Brittney L. Taylor, Family Nurse Practitioner, is a key part of the Culbertson team. We got to know her better through this interview and hope you will too!

What do you hope to bring to your new position?
With the recent retirement of Dr. Russell Dohner, my hope is to bring greater accessibility of healthcare to the area. I want patients to be able to see their primary care provider in a timely manner so everyday illnesses can be addressed quickly.

What are your medical interests?
I am interested in medicine for all ages and stages, from successful birth to end of life with dignity. I enjoy discussing lifestyle modifications as well as preventive healthcare.

What is your medical philosophy?
Prevention is the key to a healthy life. I want to work with my patients to create a healthcare plan that is designed specifically for the patient and help them remain as healthy and happy as they can be.

What is your career background?
I have been a Culbertson employee since April 2006, when I began as a registered nurse working in many areas of the hospital. In January, I earned my certification and became a Family Nurse Practitioner at Rushville Family Practice.

I completed my nursing studies at Methodist School of Nursing in Peoria, IL, and have a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from Chamberlain College of Nursing in St. Louis, MO, as well as a Master’s in Nursing from St. Louis University. Patients may also appreciate knowing I am certified in Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support and CPR.

Tell us a little about your personal life.
I am very active in my church, with leadership roles in both the women's and youth groups and passionate about the church's mission work. I am married to Chris and have two daughters, Emma, who is a sophomore, and Ellie, who is in sixth grade. I am a busy mom keeping up with the girls and their sport schedules. In my spare time, you will most likely find me riding four wheelers with my husband and our 2.5-year-old black Lab.

What can patients expect when they meet with you?
They can expect a very relaxed environment where the only thing on my mind is to listen and take care of them. I have a strong faith in Jesus Christ, a true belief in medicine and a devoted love for my country. With those three things in my heart, I am passionate about helping others live their lives to the fullest.
Patients Can Find Added Comfort with PICC Lines Inserted at Culbertson

Good news for patients who need ongoing or continuous treatment such as IV (intravenous) antibiotics, chemotherapy or supplemental nutrition: Culbertson Memorial Hospital’s skilled anesthesia staff can now insert PICC lines (peripherally inserted central catheters) on site.

Frequently used for patients in acute, skilled and home care, a PICC line is a long, thin, flexible IV catheter. Our specially trained nurse anesthetists insert the catheter into a peripheral vein, typically in the arm, and carefully thread it into a larger vein just above the heart. The catheter will be covered with a sterile dressing. Patients are able to use and bend the arm normally and can even be discharged, rather than remaining in the hospital for IV treatment.

Doctors may order PICC lines for patients who need ongoing potentially irritating treatment, have small veins that are difficult to locate, are anxious about needles or require extended IV therapy. Among the fluids that can be administered via PICC lines: antibiotics, chemotherapy, nutritional therapy, blood and blood products, hydration therapy and pain medications. A PICC can have one or two lines, depending on how it will be used and what the doctor orders.

Wonderful to see you, Dr. Dohner!

On Friday, December 13, Dr. Russell Dohner joined our staff for the Hospital Employee Christmas Party. Seeing Dr. Dohner up and smiling was a wonderful gift to all of us!
Access to Nationally Recognized Radiologists

When it comes to diagnosing your health conditions, there’s no room for compromise. At Culbertson Memorial Hospital, we couldn’t agree more, and we’ve assembled a team of board-certified technologists who use the most advanced imaging technology to perform cutting-edge diagnostics.

Then we take it a step further... every imaging test is read by a team of premier radiologists. In fact, Radiology Business Journal ranks them among the largest, most progressive radiology groups in the nation. The team at Clinical Radiologists, S.C., includes more than 75 board-certified physicians covering all radiology subspecialties, such as CT, MRI, Ultrasound, Nuclear Medicine, Interventional Radiology, Pediatric Radiology, Neuroradiology, Musculoskeletal, Cross-Sectional Imaging and Breast Imaging.

The full scope of imaging services at Culbertson is broad, encompassing all areas of the body and state-of-the-art imaging equipment for quick, clear, precise results. In fact, the imaging team has been awarded the American College of Radiology gold seal of accreditation in mammography, which represents the highest level of image quality and patient safety.

Just Some of the Imaging Services Available...

- **DEXA scans** – measure bone density levels to check for osteoporosis and other conditions. *Offered every Thursday.*

- **MRI (magnetic resonance imaging)** – highly detailed, cross-sectional images of soft-tissue structures near and around bones, blood vessels, organs and the brain. *Every Wednesday and Saturday.*

- **CT or CAT scans** – fast, highly detailed images of the body to study any of the organs, blood vessels, bones and the spinal cord.

- **Ultrasound** – uses high-frequency sound waves to obtain images from inside the body.

- **X-ray** – images taken of the spine, foot, ankle, leg, arm, wrist, hand, chest, abdomen or pelvis.

- **Digital mammography** – exceptionally fast, clear and comfortable x-ray of the breast to scan for abnormalities.

To set up your imaging appointment, call 217-322-4321, ext. 271.
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Update on Our Annual Appeal

To date, we have raised $23,350 towards our goal of $35,000. There is still time to donate and make a difference!
Friends Helping Friends – Culbertson Needs You!

One of the cornerstones of Culbertson Memorial Hospital’s gold standard in care lies in its volunteers. Friends of CMH generously give their time for everything from escorting patients and delivering documents to providing clerical support or organizing charity events.

Volunteers give not only their time, but their talents... and they give from the heart. As a volunteer, you can choose where and when to give. If you prefer a regular, set schedule, we have the job for you. If you’d like to be free to help when you can, we can accommodate that too. Just a few hours can make a difference for our patients, families and visitors – and you’ll reap the rewards too, making new friends, tackling new challenges and gaining the satisfaction of helping your neighbors.

If you have questions about the program or you’d like to volunteer, please call Molly Sorrell at 217-322-5269. You can even apply online (www.cmhospital.com) by going to “Friends of CMH” and filling out the application! Note: Friends of CMH must be at least 18 years of age.

Cindy Kunkel Named Employee of the Year

Cindy Kunkel has been named the 2013 Employee of the Year. A registered nurse and longtime Culbertson Memorial Hospital employee with 24 years of service, Cindy received multiple nominations from co-workers and even a patient who sang her praises.

“Cindy is a wonderful, caring and compassionate person who knows how to treat our patients and their families,” the nominations said in part. “She is always understanding of their needs and we are lucky to have her on our team.”

Cindy’s dedication and love of nursing comes through every day at Culbertson. She says she enjoys being a nurse because the job gives her the ability to help people when they need it the most.

Culbertson and Hospital Sisters Partner to Donate Medical Equipment

Culbertson Memorial Hospital partnered with Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach to donate useable medical supplies and equipment otherwise destined for storage, landfills or incinerators. The Hospital Sisters work with more than 200 medical missions around the world, contributing items that make a very real difference in the life and health of many.
That’s why we’re proud of our recent accomplishments — from expanding our outpatient services and building a 9,500 ft. clinic in Beardstown to bringing in new physicians and revitalizing the West Wing of the hospital, we’ve made a lot of changes to meet the growing needs of the future. Whether you entrust your care to us or give to our foundation, we are here for you, right around the corner.