

An aerial photograph of the Nemaha County Hospital building, featuring a large arched entrance and a central red brick walkway. The image is framed by a circular graphic with blue and orange lines and dots. A dark blue circle on the left contains the text '2021 CALENDAR'. In the bottom right, a dark blue banner displays the hospital's logo and name. A small sign in the foreground reads 'HEROES WORK HERE'.

2021 CALENDAR

 NEMAHA COUNTY
HOSPITAL

Message from Nemaha County Hospital's CEO

Welcome to the 2020 Nemaha County Hospital Annual Report! This has been a year like no other any of us have experienced. Who would have thought that we would be dealing with a pandemic in this country at this time? And Nemaha County Hospital has been at the forefront of the action in this area from the start.

I was attending a conference in Kearney on March 2nd and had the opportunity to have dinner with Dr. Jeff Gold, Chancellor of both the University of Nebraska Medical Center and UNO. They had been caring for the positive cases of COVID-19 from the cruise ship and I knew that he, along with many others from UNMC, had a great deal of knowledge regarding this and other pandemics. We had a wonderful discussion that night and I left that dinner thinking that maybe we had a chance.

What we did was to prepare for the worst while hoping for the best. I was attending meetings in Lincoln on March 9th and 10th before everything shut down and when I got to work on the 11th, a team of hospital leaders and the Infection Prevention Committee had a plan in place. Basically, we would continue to operate as we had been until there had been a case identified in our area, defined as the area covered by the Southeast District Health Department, and then we would do what was identified in the plan in a phased approach. We said that our plan was written in pencil because it seemed that new information was made available requiring the plan to be updated on a daily basis.

On March 18th, we were informed that a gentleman in his 60s needed to be tested for COVID-19. We collected that test in our ambulance bay with the patient sitting in his car and the person collecting the

test in full protective equipment. On March 19th we received word from public health that he had tested positive for COVID-19. If we had to have a positive case, this was the perfect one. This person contracted the disease out-of-state and had a pretty good idea what was wrong with him when he got home. He stayed at home and his wife stayed home so that the community was not exposed.

When the second case was discovered in the area in Otoe County on March 30th, we decided it was time to lock down the hospital and implement our plan for dealing with a pandemic. What happened next was pretty scary and somewhat risky. We essentially locked down the facility to only those that needed emergency or inpatient care. We canceled all of our outpatient specialty clinics. Any surgery that could wait was put on hold. Anyone needing therapy that could wait, waited. Anyone entering our facility was screened for a temperature and a history and symptoms of COVID-19. We had hardly any encounters with patients at all. What this really meant was that for all of April and the first two weeks of May our revenue was down by 80% and our expenses were essentially unchanged.

Around the middle of April the federal government started making relief money available for hospitals. We received our first stimulus check and then applied for accelerated payments from Medicare. We also applied for a Small Business Administration loan called the "Payroll Protection Program" to help pay for the salaries of our employees. It was technically a loan but it was forgivable if we met certain criteria, which we have met.

We have since received another stimulus check and a couple of small grants so we should be ok financially for the short term.

On May 4th, when the governor gave the OK to partially open up, we were cautious and waited another week to begin offering more services. On May 11th we began having outpatient clinics and elective surgeries again. It was nice to have people back in our facility. We still did not allow any visitors in and everyone entering the facility had to be screened.

Wear a mask. Practice social distancing. Wash your hands. Protect yourself and others that you care for. This virus may mutate and go away, but it hasn't done so yet. My hope is that a vaccine will be available soon so that we can all become immune to the virus.

Thanks reading this update. Things will get back to normal, but it may take a while.



Marty Fattig, CEO



MISSION STATEMENT

Quality Care. Every Time.

VISION STATEMENT

Giving our best, so you can Live your best.

CORE VALUES

People — Authenticity | Faith | Leadership

Finances — Integrity | Awareness | Purpose

Internal Processes — Perseverance | Vision | Focus

Community & Patients — Courage | Enthusiasm | Service

KEY FIGURES

Nemaha County Hospital is a vital part of our region. We are one of the largest employers in Nemaha County, attract skilled workers to our area, enhance the local economy, even as we provide critical healthcare services to thousands of area residents.

LOCATION

At Nemaha County Hospital, quality care is always close to home. We serve Southeast Nebraska as well as Northwest Missouri and Northeastern Kansas.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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NEMAHA COUNTY HOSPITAL

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A Fresh Look for NCH

Nemaha County Hospital started 2020 with a fresh new look. The hospital underwent a remodel to give the facility a more modern feel. The update to the walls and floors followed along with the outpatient remodel of 2019. The remodel took place in phases throughout several months. This allowed very little interruption to the normal work flow of the hospital. Patients and visitors often commented that they didn't even realize anything was going on! The hospital was able to continue to provide the Quality Care that our patients know and deserve.



JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	January Health Tip Eat a protein-packed breakfast to keep energy levels up throughout the day and curb those carb cravings.					

For more health tips, connect with us on Facebook — @NemahaCountyHospital



Foundation

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

For more information or to make a donation please

☎ 402-274-6121

✉ sshupp@nchnet.org

Donate

Together We Can Provide a Better Future for Nemaha County Hospital

With the reductions in Medicare and Medicaid payments that many hospitals face, philanthropic efforts have become an important factor in helping our hospital reach its goals. The Nemaha County Hospital Foundation serves to fulfill those efforts.

The NCH Foundation, founded in 1990, has a mission to support healthcare services and hospital projects through charitable donations. Your contribution to the NCH Foundation will help to ensure the availability of quality healthcare in the communities served by our hospital.

You can now donate many different ways! Donations can be mailed to the address below or online at: www.nemahacountyhospital.com

No matter the size of the gift, all donations will be used by the Foundation in the manner for which they are intended. Every donation, from \$25 memorials to larger donations for equipment, have a positive impact on our future ability to provide a high quality of care.

Current Foundation Board Members:


Leslie Bratrsovsky	Joe Casey
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If you would like the opportunity to serve on the Foundation Board or would like more information about

Nemaha County Hospital, please call or write:

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FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 Presidents' Day	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						
February Health Tip Schedule a weekly exercise plan so you don't put it off. Choose your routines, activities or exercises for each day and how long they will take. Knowing what you are scheduled to do each day makes it easier to stick to the plan.						
						For more health tips, connect with us on Facebook — @NemahaCountyHospital 

Supplying the Team

Central Supply is in charge of the Pay to Procure Cycle for Nemaha County Hospital. Our routine duties include working with our Group Purchasing Organization to ensure proper supply selection, sourcing supplies through vendors, receiving and distributing those supplies throughout the hospital and then matching invoices to the corresponding orders. Rural hospitals, like ours, face challenges such as keeping a lean inventory while maintaining proper supply selection and negotiating with vendors to break down large quantities of supplies into more manageable units of measure. We aim to keep quality high and cost low.

