



GOLF SCRAMBLE IS QUICKLY APPROACHING

As summer flies by, so are the number of days until the 27th Annual Linda Rowland Memorial Golf Scramble which is set for **Wednesday, September 11, 2019** at the Verona Hills Golf & Country Club in Bad Axe. As always, the day's events include a shot gun start at 10:00 am, course contests, refreshments on the course, lunch, prizes for top division foursome, raffle, prime rib dinner, an awards reception and prizes for everyone. If you haven't already reserved your spot for a sponsorship or foursome please do so as soon as possible as spots are filling up fast! If you are interested in participating in the outing in some way, please contact Rachel Voss at 989-269-1507 or at extension 4342. **Registration form can be found on page 6.**

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VOICE

MTR SPONSORS KID'S DAY AT THE HURON COUNTY FAIR

On Tuesday, July 30, MTR was a day sponsor at the 151st Huron Community Fair. The fair, located in Bad Axe at the fairgrounds, reserved the day for kiddos and entitled the day Kid's Day. The fairgrounds was filled with many activities throughout the day including a swine show, horse show, arts contest and midway rides just to name a few.

MTR had a tent just outside the Hagen barn amidst the hustle and bustle of fair participants and attendees coming and going from the activities. Several staff members and one board member took the time out of their busy schedules to represent MTR and helped hand out various goodies throughout the day. Staff began the day by giving away 25 dozen donuts, coffee, juice and water. Balloons were given to all children who wanted them and various prizes were handed out to those who participated in the Spin It to Win It activity.

In keeping with the Kid's Day theme, staff also provided the kiddos with

a sensory bottle craft activity. As the temperature rose, coupons for a free sweet treat from the Dairy Barn were also given away to help individuals cool off. As the day came to a close, five McLaren backpacks filled with school supplies and snacks were given away. The day was a huge success.

Thank you to everyone who helped man the MTR booth, those who stopped by to say hello and those who worked diligently getting ready for the event. Your efforts are appreciated and helped make our presence at the fair one to remember.

We are already looking forward to next year and plans are underway to make our presence even better. If you are interested in becoming part of the planning for next year, please join the Community Relations Committee. See Rachel or Yvonne for the details regarding the committee and the next scheduled meeting date.

See page 3 for photos from the event

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REMINDER TO JOIN US

As a reminder, the First Annual MTR Employee/Family Picnic will take place **Thursday, August 22**, from 11:00 am

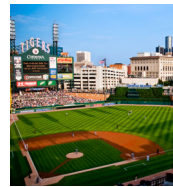


to 1:30 pm. The picnic will be held here on the MTR campus. We will be having hot dogs, lemonade, chips and root beer floats. Be sure to bring your family as they are invited as well.

The bus trip to take in a Detroit Tigers baseball game will take

place on **Saturday, September 21**. The cost is

\$65 per person and will include transportation to the game, entry into the ballpark and food and games on the bus. The bus will leave at 2:00 pm from the hospital parking lot. If you are interested in participating, you need to sign up and pay by August 30. Currently, the bus is not full, if there is an insufficient number of people who sign up, the trip will have to be



cancelled. To sign up please contact Candace Potestivo at extension 4348.

If you have any questions about either event, please see one of the following Employee Engagement Committee members: Candace Potestivo, Wendy Holdwick, Kim Shemka, Kim Affer, Christina Woods, Yvonne Prill, Jennifer Koroleski, Laura Green, Allyson Joyce, Patty Maurer or Melissa Stanke.

AUXILIARY AWARDS NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

The MTR Auxiliary is happy to announce that the 2019 Nursing Scholarship has been awarded to Gina Ahrens. Gina is a Medical Assistant in the Convenient Care Clinic and is pursuing her Associate's Degree in Nursing (ADN) at St. Clair Community College. As a Medical Assistant, Gina has worked in various medical offices. Gina says she enjoys the medical field and especially enjoys working with elderly patients. Gina is grateful that she was chosen as this year's scholarship recipient and says the money she received will go directly toward her tuition bills this fall. Gina hopes to become a Registered Nurse (RN) and plans to graduate in May 2021. Gina loves her current job, but is really looking forward to becoming a nurse.

As in years past, the nursing

scholarship was open to any Huron, Tuscola or Sanilac county residents pursuing a career in nursing. Applicants had to meet eligibility requirements and complete the application process. The nursing scholarship is just one thing the Auxiliary does. The Auxiliary has been in existence for over 100 years and has helped the hospital meet its needs and provide health education in the community.

The Auxiliary is always looking for new members who are interested in helping out with activities that will support the hospital and local community. Everyone is welcome; young, old and anyone in between. Regularly scheduled meetings are held during the lunch hour so those working can attend during their lunch break. Auxiliary members can be as active as they choose. If you



are interested in helping others and giving back to the community, the Auxiliary would love to have you become a member of their group.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Auxiliary or applying for future scholarship opportunities should contact Yvonne at extension 4346.



