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NEWSLETTER

Scopes - Coming Soon to Tilden Hospital!

Having scope procedures done may not be the most pleasant of conversation topics, but it is a reality many people face. When you think about it, it really is amazing how far medical science has come. But did you know that the first endoscope was developed in 1806?

The value of endoscopy is in permitting diagnosis without the need for exploratory surgery. Biopsies (tissue samples) and photographs may be taken by way of

the endoscope as an aid to diagnosis, or to monitor the effects of treatment.

The staff at TCH has been working hard to offer endoscopy services for well over a year now. It has been a long process but the end is in sight.

Beginning this summer, those in the surrounding communities who are need of gastroscopy or colonoscopy, (upper or lower end scoping), will no longer need to travel to Norfolk or beyond for those procedures. They

can be done right here in your own home town! TCH will be purchasing the equipment in May, and an agreement has been reached with Dr. Beutler from Faith Regional and an anesthesia group from O'Neill to come to Tilden twice monthly.

The staff at TCH sees this as a real benefit to the hospital and community by saving hours of drive time and allowing those patients to stay in more familiar surroundings.

TCH Pharmacy, Soon to be Automated

If you've been to the Tilden Hospital recently you could not help but notice all the remodeling going on. What's it all about? TCH, in an effort to continue to provide the community with high quality health care, will soon be installing an Automated Pharmaceutical Dispensing Machine. This machine is the latest and greatest in the world of medication dispensing.

The ServeRx System,

developed by MDG Medical, represents the next generation in integrated medication management. This system automates medication stock management and alerts caregivers to expiring medications. It signals for medication dispensing and opens specific medication drawers only when an order has been written.

The ServeRx System dramatically improves pharmacy service effi-



ciency, reduces medication errors and allows nursing staff to focus on patient care.

System installation is planned for May 28th.

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Dates To Remember

- ◆ Saturday May 5 -
Poker Run and Street Dance
- ◆ Thursday May 10 , 4-7 pm -
Kids Health Fair and Open House
- ◆ Saturday June 30 -
Golf Tournament
Evergreen Hill Golf Course

And the Winner is...

That remains to be seen. I hear the competition is pretty stiff though. As a matter of fact, two of major competitors are pictured below, already clutching at the afghan. The photo doesn't show the



Director of Nursing, Anita Morrison and Administrator Julie Roemhildt show off the afghan made by Doris Barrett

pinching and ribbing going on behind dear Mrs. Barrett's back!

This will be the 2nd Crocheted Rose Afghan that Doris Barrett has hand made and donated to the hospital. Last year's afghan brought in over \$250 and was put towards the community match campaign. When she arrived at the hospital with this one, everyone was oohing and aahing until someone asked how long it took her to make it. When she replied, "One week," The oohing turned to pure amazement.

Mrs. Barrett's Crocheted Rose Afghan is now on display in the lobby at Tilden Community Hospi-

tal, but may be found at other locations around town. It is being raffled to raise money for the new endoscopy equipment, (See article on page 1). The raffle will run from May 1 through Prairie Days with the winner being announced after the Prairie Days Celebrations.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each of 6 for \$5 and are available at Tilden Community Hospital and wherever the afghan is displayed.

The entire staff of TCH would like to thank Mrs. Barrett for her hard work and generous contribution.

Disney Provides Items For Child Friendly Patient Room

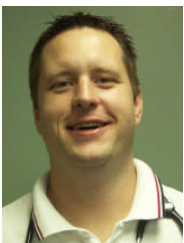
Tilden Community Hospital has been receiving generous donations from Disney for a couple years. Now, the hospital staff is putting these items together to create a more "kid-Friendly atmosphere." Patient room 103 has been designated as the room to be used for our pediatric patients, or for those who

are just a kid at heart. The room will be equipped with a Buzz Lightyear LCD television, a Mickey Mouse DVD Player, as well as many other Disney Characters. The room is scheduled to be completed for the TCH Kids Health Fair on May 10th. Everyone is welcome to stop by and check out the new Disney room!



TCH Rural Health Clinic

Specializing in Total Family Health Care and Preventative Medicine



Derek Nelson, PA



Tom Fennessy, MD



Julie Wilhelm, PA

Clinic Hours: Monday – Friday
9:00am to 5:00pm

For Appointments call: **402-368-9964**

Local Kids Wanted!

In an effort to take the fear and mystery out of going to the hospital, and to pique your children's interest in good health...On Thursday May 10th, from 4 pm till 7 pm, Tilden Community Hospital will be holding a Kids Health Fair and Open House. This promises to be a fun time for both kids and parents! There will be all kinds of fun activities and interesting things to see as your kids weave their way through the hospital and clinic.