Navigating Central Supply during a Pandemic has brought us a number of challenges. The first situation we encountered was the disruption to available Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Our Group Purchasing Organization re-routed the resources we normally receive, to hospitals all over the United States that were Covid-19 hot spots. We worked endlessly with our main supplier, Shared Service Systems (a Nebraska-based company), and the Southeast District Health Department to procure the supplies we needed for the Pandemic. Our community also contributed to our need by donating masks, Clorox wipes, and other disinfectants. The next issue to present was counterfeited PPE and hand sanitizer, which meant we were unable to go outside certified vendors to purchase these items. As we move forward, we have secured a safety stock of PPE and the challenge becomes how to utilize that stock. We keep track of the PPE we dispense and routinely evaluate the amount on hand against forecasted Covid-19 numbers to ensure that employees are adequately protected now and in the future. Additional Pandemic tasks included finding innovative ways to sanitize and re-use essential items, staying up to date on FDA requirements regarding acceptable types of PPE, and of course, buying enough Toilet Paper.



Left to Right: Tiffany Elliott, Dianna Grafton, and Codi Sailors

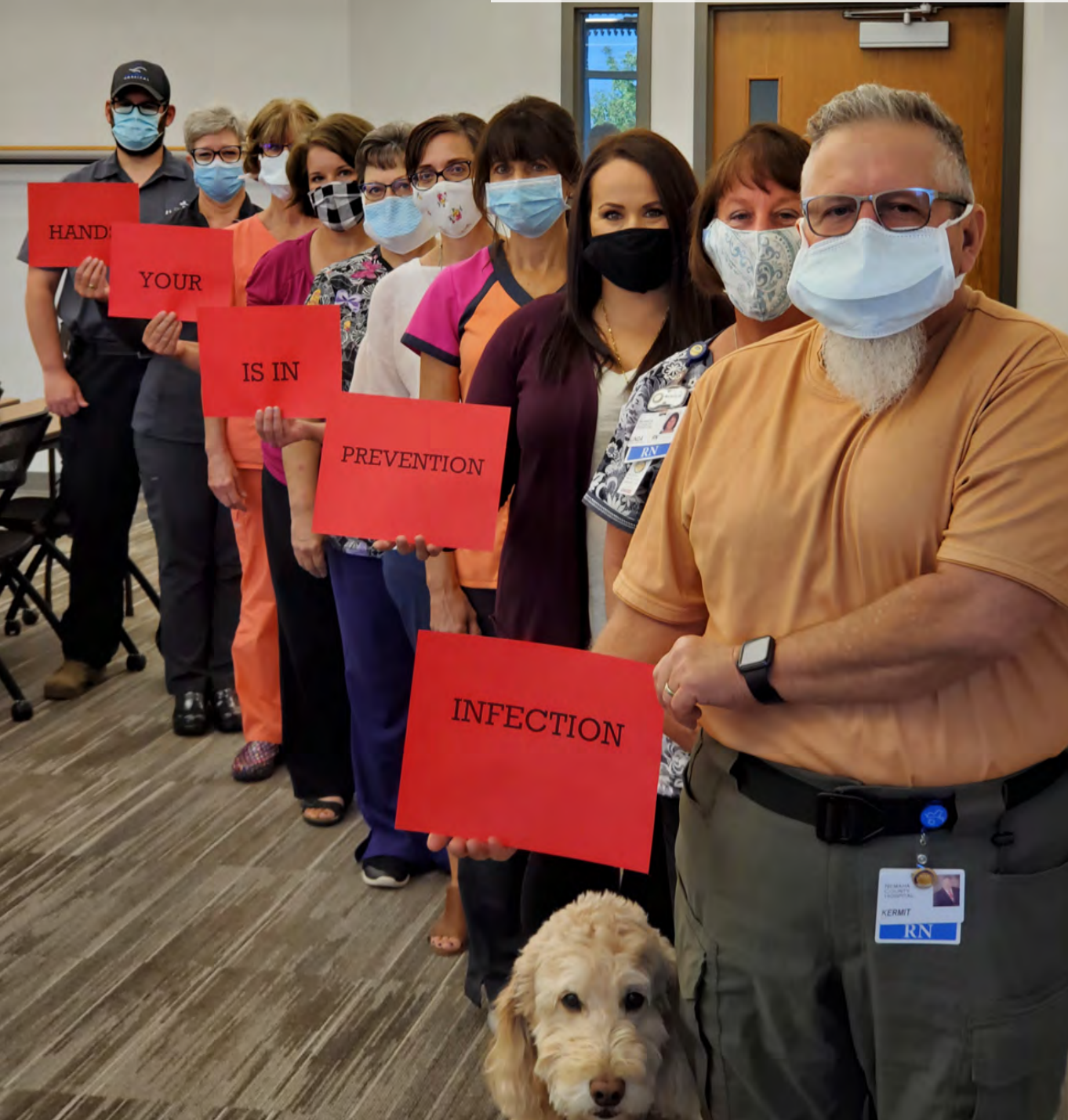
MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Daylight Saving Time			St. Patrick's Day			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	March Health Tip Though it may sound like a broken record by now, frequent hand washing throughout the day is a must to maintain your health, especially in the winter. It protects you and those around you.		
Palm Sunday						

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Left to Right: Jason Roush, Susi VonBergen, Jere Gravatt, Theresa Shelton, Diane Kettelhake, Peggy Neiman, Sandy Bradley, Darci Davison, Linda Rippe, Kermit Moore and Ellie Moore (therapy dog)



The Infection Prevention Team

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) is the practice of preventing or stopping the spread of infections or diseases in healthcare facilities.

Starting in early March the Nemaha County Hospital IPC team worked closely with the CDC, Nebraska Department of Public Health and the Southeast Nebraska Health Department.

Our priorities included:

- 1) Rapid identification of suspected cases through screening and triage at the hospital entrances as well as limiting the entry of staff and visitors with suspected or confirmed cases of Covid-19.
- 2) Immediate isolation and referral for testing which includes a special negative pressure room for testing or treating suspected cases of Covid-19.
- 3) Immediate identification of inpatients and staff with suspected Covid-19. This included having policies and procedure in place that were fluid as the virus spread. Three tiers of action were produced based on the severity of the virus, from basic social distancing to closing of entrances. The tiers covered all areas of the hospital from staffing concerns, PPE, cleaning/disinfecting, outpatient services, therapy services, laboratory, radiology, surgery and anesthesia, home health, and meal preparation.
- 4) Adherence to the appropriate use of PPE, including the introduction and education of new equipment such as the Airvo #2 high flow oxygen and the review of proper technique in the use of PPE.

At one time, the likelihood of a pandemic, in some minds, was seen as a low risk, but now situations such as Covid-19 show the importance of healthcare preparations and plans for such situations.

APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	Good Friday	10
Easter						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	
					Arbor Day	

April Health Tip

It's time for spring cleaning so clean out those medicine cabinets. Throw away expired supplements and sunscreen and safely dispose of expired prescription medicine.