HURON COUNTY FAIR PHOTOS



EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Each day is an opportunity to learn. As professionals, we sharpen our skills and learn new things often. There are many opportunities on campus or in our community to continue our learning. Below are upcoming learning opportunities. If you have any questions, contact Yvonne at ext. 4346.

HeartCode BLS Classes

Classes will be held **August 9, September 4 and October 4** from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Distance Learning Center (DLC). Class consists of a skills review, video and skills testing. Be sure to complete a Requisition to Attend Seminar form and have it signed by your Department Director and return the completed form to the Education Department.

ACLS Classes

Classes will be held **October 10 & 11** from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Thursday and from 8:00 am to 12:00

pm on Friday. In order to recertify, your ACLS card cannot expire prior to the class date. If your ACLS Card has or will expire, please register for the Full Provider Course. Recertification will take place on Thursday not Friday. To register, be sure to complete a Requisition to Attend Seminar form and have it signed by your Department Director. Return the completed form and a check for \$50.00 payable to McLaren Thumb Region to the Education Department. Checks will be returned upon completion of the course. When possible, all classes are held in the DLC.

PALS

Classes will be held **November 22** from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm in the DLC. To register, be sure to complete a Requisition to Attend Seminar form and have it signed by your Department Director. Return the completed form and a check for \$50.00 payable to McLaren Thumb Region to the Education Department. Checks will be returned

upon completion of the course.

Family and Friends CPR Classes

Classes will be held **September 26** from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in the DLC. This low-cost CPR class is designed for staff or community members who would like to learn CPR, use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and how to relieve choking, but do not need certification. Classes are located in the DLC and the cost is \$5.00 per person. To register, contact Yvonne in the Community Outreach and Education Department at extension 4346.

Mental Health and Its Effects on Families

This preview event and community discussion will focus on how mental health effects families. Increased mental health awareness is a primary goal of this event. For additional information see details in article on page 5 of this publication.

DID YOU KNOW?

MCLAREN EMPLOYEES OFFERED TWO FREE TICKETS TO PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS EVENT

EXCLUSIVE TICKET OFFER: July 17, 2019 – September 15, 2019

McLaren Health Care is proud to serve as presenting sponsor for The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren, a PGA TOUR Champions event that will host its second annual tournament September 9 – 15, 2019, at Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Tournament week will feature some of golf's legends as well as unique entertainment events, including a Friday Fun Night, 5K walk and run, Celebrity Foursome, and a Community Concert that will be

headlined by Multi-PLATINUM singer/songwriter Dierks Bentley on Saturday, September 14. Most importantly, The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren will serve as a platform to raise money for charity.

We are excited to share that as a McLaren employee you have the opportunity to claim two (2) Weekly Grounds tickets for FREE! Each ticket will provide entrance to the tournament Thursday, September 12 through Sunday, September 15, 2019 and access to the Dierks Bentley concert Saturday, September 14, 2019. Children 17 and under admitted free with a ticketed adult.

CLAIM YOUR TICKETS

To claim your two (2) free Weekly Grounds Tickets please visit, <https://oss.ticketmaster.com/aps/pgaallychallenge/EN/link/promotion/home/60aaa784d492474794cdb4ce31c64f2ce32d2fbe>

- Please note: this link will not work on Internet Explorer. You will need to open this link in Firefox, Safari or Google Chrome.
- Please note you must enter Promo Code: **mclaren19** and use your McLaren/work e-mail to claim your tickets
- This includes e-mails with the domains: @mclaren.org, @karmanos.org, @porthuronhospital.org, @northernhealth.org, @huronmedicalcenter.org, @vitalcare.org, @mmponline.com, @michiganhvs.com, @cch-mi.org, @marwoodmanor.org, @mdwise.org

Questions can be directed to Angela Mentel, at (734)-275-2040 or amentel@hnssports.com



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are many opportunities within our community to participate in an event. This can be accomplished by either volunteering your time and services or by attending. The following are local events in which MTR will be sponsoring or participating. Please consider spreading the word and taking part in these upcoming events:

Autumn Festival 5K in Elkton

The Elkton Autumn Festival will take place over the Labor Day weekend and host many events including a car show, tractor pull, beer tent and 80's music. This year, MTR will be sponsoring the 5K Race on **Saturday morning, August 31**. Since we've never done anything like this before, we will need as many volunteers as possible to help with this event. If you would like to help out at this event, please contact Rachel at extension 4342 or Yvonne at 4346 as soon as possible.

27th Annual Linda Rowland Memorial Golf Scramble

The scramble will be held **Wednesday, September 11**. If you are interested in having a foursome in the scramble be sure to reserve your spot right away. Please contact Rachel at extension 4342 or Yvonne at 4346 as soon as possible. We are also looking for volunteers to work the day of the event. Please let Rachel or Yvonne know if you are planning on helping out so that plans can be made accordingly.

