we have scheduled,” says JMHCC CEO Scott Brooks.

To celebrate a “A Symphony of Care,” the public is invited to join JMHCC at 2:30 p.m. for music in the activity room:

- May 12: Paramedic Cary Kehr
- May 13: Jacob Krein
- May 14: Church services and singing
- May 15: Annette Roth

Coffee with the providers will be held at 9 a.m. Friday, May 16, in the JMHCC activity room. The first 15 visitors that morning will receive a coupon for a free coffee at Sippin’ Chicken.

Staff is inviting businesses to join in themed dates, dressing to match the music theme:

- Monday: Country western
- Tuesday: Rock and roll
- Wednesday: Punk or grunge
- Thursday: Portray your favorite song and play it ALL day!
- Friday: 1980s pop

With seven providers seeing patients at JMHCC and its clinics in Elgin, Glen Ullin and Richardton, JMHCC cares for long-term patients and has a 24/7 emergency room, along with fully staffed lab and radiology departments and physical therapy. JMHCC also oversees the New Leipzig-Elgin ambulance service, as one of only 10 hospitals in the nation enrolled in a federal program allowing the hospital to receive cost-based reimbursement to operate an ambulance.

During National Hospital Week, JMHCC will celebrate that “Symphony of Care.”

“At Jacobson Memorial Hospital, we provide a high-quality symphony of care, where it is our job to create as much harmony to support each individual person as possible,” says DNP Trevor Stavig.

“At JMHCC, we have the ability to treat multiple conditions with multiple modalities of services. We offer physical therapy, mental health support, ER services, hospital services, long-term care, walk-in services and primary care you can trust. We have the ability to refer to other services that are not provided at most community hospitals. We also have a visiting specialty to continue the wrap-around care to lessen the drive time for our patients,” he says.

The role of a critical access hospital is to provide health care services to rural, often underserved communities.

“I believe care starts when a patient makes an appointment and is greeted by a friendly front-end staff. It is followed by a friendly nurse who will care about the reason for your visit today. The next step is meeting with a well-trained and knowledgeable health care provider, who will take time with you and get to know not only the reason for your visit, but how it impacts your life. At JMHCC, we have up-to-date electronic health records, patient monitoring systems and communication platforms that can create a ‘digital symphony,’ where critical information is shared in real-time, enabling timely and accurate care,” Stavig says.

Current providers include Stavig, who is primarily in Elgin, Rhonda Schmidt at the Glen Ullin Family Medical Clinic and Jolene Engelhart at the Richardton Clinic. Maria Aune rotates throughout all three clinics. Morris Duffy sees patients in Elgin and also provides emergency care, along with Deb Middleton, and the newest provider, Jurgen Weber.

JMHCC also has a financial impact on the community. Determined by the Center for Rural Health, JMHCC has a \$5.2 million direct and secondary impact.

DISCOUNTED LAB TESTS

Discounted prices on seven different lab tests will be available during clinic hours during the week at the Elgin Community Clinic, Glen Ullin Family Medical Clinic and Richardton Clinic. Specific tests are shared in newspaper ads and on JMHCC’s Facebook page.

“Knowing what your numbers are is an important aspect of taking charge of your health, so we offer these discounts during National Hospital Week,” Brooks said.

Those wishing to complete one or more of the tests should first make an appointment at their local clinic during National Hospital Week.

For appointments, call the Elgin Community Clinic at 584-3338, the Glen Ullin Family Medical Clinic at 348-9175 or the Richardton Clinic at 974-3372. All tests must be prepaid.

OTHER OBSERVANCES

JMHCC will be celebrating National Skilled Nursing Care Week and National Nurses Week with activities, too! If you see JMHCC’s nurses, thank them for their dedication!