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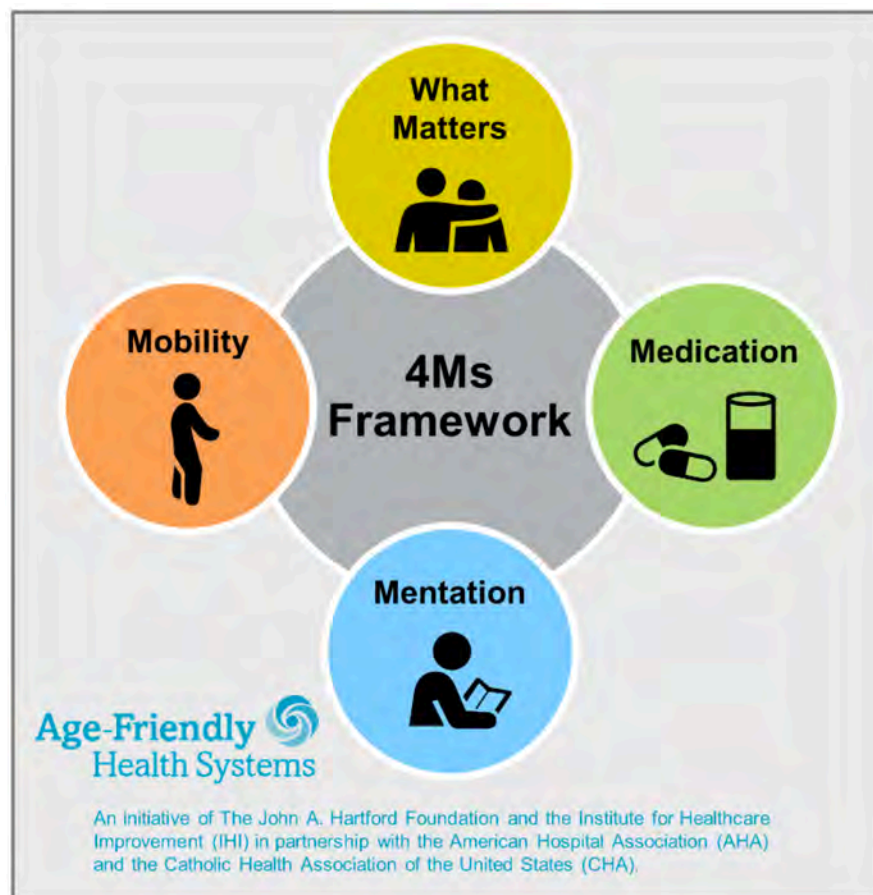
Working Together to Continue to Improve Care

Nemaha County Hospital is part of a movement to improve health care for older adults, contributing to a goal of 20 percent of U.S. hospitals and health systems becoming age-friendly by 2020. As part of the Age-Friendly Health Systems initiative, The John A. Hartford Foundation and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) are helping hospitals and other care settings implement a set of evidence-based interventions specifically designed to improve care for older adults and we have joined more than 100 health systems in this initiative.

Nemaha County Hospital has always been on the forefront of patient care, and that's why we want to participate in this vital effort. The Age-Friendly Health Systems initiative is an important part of our overarching vision to provide every older adult with the best care possible.

Older adults are living and working longer, redefining later life, and enriching our communities. The future of health care requires bold approaches that value older adults, addresses their unique needs, and provides them with the best care possible. Improving the way we care for older adults also makes good business sense for hospitals and health systems: Delivering better care to older adults in every setting can help us achieve fewer avoidable hospital readmissions, better outcomes, more satisfied patients and families, and lower overall costs.

Together we will continue improving the care of older adults and, in doing so, make lasting change in our communities.



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What Matters

Know and align care with each older adult's specific health outcome goals and care preferences including, but not limited to, end-of-life care, and across settings of care.

Medication

If medication is necessary, use Age-Friendly medication that does not interfere with What Matters to the older adult, Mobility, or Mentation across settings of care.

Mentation

Prevent, identify, treat, and manage dementia, depression, and delirium across settings of care.

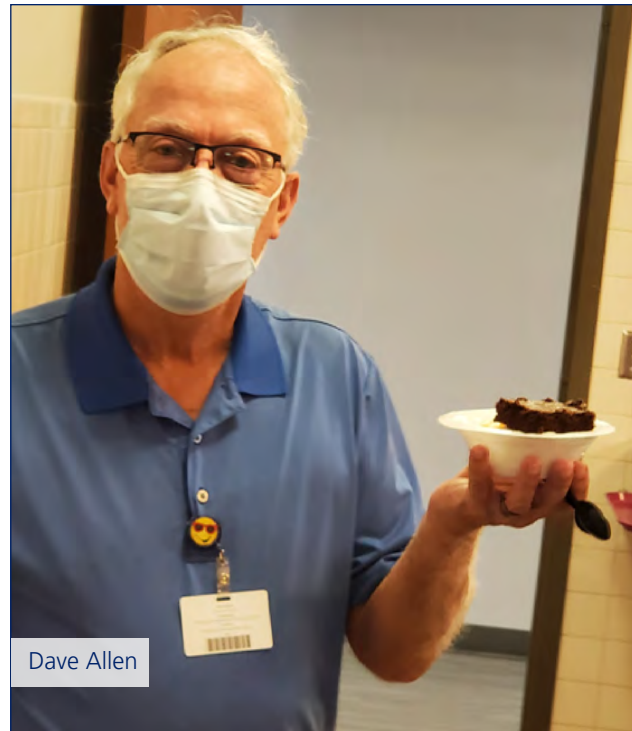
Mobility

Ensure that older adults move safely every day in order to maintain function and do What Matters.

MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 NCH opened on May 1, 1963
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day	May Health Tip Spring can bring lots of storms along with the warmer weather and pretty flowers. Listen for Tornado and Severe Thunderstorm watches and warnings and find a safe, enclosed place to go.				
					For more health tips, connect with us on Facebook — @NemahaCountyHospital	





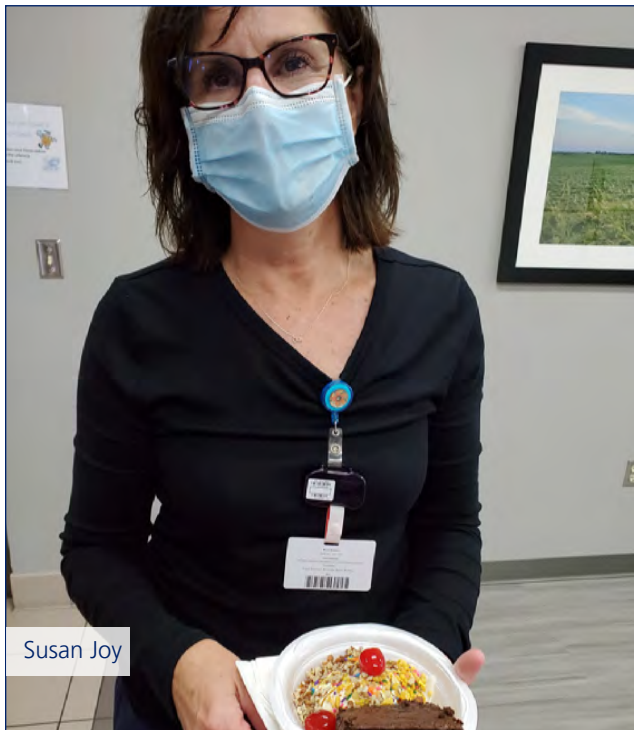
Dave Allen

Nemaha County Hospital Employees Care About Our Community

Every year the Nemaha County Hospital employees work hard to raise money for nonprofits with a tie to our community. From something simple like a “Jeans Day” to the more complex Nemaha County Gives Back event, our employees are always willing to step in where needed with their time, talents and wallets. This year was no exception.