MTR HOSTS PREVIEW EVENT AND COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

MTR, along with Huron Behavior Health, will be hosting a preview event and community discussion centered on mental illness and its effects on families. The event will feature scenes from a film shot in Ann Arbor and across the state entitled Coming Up For Air that will open the door to a discussion that

touches everyone in some way. The film will be released this coming fall. Film producer, Roger Rapoport, will be joined by local cast members for a discussion on mental health and mental illness in our community. Stories will be shared and mental health professionals will be on hand to give their perspective on the critical role played by caregivers.

This event will take place on Thursday, August 29, in the Distance Learning Center (DLC) here at the hospital during two separate sessions. The first session will take place from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm and the second is scheduled from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. A light meal

will be provided at both sessions. This event is free of charge, but attendees must RSVP to ensure there is enough food for everyone.

Please spread the word and invite those who could benefit from this preview event and community discussion.

To RSVP, contact Yvonne at 989-269-2882 ext. 1 or via extension 4346. Increased mental health awareness, dialogue and connection are goals of this gathering. Please come and watch, listen, learn and share.

PARKING LOT RESURFACING PROJECT COMING SOON

Plans are underway to resurface the hospital parking lot soon. As this project gets underway, we ask that you watch for signs directing traffic and parking rerouting. Please be sure to obey all signs and speed limits. Be cautious as you travel throughout the parking lot area and be mindful of pedestrians walking about. Rerouted parking and signage is planned to keep everyone safe. We are looking forward to a new resurfaced parking lot that will be pleasing to all.

BRAG BOARD

Congratulations to Allison Holdwick who was crowned the 2019 Huron County Bean Queen. **Great job, Allison!** Allison is the daughter of Jeff and Wendy Holdwick.



HUMAN RESOURCE NEWS

Open enrollment is a time when employees can make changes to their health plan. You may enroll or drop from the plan, add or remove qualified dependents. If you have changes that need to be made, please see Kim Affer in Human Resources before **October 1, 2019**.

**McLAREN THUMB REGION FOUNDATION
26TH ANNUAL LINDA ROWLAND MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLE**

Questions? Call Rachel Voss at
(989) 269-1507

RESERVATION FORM This reservation form and payment must be mailed or faxed to hold your reservation.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2018

Sponsor's Name _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
E-Mail Address _____

NAME OF PLAYERS If known at this time

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL

- Event Sponsor \$5,000
- Dinner Sponsor \$1,500
- Hospitality Sponsor \$1,000
- Green Sponsor \$800
- Tee Sponsor \$800
- Green/Tee Sponsor w/out golfers \$400
- Individual Golfer \$100
- Dinner Ticket Only \$25
- Door Prize Donation _____

50/50 RAFFLE-CASH PRIZES \$5 per ticket, 3 tickets for \$10

No. of tickets _____

PAYMENT TOTAL

_____ Golf Sponsorship
_____ Dinner Only
_____ Raffle Ticket Amount
_____ Contribution (Optional)
_____ **Total**

PAYMENT METHOD

- Check enclosed - payable to Huron Medical Center Foundation
- Bill my credit card
- VISA MasterCard Discover

Security Code _____

Mail to: McLaren Thumb Region Foundation
1100 S. Van Dyke
Bad Axe, MI 48413
or fax to: (989) 269-2579

No. _____ Exp. Date _____

Sign _____

**CASUAL DAY
FOR A CAUSE**

For those of you not familiar with our Casual Day Fridays, employees have the option to wear jeans if they donate a minimum of \$1. All of the donations collected for Casual Days are then, in turn, donated to a local or national charity.

A total of \$74.00 was collected during the month of July and was donated to Thumb Industries, Inc. Know that your participation in Casual for a Cause does make a difference and is appreciated by all the charities receiving our donations.

All donations collected during the month of August will go to the Congenital Heart Walk, which benefits the Children's Heart Foundation and the Adult Congenital Heart Association in honor of Beck, who was born with five congenital heart defects. Both of these organizations focus on raising money for research and programs for children and adults with congenital heart defects. Beck is the son of Emily Bucholtz, Nursing Supervisor here at MTR. In Beck's short life, he has undergone several surgeries but continues to be an energetic little kiddo. Eventually Beck will need a heart transplant. Please keep Beck and all those individuals affected by congenital heart disease in your thoughts and prayers.



If this charity or any other charity we support is near and dear to your heart, additional donations are always graciously accepted. Please remember that little things can make a big difference and you can be the difference. Casual day donations are being collected by Yvonne Prill. She is located on the 2nd floor in room 249.

OUR VALUES

T **TRUST** - Portrays confidence in and reliance on good qualities, especially fairness, truth, honor or ability.