Your kids will experience what it feels like to;

Win an MP3 player by guessing how many steps it takes to walk through the hospital

- have a cast put on (fingers only),
- Lay on a gurney and have their blood pressure taken
- View an x-ray
- Ride in a wheelchair

They will also learn the importance of washing their hands to prevent the spread of germs and learn proper hand washing techniques. By looking at their hands under a ultra violet light they will be able to see where germs hide on their hands.

A dinner of hot dogs, chips and ice cream sandwiches will be provide in the lunchroom.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!!

Special Attractions:

- * Finger Casting
- * Free Pedometer for first 100 kids
- * Bicycle Rodeo (Weather Permitting)
- * LifeNet Helicopter
- * Free Hot Dog Dinner
- * Fun Fact Scavenger Hunt for Adults
- * Free Child I.D. fingerprinting
- * Tilden Rescue Squad & Ambulance
- * View Real X-Rays
- * Free Car Seat Safety Checks
- * Free Car Booster Seat (if needed) for canned food donation
- * Games, Prizes, Fun and Much More

TCH Summer Fundraising Events!

The Tilden Community Hospital Staff and Board of Directors will be holding two major fundraising events this summer to raise money for the new endoscopy equipment.

On Saturday May 5th the hospital will host the First Annual Hospital Week Poker Run. All types of vehicles are welcome. The route will begin at the hospi-

tal , head south towards Genoa and then end at Marlene's Corner Bar for a Dinner and prizes. Afterwards, Marlene's will be sponsoring a Beer Garden and street dance featuring Jim Rice Band. The cost of the Poker Run and Dinner is \$10 a player. The street Dance is \$5 a head and the public is welcome! See flyers around town for details

Saturday June 30 will be the Annual TCH 4 Man Scramble at Evergreen Hill Golf Course. The cost will be \$120 per team. For more information or to register a team, please call the Tilden Community Hospital at 368-5343 or Evergreen Hill Golf Course at 402-675-5004.



GOLF!



TCH Foundation

Wednesday April 11th saw the first meeting of the Tilden Community Hospital Foundation. The foundation was formed primarily as a vehicle for raising funds for various hospital projects. The hospital, being a non-profit and city owned entity, has tax-exempt status but is not considered a charitable organization based on IRS 501(c)(3) status.

There have been a number of businesses and organizations that have been willing to donate items and services for

fund raising events but have requested a certificate of 501(c)(3) status. Having this classification will allow more opportunity for donations while providing charitable giving receipts.

The TCH Foundation is made up of hospital employees as well as members of both Tilden and Meadow Grove communities. Besides obtaining charitable 501(c)(3) status, another objective of establishing a foundation was for the hospital to connect more with the community and establish an outside entity

that could aid in both giving direction as well as help in fundraising activities.

The members of the TCH Foundation are as follows: Tony Miller, President; Don Oelsigle, Vice-President; Deb Qualset, Secretary; Duane Eggers, Treasurer; Jolene Larson, Darci Sparr, Myrna Botsford, Dixie Hood, Dave Negus, Sarah Mitchell, Julie Roemhildt , and Lon Knievel. The staff of Tilden Community Hospital would like to thank those members who are graciously donating their time and effort.

Did You Know TCH Has New Doc? *By Lon Knievel, Assistant Administrator*

Were you aware that there is a new Doctor at the Hospital and Clinic? Well, actually he is not so new. I don't know how many times in the last month I have heard people in town say that they did not know we had a new Doctor working at the hospital.

Dr. Fennessy began seeing patients at the clinic back in August of last year. In the beginning he was only available two half days each week. Recently he has extended his time in the clinic and is now available two full days each week, as well as seeing patients in the hospital and serving as the hospital's Medical Director.

Dr. Fennessy still works full-time as an E.R. physician at Faith Regional in Norfolk. I would have to say, his life is anything but boring. Along with the fast pace of working in an emergency department and seeing patients here in Tilden, Dr. Fennessy also manages to



find the time to help his wife Janelle with their six kids. Dr. Fennessy holds a masters in Education with an endorsement in Physical Education/Exercise Science and is very sports minded, so, with six kids, I am sure there are many sporting events to attend.

If you have had the privilege of being a patient of his, you will be able to attest to the fact that Dr. Fennessy likes to talk. He is not one of those doctors that rushes into the exam room, grunts a few times and then rushes out again, leaving you bewildered as to what just happened. Of the many positive comments we have received, those who have seen Dr. Fennessy have greatly appreciated the time he has taken to get to know them.

Personally, I have enjoyed getting to know Dr. Fennessy and appreciate what he brings to the medical staff and the direction he has provided as the hospital Medical Director. I think the town is fortunate to have him.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to meet him, stop by sometime. I am sure he would love to meet you!