Even though COVID-19 made this year challenging for many, we were still able to raise over \$20,000 for these worthy causes. Some of the nonprofits are selected by the staff and others are long standing community causes but each of them positively impacts the people of Nemaha County. In 2020, these community causes included:

- Catholic Social Services
- SENCA
- Project Response
- Region 5
- Shop with a Cop
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
- Auburn Backpack Program
- Healing Kadi Foundation
- 4-H
- The Vice Family
- Wounded Warriors
- St. Jude Children’s Research




Susan Joy



Micah Bogdanoff



JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Father's Day 27	28	29	30			
June Health Tip The weather is warmer and staying hydrated is important. Substitute water for sugary or alcoholic drinks to reduce calories and stay safe.						
For more health tips, connect with us on Facebook — @NemahaCountyHospital						



Left to Right: Dave Stelling, Kelly Adams, Virginia Vinson, Jason Roush, Scott Grooms, Jody Bahr, and Allison Cherry (not pictured Linda Carder)

Working Together to Keep Our Facility Clean

Nemaha County Hospital's Environmental Services (EVS) team has had a very busy year. They are always an important piece to the success of the NCH facility, but this year have been put to the test. The EVS team worked closely within each phase of the remodel. The team worked together to make sure the remodeled areas were clean and ready for our staff and patients, all while continuing their day to day duties.

During the pandemic the EVS team really stepped up to the plate. They quickly adapted their daily schedules to include extra cleaning and disinfecting of all areas of the hospital. They worked closely with the Infection Prevention team to ensure they were covering all the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control (CDC). They kept the facility safe and clean to ensure we could continue to care for the community. It took team work by all 7 employees to make sure the goal was accomplished. They created disinfecting schedules and all took on extra tasks. The EVS staff works hard to ensure Nemaha County Hospital is ready to provide Quality Care, Every Time.

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
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Independence Day						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

July Health Tip

Be sun safe. Protect your skin by using a broad-spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 15 and wearing a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses that block both UVA and UVB rays.

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Doctors



Dr. Amanda Enszt, MD



Dr. Andrew Enszt, MD



Dr. Gary R. Enszt, MD



Dr. John A. Gill, MD



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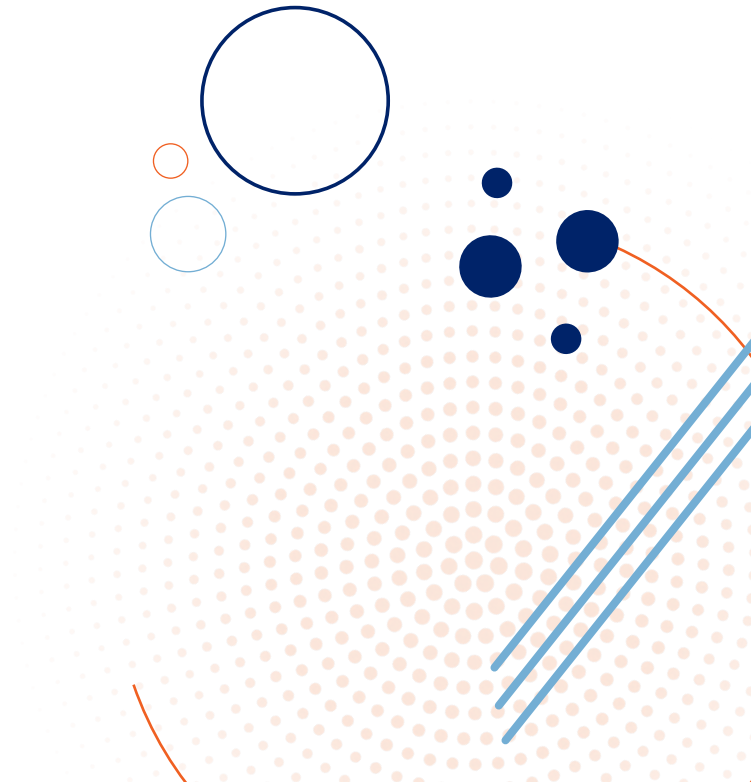


Courtney Upmann, PA-C

Physicians/PAs

Our physicians put you first. All are board-certified family practitioners committed to your health. Nemaha County Hospital (NCH) physicians are supported by a full complement of staff, including three certified Physician Assistants.

All Physicians and Physician Assistants serve in our Trauma Center and Emergency Department—NCH is the only hospital in Southeast Nebraska to offer in-house Advanced Trauma Life Support Certified providers 24/7. In addition, the entire team is also certified in Basic Life Support and Advanced Cardiac Life Support.



Specialists at NCH

Nemaha County Hospital (NCH) offers several specialty clinics that bring well-known physicians to our area for the convenience and good health of our communities.

Why drive for hours to see a physician when the specialists come right here to see you?

NCH offers a broad range of health services. Our team of highly trained professionals is prepared to meet your healthcare needs in a compassionate, friendly, and professional manner.

Most routine procedures and tests ordered by your physician can be safely performed right here at NCH. With nearly 25 consulting specialists, we offer you services you would normally have to travel to the city for.

Each physician is board certified in their area of specialty. They have been chosen to come to NCH for their expertise and for their desire to serve patients outside of the metro area. Whether you see these doctors at their office or here at NCH, you will find the same high level of care, much closer to home.



Dr. Kaliprasad Ayala
Cardiology



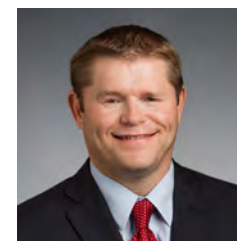
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Cardiology



Dr. Douglas Netz
Cardiology



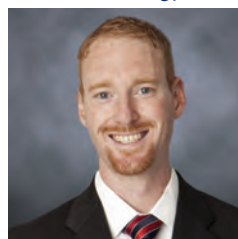
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Cardiology



Dr. Todd Tessendorf
Cardiology



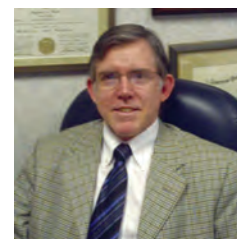
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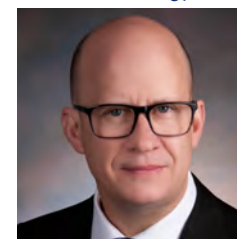
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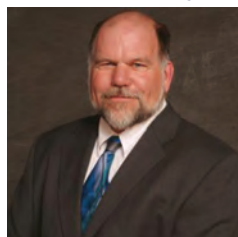
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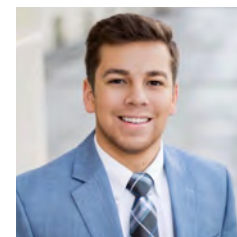
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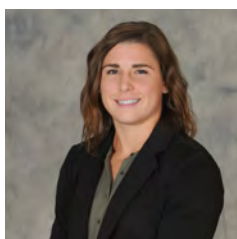
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Dr. Stephen Nagengast
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Vascular



Dr. Heidi Hansen
Vascular

A Note from Courtney Upmann, PA-C

My name is Courtney Upmann, PA-C. I earned my undergraduate degree at Concordia University in Seward, NE, and my Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) at Union College in Lincoln. Some of you may have me if you're a patient in the ER, as an inpatient on the floor, or even in the outpatient clinic when I help out with stress tests. I have worked at Nemaha County Hospital, through the Auburn Family Health Center, for three years now. This is the first truly rural setting that I have worked in. It has been a great experience and everyone in the community has been very welcoming.

