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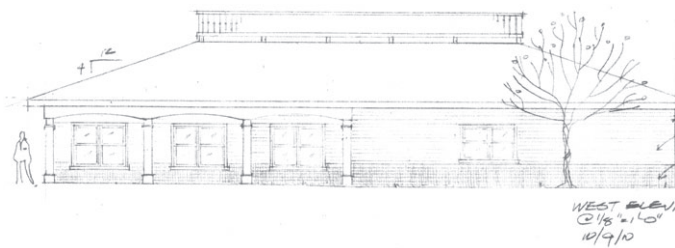
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Where health care and community come together

## Q&A: Construction of New Beardstown Clinic

Culbertson Memorial Hospital is moving forward with construction of a new clinic in Beardstown after the members of the CMH Foundation voted to approve \$750,000 in funding. The funding comes from a gift Elmer Hugh Taylor left to the hospital and will be transferred over to the Health Center Corporation. CMH will use the money to pay part of the cost of building a new clinic in Beardstown that would combine Beardstown Clinic I and Beardstown Clinic II. The Health Center Corporation would borrow the balance of the cost of construction of the clinic, estimated to be \$750,000.



**Q: Why does CMH want to build a new clinic in Beardstown? What is wrong with the current clinic locations?**

A: Both buildings, but particularly Beardstown Clinic I, are outdated and no longer serve our purposes. We purchased the Beardstown Clinic I building more than 14 years ago. The building was old when we purchased it and is not handicap accessible. Patients using wheelchairs or walkers must park in the alley to gain access to the clinic's back door. Then the patient must make their way through the entire clinic to the patient waiting area in front. When their name is called, they must make their way back through the clinic again to the treatment rooms. We ask the most vulnerable to walk the farthest. The only parking space for non-handicapped patients is street parking. The heating and air conditioning system isn't sufficient and will need to be updated. The roof is also in bad condition and will soon need to be replaced.

Having access to a new modern building, designed for easy patient access and flow-through, would make the clinic more attractive to future physician candidates. A modernized building also would allow us to make better use of our staff and allow room for outpatient clinics.

**Q: Can the Foundation just lend the money to the Health Center Corporation?**

A: The Foundation cannot lend money because it is not a bank. The Foundation can only donate money. The bylaws of the CMH Foundation state it was created to benefit Schuyler County Hospital District by providing financial support in a charitable manner.

**Q: I thought you had someone who would build the clinic, then lease it to the hospital on a long-term lease. Why are you changing your mind?**

A: If we sign a build-and-lease contract with a developer, we estimate that it will cost the hospital more than \$3 million over 20 years. At the end of that time, we still will not own the building. Instead, we will have to establish another long-term lease and spend more money. On the other hand, if the CMH Foundation gives us \$750,000 and we borrow \$750,000 for 15 years, we could save \$2 million and own the building. If the Foundation can turn \$750,000 into \$2 million in 15 years through any other investments, they should do so.

**Q: I thought the clinics were losing money. Why are you investing in them if they cannot carry their own weight?**

A: Most clinics are not profitable. Their profitability shows up on the hospital side of operations, which is why more and more clinics are hospital-owned. The clinics feed patients to the hospital. However, in order to make the clinics as profitable as possible, we recently hired a manager to oversee the clinics and to cut costs wherever possible.

**Q: Why are we building a new clinic in Beardstown when the tax revenue comes from the residents of Schuyler County?**

A: Even though the clinics are located in Beardstown, they are part of the hospital. The majority of the hospital patients come from Beardstown. Without the Beardstown clinics, the hospital could not survive. Without the hospital, the clinics could not survive. For example, the Beardstown Clinics have driven \$6 million in revenue to the hospital in the last 11 months. Our relationship with the Beardstown community needs to be a mutually beneficial one, not an adversarial one. We need each other. We hope this gesture on the part of the Health Center Corporation will be greatly appreciated

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# CMH Gets \$170,000 Grant for Digital Mammography

On Jan. 24, CEO Lynn Stambaugh received notice that Culbertson Memorial Hospital was selected to receive a \$170,000 grant from the USDA's Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program to help purchase a digital mammogram system. The federal funding is designed to increase education and health care access in rural communities. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced CMH's application was one of 106 projects in 38 states and one territory that would share in more than \$34.7 million in grants.

"To say we are delighted about these funds is an understatement," Stambaugh says. "This grant was very competitive and the application took nearly six weeks to prepare. In the end, we were the only hospital in the state to be tapped for funding. It is very rewarding to see our hard work pay off in a way that will benefit both our hospital and our rural patients. Between the funds from this grant and the proceeds from the CMH Foundation's annual appeal campaign, which raised nearly \$60,000, area women will soon be able to get their digital mammograms at CMH instead of having to drive to a larger facility. We could not be more excited."

Congressman Aaron Schock congratulated Stambaugh on submitting a winning grant application. "There is no substitute for having the latest equipment, expertise and know-how at a medical facility close to home; especially when it comes to preventive medical care," Schock says. "Upgrading to digital mammography technology will be an important addition to the Schuyler Hospital District, but I have no doubt it will also be

a blessing for those in the community who rely on quick and accurate mammography screenings."

## Higher Quality, Lower Radiation

Digital mammography uses compression and X-rays to image the breast just like traditional mammography. However, instead of capturing the image on film, the image is captured to a computer as a digital image file. With the assistance of PACS technology, these digital images are easy to access, store and transmit. Digital mammography is especially desirable because it can be acquired at a lower radiation dose than traditional film mammography, without compromising quality. This benefit gives patients more peace of mind since concerns about radiation dosage have recently been brought to the public forefront.