E **EXCELLENCE** - Performs overall job responsibilities at a very high quality or standard.

A **ACCOUNTABILITY** - Is responsible for their own actions and ensures that others are held accountable for their actions, as appropriate.

M **MOTIVATION** - Displays a feeling of interest and enthusiasm in the work that is performed. Energizes and encourages other staff.

W **WELCOMING** - Expresses a friendly or courteous greeting to all medical staff, patients, visitors and staff.

O **ORGANIZATION** - Conducts work in a systematic and efficient manner. Works cooperatively with coworkers to conduct business.

R **RESPECT** - Shows consideration and appreciation to all medical staff, patients, visitors and staff. Maintains patient confidentiality and respects the right of patients.

K **KINDNESS** - Is considerate, and demonstrates a caring and compassionate attitude when interacting with others.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

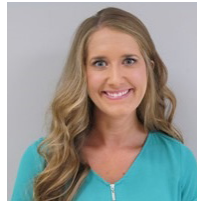
“Unexpected kindness is the most powerful, least costly and most underrated agent of human change.” ~ Bob Kerrey

NEW FACES AT McLAREN THUMB REGION

With a new month comes new faces at MTR. Please join us in welcoming the following new staff members to our team. If you see one of them stop them, say hello and welcome them aboard!



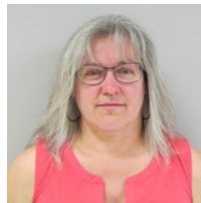
Leslie Dodge
Transcriptionist



Erika Mroz
RN - OR Circulator



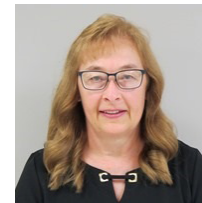
Samantha Osentoski
Medical Assistant



Anita Schumacher
Medical Assistant



Krystal Vogel
Medical Assistant



Bernice Weltin
Machine Operator

EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS



The following employees have birthdays during the month of

August: Danielle Renn (08/01), Jessica Myers (08/02), Ivy Stevens (08/04), Zachary Tersteeg (08/04), April Woolner (08/05), Alexandria Cahoon (08/06), Lourene Knox (08/07), Tori Batzer (08/07), Donald Brade (08/07), Amanda Strieter (08/08), Katie Wood (08/10), Kristen McCoy (08/12), Bonnie Essenmacher (08/12), Carrie Franzel (08/13), Annette Scott (08/13), Jennifer Barnes (08/15), Shannon DeBlois (08/15), Greg Braun (08/16), Dr. Mutch (08/16), Melissa Hacker (08/16), Karen Smalley (08/18), Charles Christensen (08/20), Kim Affer (08/21), Cynthia McConnachie (08/21), Kimberly Dimock (08/21), Vickie Hartwick (08/21), Cassie Miller (08/24), Carol Majeski (08/25), Andrea Murawski (08/25), Matt Rick (08/26), Kayla Harwood (08/26), Diane Pllum (08/27), Carrie Mayworm (08/27), Sarah Sweeney (08/28), Jennifer

Polega (08/28), Lyle Albrecht (08/29), Susan Schweitzer (08/30).

The following employees have birthdays during the month of

September: Jodi Hildreth (09/01), Tiffany Gruehn (09/01), Danielle Stanton (09/02), Karen Gust (09/03), Jason Talaski (09/09), Nicole Selby (09/10), Connie Kuch (09/12), Jennifer Weber (09/12), Jodi Wright (09/12), Danielle Learman (09/13), Cheryl Hogan (09/14), Sheila Schafer (09/14), Sara Schmidt (09/14), Anita Schumacher (09/15), Pamela Sweeney (09/16), Chelsie Engel (09/16), Jackie Christner (09/18), Nick Himmel (09/19), Meagan Bischer (09/19), Mary Jo Lovejoy (09/20), Amy Molinaro (09/21), Lisa Yaroch (09/21), Alexandria Arnott (09/25), Denise Lackowski (09/26), Judy Hessling (09/26), Kevin Richardson (09/26), Elaina Booms (09/26), Steven Bouverette (09/28), Kelli Messing (09/28), Janelle Wiederhold (09/28)

and Taffaney Ross (09/28).

Hope your special day brings each of you all that your heart desires! Here's wishing you a day full of pleasant surprises. If you happen to see any of these folks, be sure to wish them a happy birthday!

Please note, if you prefer not to have your birthday listed, please contact Kim S. at ext. 4336.

Remember if you are celebrating a birthday or a length of service work anniversary during the month of August or September, you will be invited to celebrate over cake with our CEO, Michael Johnston. Getting together with Michael is a special time to celebrate you and/or thank you for your service to our organization. Invitations will come via employee email, and employees are asked to RSVP a week prior to the event. Attendance is voluntary.