I have seen many examples of how all departments at Nemaha County Hospital and the community in Auburn pull together when we have a serious trauma or critical illness situation. Our unit coordinator activates the trauma team and sometimes, the rescue squad will stay and help if we have a code situation, or if there is a code in progress and CPR is needed.

Many departments in the hospital are called to help in these situations. Radiology and Lab Technicians are ready at any moment for traumas and their equipment is ready for whatever happens. They are also CPR certified and ready to step in if more people are needed to run the code. Our Respiratory Therapists also check in with the ER before they leave, making

sure there is not anything they need to do before leaving. If needed, our pharmacists may help draw up the cardiac medications.

We also have our physicians from Auburn Family Health Center who are ready at a moment's notice. Sometimes they come over in the middle of clinic if they are needed for a situation. And of course, we have the excellently trained nurses that have to be ready for anything. They never know what their day is going to consist of but they come in every single day ready and prepared.

This is truly a team of coworkers and friends that must be ready for anything. We may have a day where we have few patients, or we may have a day where the rescue squad drops off a patient and immediately gets called to bring us another. We all have multiple roles to fill and we all work together at Nemaha County Hospital to provide excellent care as a team. Every single part of that team is important, and if we are missing one individual part, it simply does not work as well. I genuinely love my job at Nemaha County Hospital and caring for all the patients that make their way into our rural hospital.



AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
August Health Tip Get enough sleep to be at your best. For adults that means 7 hours a night. For kids and teens that means 9-12 hours and 8-10 hours respectively.						
					For more health tips, connect with us on Facebook — @NemahaCountyHospital	



Keeping It Together

Welcome to the Health Information Management Department (HIM)! Our department provides services to all the other departments in the hospital. We in the HIM department help improve the quality of healthcare by making sure that the best information is available for making any healthcare decision at the time and place of care. We are the “keepers” of all things! We ensure the confidentiality and protection of patient health information from the doctor’s orders, dictation, and patient demographics to the final lab and x-ray results. We ensure the patient’s right to privacy and secure and confidential information.

Currently we have 5 full-time employees in the HIM department. Melissa Mason, our newest member, is our Patient Services Representative here at NCH. Melissa is responsible for all preauthorizations/authorizations for all services throughout the hospital. Melissa will obtain advanced approval from the patient’s health care plan before a specific procedure, service or medication is delivered to the patient to qualify for payment coverage.

Heather Koppelman is our HIM Clerk. Heather is the friendly voice you will talk with if you are needing your medical records sent to another provider for further care or for your own personal use. Heather is responsible for the compiling, organizing and completeness of the patient’s medical record. She is

responsible for scanning test results and reports into the patient’s records and analyzes the records for completion within 30 days.

Michelle Watkins is NCH’s transcriptionist. Michelle is responsible for listening to voice recordings that physicians and other healthcare professionals make and she converts them into written reports. She also reviews and edits medical documents created by using speech recognition technology. Michelle is a walking dictionary with all her knowledge of medical terminology and abbreviations!

Trisha Kelsay is our outpatient and inpatient coder. Medical coding happens every time a patient is seen here at our facility for a test or service. Trisha ensures the codes are applied correctly during the billing process which includes abstracting the information from documentation, assigning the code and creating a claim to be paid by the insurance carriers.


Peggy Neiman is the Director of HIM. She is responsible for all day to day operations, physician credentialing, as well as keeping up on all the regulations and HIM Standards.

Health Information Management is multi-layered. There is a lot to us. We’re small, but we’re mighty!



Left to Right: Trisha Kelsay, Peggy Neiman, Melissa Mason, Heather Koppelman, and Michelle Watkins

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		
	September Health Tip Learning your family health history is an important way to protect your health. Most people have at least one chronic disease in their family and letting your doctor know your family history helps to determine any necessary screening tests and lifestyle changes.					
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Delivering Quality Inpatient Care 24/7

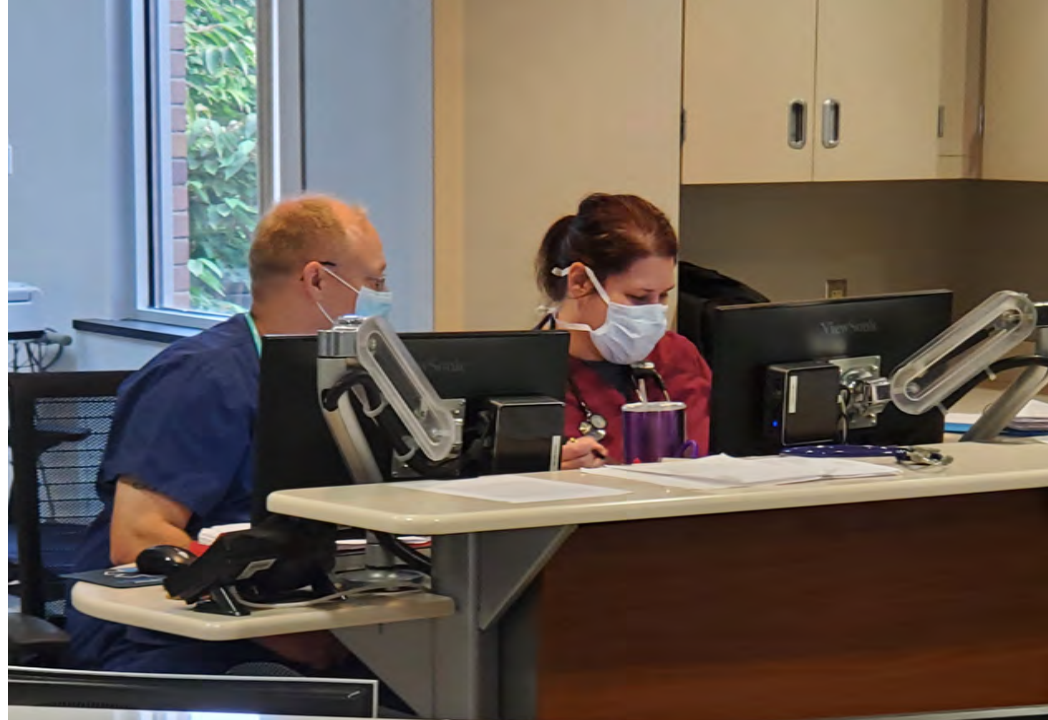
The Med/Surg Unit is the area that cares for inpatient admissions. Daily rounds are performed that include the Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse, Pharmacist, Occupational Therapist and Respiratory Therapist. While such a group may be overwhelming at times, each one of these professionals brings their expertise to the table to improve the patient outcome as well as the general experience.

