JMHCC annual meeting Nov. 19

A report on the past and a plan for the future will be shared at Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center's (JMHCC) annual meeting, as leaders share news about JMHCC's six-month growth trend and reveal the path forward.

JMHCC's annual meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 19, at the Elgin Community Center to coincide with National Rural Health Day. The national theme for the day is "Power of Rural," and JMHCC will share information about the power of having a local critical access hospital to sustain rural health care in the region.

The 49th annual meeting is JMHCC's second annual meeting this year as it rotates to a fall meeting date to also spotlight National Rural Health Day.

The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m., when guests can enjoy a meal served by the Grant County High School freshman class as a fundraiser for the class.

Those who register at the door will be entered into a drawing for the chance to win one of three $50 certificates for Elgin Bucks.

At 5:45 p.m., keynote speaker Zak Hefner, an adviser with LPL Financial in Bismarck, will share information about legacy giving, including tax benefits of giving and how to plan estate giving.

At 6:15 p.m., the North Dakota Center for Rural Health will present its North Dakota Community Star Award in conjunction with celebrating National Rural Health Day. This year's recipient is Matt Hager, who serves as chairman of JMHCC's board of directors.

The business meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the agenda including an update on JMHCC's strategic plan, a report from CEO Kristin Heid and other business.

A special part of the meeting will be the presentation of the Jacobson Memorial Hospital Foundation's first Foundation Champion Award, which will remain a surprise for the recipient until it is presented.

During this annual meeting, shareholders will elect directors to fill three positions. Nominees are incumbents Matt Hager and Dave Marion, along with Heidi Peltz.

Director Ann Hertz has decided not to seek reelection after serving 12 years.

Meet the nominees

Matt Hager

Matt Hager, originally from Fargo, graduated from the University of North Dakota in 2000, and retired from the U.S. Marine Corps in 2021. He is a managing partner for Tonitrus Leadership & Strategy, a leader development and consulting firm. Matt currently serves as the chairman of the board of directors at JMHCC. He and his wife, Sara, and daughter, Mariah, live on their farm near New Leipzig.

"Serving on the JMHCC board of directors has been a tremendous honor. I have greatly enjoyed getting to know the remarkable JMHCC team and seeing firsthand their passion for caring for our community," he says. "The transformation over the past year has been inspiring, and there is more we can accomplish together. My commitment is to support the JMHCC team in every way possible as we continue building a thriving critical access hospital which our community can count on for another 50 years."

Dave Marion

Dave Marion has been part of the community since January 1994 after graduating from North Dakota State University. He has a dedicated career working with the Prairie Learning Center and now the Prairie Recovery Center. Dave has served on many local community boards as well as state associations and boards relating to behavioral health in North Dakota.

He resides in Flasher with his wife, Shawna, of 31 years and they have four children, Tanner, Connor, Emma and Faith.

"Remaining committed to this community, it is very clear to continue the commitment to Jacobson Memorial Hospital and the work that has been done thus far to continue to provide strong rural health services and ensuring local residents have access to great services," he says.

Heidi Peltz

Heidi Peltz lives on a farm north of Glen Ullin with her husband, Andrew. They have two grown children: a daughter, Kenedi, and a son, Malachi. Heidi has have been a registered nurse with Western Plains Public Health for 25 years, working in Grant County and rural Morton County.

"I was asked to be on the board to represent the Glen Ullin area. I have a passion for rural healthcare and keeping our communities safe and healthy. Having access to care close to home bridges a gap. I look forward to collaborating with other board members and hospital staff to ensure quality healthcare where we live," she says.