When an emergency arises, it's comforting to know that unsurpassed care is right around the corner. Nemaha County Hospital offers in-house Advanced Trauma Life Support Certificated Physician Assistants 24/7. NCH offers 24-hour on-call physician coverage for emergency and trauma situations. NCH is designated as a "Basic Level Trauma Center" as part

of the Nebraska Statewide Trauma System. We are equipped with a helipad for air transport and have easy access for ground transportation.

All of our Nursing Staff are trained in Basic Life Support (BLS). All Registered Nurses are trained in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), and Trauma Nurse Core Course (TNCC). All Physician Assistants are trained in Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS).

Patient safety is a priority at Nemaha County Hospital. We use real-time documentation and electronic medication verification as one aspect of our safety initiatives. We want each stay at NCH to be a positive experience filled with care, knowledge and education. NCH Med/Surg and ER wants to deliver Quality Care Every Time and by giving our best, you can live your best.



Left to Right: Shawn Munson and Carrie Badberg



Left to Right: Micah Bogdanoff



Left to Right: Madison Hasenbank, Jessica Womochil, Jenna Stubbs, Barb Moore, and Maxcey Smith



Left to Right: Mary Jamison, Carrie Badberg, Jere Gravatt, Susan Joy, Deb Schultz, Deb Gardner, and Molly Schardt

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Columbus Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Halloween	October Health Tip Time to get your annual flu shot. The CDC recommends getting it before the end of October. The vaccine can reduce flu illnesses, missed work, and doctor's visits.					

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For more information on the Visitor Guidelines at NCH or to view all the Daily Updates from CEO Fattig visit our website: https://nemahacountyhospital.com/covid-19-visitors-guide...

09/30/2020 UPDATE: Good morning and thanks for reading this update. These are interesting times in the COVID-19 pandemic. Cases continue to rise across the state, especially in rural locations. The number of hospitalizations in the state also continues to rise. I hope this trend resolves bef... [See More](#)

Technology is Helpful in Communicating with Public

COVID-19 brought many rapid changes to the healthcare environment in 2020 and keeping the community updated was a big undertaking. Thanks to the numerous technology platforms used by Nemaha County Hospital, we were able to distribute messages about

changes in hospital access, patient care, testing and other important information in a timely manner.

This is also true in other circumstances. Our ability to distribute information to the community is an important part of our mission and we take it seriously. Whether it is something simple like a change due to construction or a new health policy that affects the entire

community, we will make sure the information is included on our website and sent out through our social media channels so the community has the current information at their fingertips.

The patient portal, another piece of our technology platform, is in place to make life easier for our patients. They can pay their bill or access their records 24

hours a day, 7 days a week and not have to drive to the hospital.

Technology – another way Nemaha County Hospital is helping to keep our community healthy.

Check out our website www.nemahacountyhospital.com and follow us on social media for the latest information.

NOVEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Daylight Saving Time End				Veterans Day		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Thanksgiving		
28	29	30	November Health Tip Get enough Vitamin D, the essential element that helps your body absorb calcium. In the fall and winter months, there are fewer daylight hours, one of the sources of Vitamin D, so it is important to either take a supplement or eat a varied diet of foods rich in Vitamin D such as salmon, tuna and milk.			

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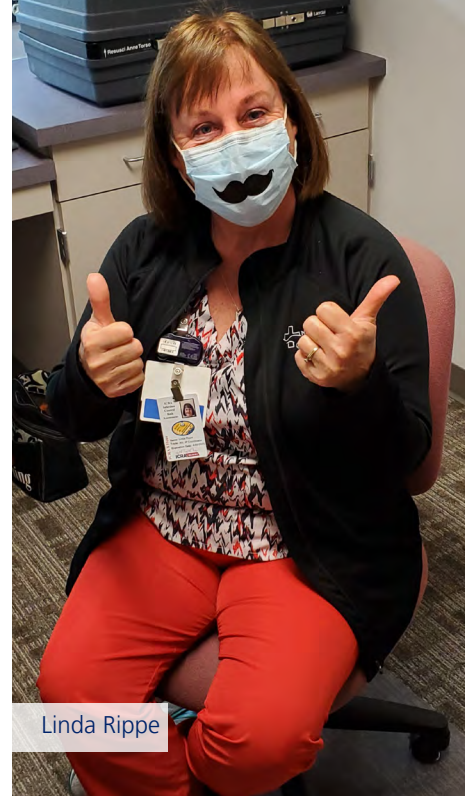




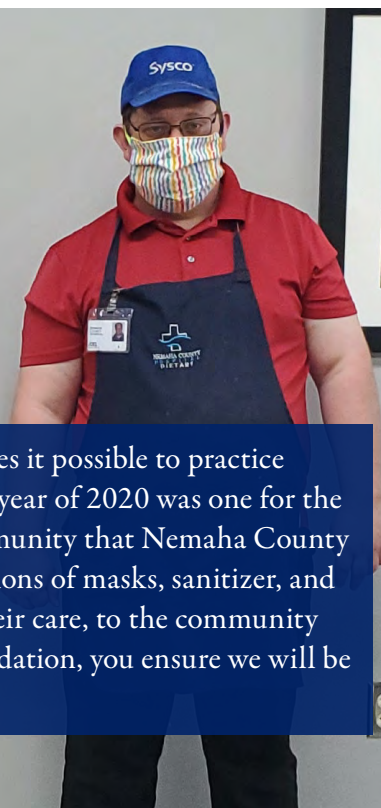
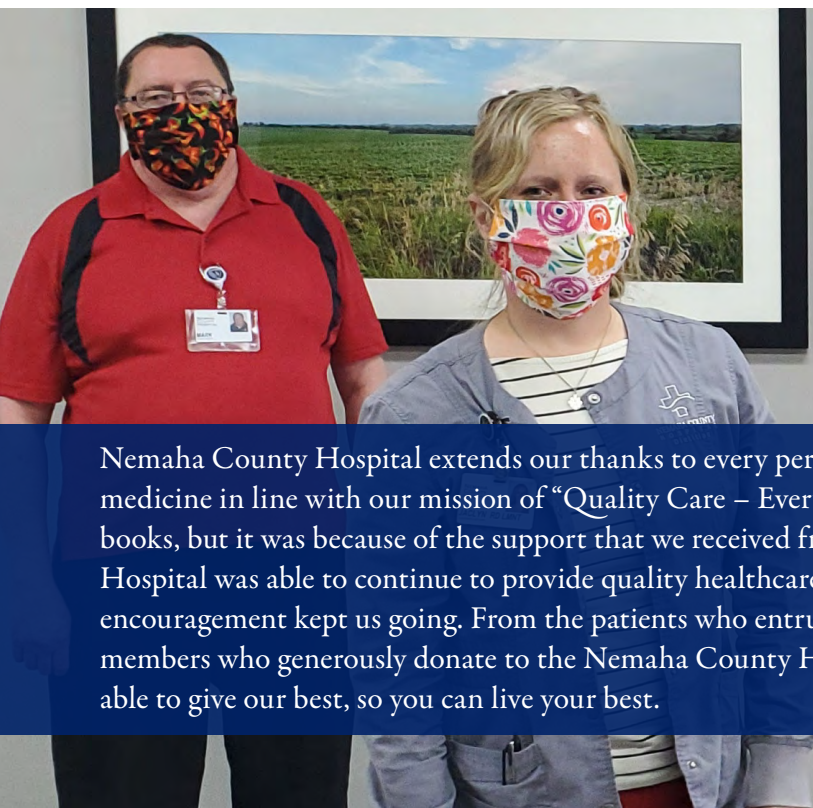
Left to Right: Sandy Bradley and Susan Joy



Paula Hays



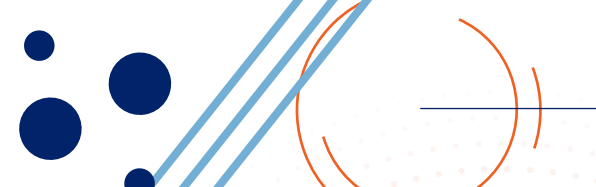
Linda Rippe



Nemaha County Hospital extends our thanks to every person who makes it possible to practice medicine in line with our mission of "Quality Care – Every Time." The year of 2020 was one for the books, but it was because of the support that we received from our community that Nemaha County Hospital was able to continue to provide quality healthcare. Your donations of masks, sanitizer, and encouragement kept us going. From the patients who entrust us with their care, to the community members who generously donate to the Nemaha County Hospital Foundation, you ensure we will be able to give our best, so you can live your best.

Left to Right: Mark Mason, Jaclyn Kreifels, Joel Pursey, Cady Grable and Carmen Mann

DECEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	Christmas Eve 31	Christmas Day
					New Year's Eve	

December Health Tip

Indulge with intention this holiday season. Only bother with the foods you truly enjoy and strategize on a healthy eating plan. Fill up on veggies and fruits first, then lean protein and then allow yourself a small piece of that dessert you have been eyeing.

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ACTIVITY SNAPSHOT 2020

WHO WE SERVED

PATIENT DAYS



PATIENT DISCHARGES



AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY



SURGERY CASES



EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS



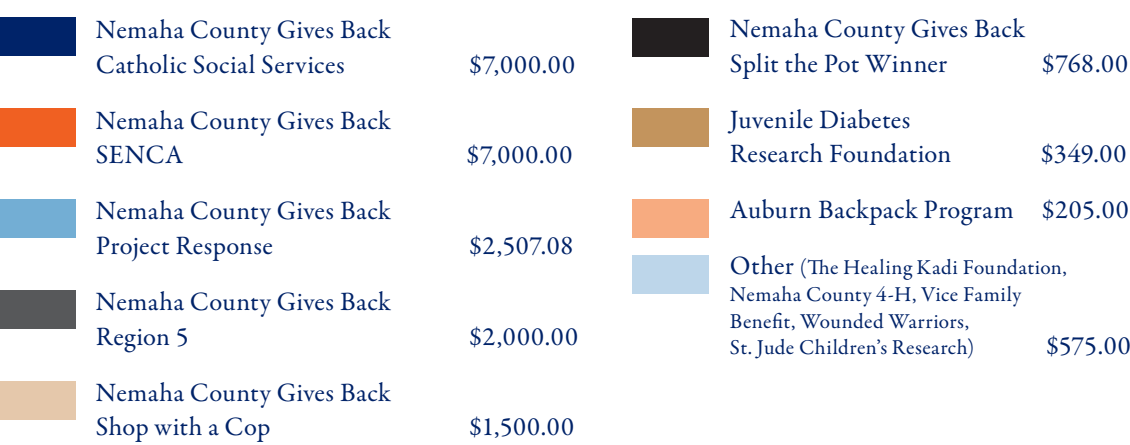
OBSERVATION DAYS



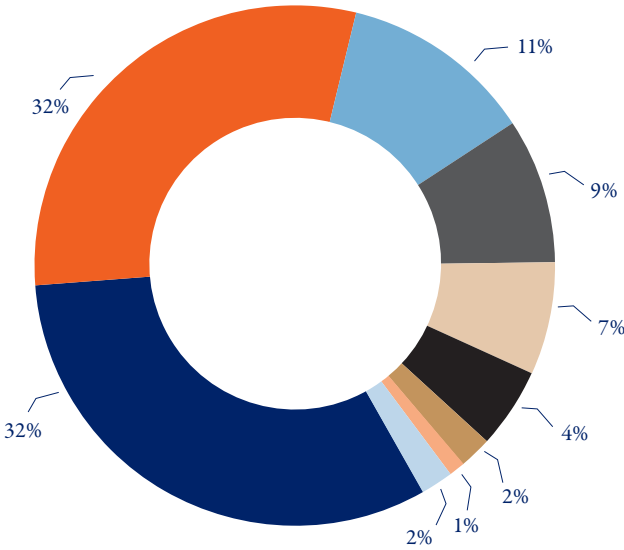
FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES



EMPLOYEE FUNDRAISING 2020



TOTAL EMPLOYEE DONATIONS: \$21,904.08



ASSETS

	FYE 2020	FYE 2019
Current Assets:		
Cash & Equivalents	\$5,904,812	\$1,391,285
Short-Term Investments	\$6,500,000	\$5,500,000
Current portion of assets limited as to use or restricted	\$–	\$228,367
Receivables:		
Patients, net of estimated uncollectible accounts of \$762,791 in 2020 and \$730,117 in 2019		
	\$1,187,481	\$2,520,747
Accrued interest and other	\$137,016	\$129,834
Inventories	\$282,001	\$294,864
Prepaid expenses	\$230,830	\$122,886
Estimated third-party payor settlements	\$960,015	\$–
Total current assets	\$15,202,155	\$10,187,983
Long-Term Investments	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
Assets limited to use or restricted, net of current portion	\$1,800,000	\$2,203,000
Capital assets, net	\$6,874,966	\$6,829,716
Net pension asset	\$–	\$875,988
Total assets	\$27,877,121	\$24,096,687
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Pension related deferred outflows:	\$939,522	\$495,679
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$28,816,643	\$24,592,366

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

	FYE 2020	FYE 2019
Current Liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$–	\$339,135
Accounts payable		
Trade	\$189,335	\$371,158
Accrued salaries, vacation & benefits payable	\$915,387	\$765,504
Accrued interest payable	\$–	\$2,267
Estimated third-party payor settlements	\$–	\$270,083
Refundable advance	\$4,023,068	\$–
Total current liabilities	\$5,127,790	\$1,748,147
Long-term debt, net of current portion	\$984,783	\$–
Net pension liability	\$408,200	\$–
Total liabilities	\$6,520,773	\$1,748,147
Deferred Inflows of resources		
Pension related deferred inflows	\$190,538	\$538,636
Net assets:		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$6,874,966	\$6,490,581
Unrestricted	\$15,230,366	\$15,815,002
Total net assets	\$22,105,332	\$22,305,583
Total liabilities & net assets	\$28,816,643	\$24,592,366

NEMAHA COUNTY HOSPITAL FINANCES

BY THE NUMBERS APRIL 30, 2020 - 2019

REVENUE

	FYE 2020	FYE 2019
Operating Revenue		
Net patient service revenue, net of provision for bad debts		
\$320,324 in 2020	\$13,441,294	\$13,487,505
\$447,574 in 2019		
Other operating revenue	\$59,179	\$71,529
Total operating revenue	\$13,500,473	\$13,550,034

EXPENSES

	FYE 2020	FYE 2019
Operating Expenses		
Salaries & wages	\$5,672,806	\$5,388,127
Employee benefits	\$2,324,308	\$1,728,816
Professional & purchased services	\$2,444,755	\$2,250,519
Supplies & other expenses	\$2,711,445	\$2,633,222
Depreciation & amortization	\$1,137,361	\$1,127,719
Insurance	\$67,912	\$67,306
Total operating expenses	\$14,358,587	\$13,195,709

INCOME and NET ASSETS

	FYE 2019	FYE 2019
Operating income	\$(858,114)	\$354,325
Nonoperating income		
Investment income (loss)	\$194,497	\$144,346
Noncapital grants & contributions	\$465,364	\$9,000
Interest	\$(1,998)	\$(12,188)
Nonoperating revenue (expenses), net	\$657,863	\$141,158
Excess revenue over expenses before capital grants & contributions	\$(200,251)	\$495,483
Capital grants & contributions	\$-	\$-
Increase in net assets	\$(200,251)	\$495,483
Net assets, beginning of year	\$22,305,583	\$21,810,100
Net assets, end of year	\$22,105,332	\$22,305,583

NEMAHA COUNTY HOSPITAL FINANCES

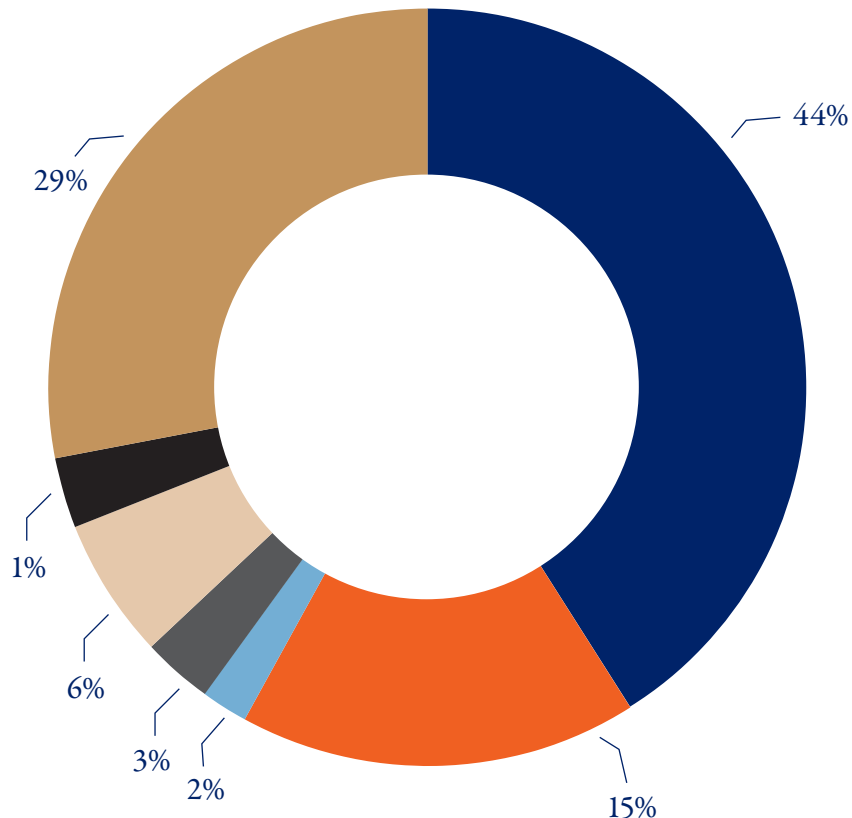
HOSPITAL OPERATIONS OVERVIEW

WHERE THE MONEY WENT IN 2019

TOTAL EXPENSES

Wages & Benefits	\$7,997,114
Insurance Shortfalls	\$2,707,932
Financial Assistance	\$308,077
Bad Debt	\$477,574
Equipment Depreciation	\$1,137,361
Operating Margin	\$(200,251)
Other Patient Expenses	\$5,224,112

WAGES PAID TO EMPLOYEES: \$5 MILLION



HOSPITAL REVENUES

We billed our patients \$16,852,179

We made insurance adjustments (including Medicare & Medicaid) of \$2,707,932

Due to writeoff of uncollectible patient accounts (Bad Debts) & the inability of some patients to pay their bills (Financial Assistance) we could not collect \$702,953

Therefore, we received from patients \$13,441,294

Other revenue earned from patient activity such as the cafeteria & service contracts was \$59,179

So, total revenues for the year were \$13,500,473

HOSPITAL EXPENSES

Salaries, wages & employee benefits (health & life insurance, retirement & social security) \$7,997,114

Food, medical supplies, utilities & professional services \$5,224,112

Depreciation on buildings & equipment \$1,137,361

Which gave us total expenses of \$14,358,587

Which gave us an operating income over expenses of \$(858,114)

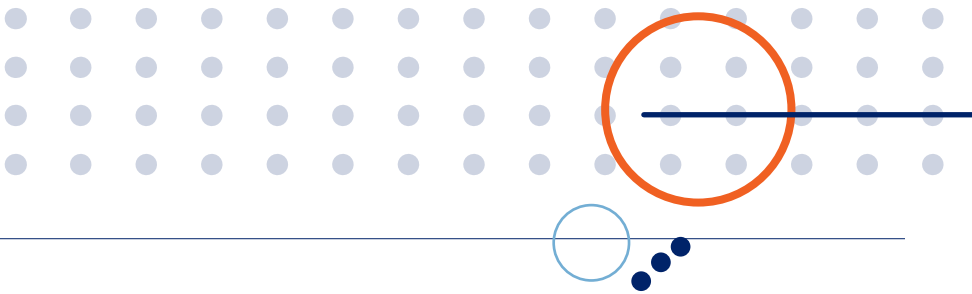
HOSPITAL INVESTMENT INCOME

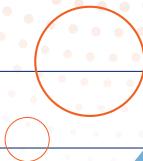
We received interest income on our bank deposits which totaled \$192,499

In addition, we received grant & contribution income which totaled \$465,364

Giving NCH a fund for future growth, new services & equipment improvements of \$(200,251)

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