Another advantage to having digital mammography is it is more accurate than film mammography in detecting cancer in women under the age of 50, women with dense breast tissue and women who are either pre-menopausal or perimenopausal. Digital mammograms are faster because there is no film to develop. This technique provides high-resolution digital breast images immediately and allows the technologist to take additional images of areas that may need more scrutiny. This ability to instantly see the image reduces the number of times the technologist has to call the patient back for further imaging.

Although Stambaugh said it was too early to discuss a firm timeline for the delivery and installation of the \$240,000 system, she estimated that it would be ready for use by early spring.

"On behalf of the CMH Foundation Board of Directors, I would like to say how pleased and humbled we are by the generous donations we have received for our digital mammography campaign. These funds are vital in helping us purchase this state-of-the-art system for Culbertson Memorial Hospital. It's amazing what we can do when we work together to help support the CMH mission to provide quality, compassionate care to the communities we serve."

— Tim Ward, CMH Foundation Director

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by the Beardstown community and they, in turn, will increase their support of the CMH Foundation.

### Q: How will you explain the clinic to the donors who expected their donations to be spent locally?

A: Together, the hospital and the Foundation will communicate to the donors that while the clinic will be built in Beardstown, the Health Center Corporation will be the true recipient of their generosity. Mr. Taylor, who donated the funding that is being used for this project, was thrilled his gift would impact our communities in this way. The hospital needs patients from the surrounding communities to keep patients flowing through our doors. Our

clinic doctors send their patients to our hospital whenever possible. Whatever benefits the Beardstown area patients will ultimately benefit CMH and the communities we serve.

### Q: What contribution will Beardstown make?

A: The City of Beardstown was instrumental in our task to obtain the land for the clinic location. They have helped the hospital every step of the way and are looking into ways their Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District will be able to assist us in this project. They know we are fortunate to have a hospital in our community and know a clinic in Beardstown benefits not only the city of Beardstown, but the hospital as well.

# Cindy Smith Honored as Employee of the Year

Certified Nursing Assistant Cindy Smith was chosen Employee of the Year at the annual hospital Christmas party. Cindy has worked at CMH for more than 25 years. She splits her duties between the cardiac rehabilitation unit and long-term care. In cardiac rehab, she helps patients with their warm-up routines, sets the various exercise machines to the ideal work level for each patient and monitors each patient's blood pressure while they work out. She has worked in long-term care for so many years she can usually predict what each resident needs when they ring their call bell.

"When I first started in cardiac rehab," Cindy says. "I couldn't believe they were actually paying me to do a job I enjoy so much. I find it very gratifying to know I'm helping people get well."

Cardiac rehab supervisor Vicki Reedy praises Cindy's devotion to patients. "Cindy is one of those lucky people who found the career they were meant to have," she says. "Work with her for a while and it's easy to see that Cindy does this work because she truly loves people."



CEO Lynn Stambaugh (left) and cardiac rehab supervisor Vicki Reedy (right) congratulate Cindy Smith, CMH's Employee of the Year.

Cindy and her husband Ed live in rural Frederick with their son Matthew. They are also the parents of a married daughter Jessica, who lives in Havana with the Smith's two grandchildren, Laina and Emma.

As Employee of the Year, Cindy received a cash gift and two extra paid vacation days.



## CMH TO PARTNER WITH THE COMMITTEE FOR CITIZEN AWARENESS

The Committee for Citizen Awareness (CCA) will feature Culbertson Memorial Hospital on their award-winning "Where We Stand" educational civic DVD for the 18<sup>th</sup> congressional district in Illinois. The CCA is an organization that works to strengthen good citizenship of America's youth and increase America's voter participation. The "Where We Stand" DVD highlights the benefits available to Americans through community hospitals and medical centers, including access to emergency services, well-trained and specialized doctors, state-of-the-art equipment and facilities. Additionally, it discusses the importance of leading a healthy life and making healthy choices.

CEO Lynn Stambaugh said, "We are sponsoring this DVD in an effort to help young people better understand our country's democracy and how it affects health care. It is unfortunate that significantly more 13- to 17-year-old Americans can name the founder of Facebook than can name the three branches of government. We hope this DVD helps young Americans understand how our government makes decisions that affect our lives every day."

Because of Culbertson Memorial Hospital's efforts, all public and private schools in our congressional district along with community colleges, major chambers of commerce and public libraries will receive a free copy of this custom-made DVD. The "Where We Stand" program will also be available as an interactive website.



## CMH Foundation Board Member Profile Get to Know Donna Sargent

Donna Sargent joined the CMH Foundation Board of Directors in 2008, two years after retiring from a 33-year career in education. A lifelong Rushville resident, Donna graduated from Rushville High School, then went on to receive her B.S. in education from Illinois State University and her

M.S. in education from Western Illinois University. She taught high school business classes in Rushville and Astoria for 24 years, and served as a career counselor for two years. During her final seven years in education, Donna served as the principal at Rushville-Industry High School.

In addition to giving her time to the CMH Foundation, Donna also serves on the Schuyler County Mental Health Association board, is Region 9 Director of the Illinois Retired Teachers' Association and volunteers at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. In her free time, she enjoys crafts of all kinds and loves to travel with her daughters, Carrie and Abbey Walters.

"I am honored to be a member of the CMH Foundation Board," she says. "We are so fortunate to have Culbertson Memorial Hospital and its services available to us. I truly enjoy learning more about our local health facilities."

## Luan Phillips Retires After 21 Years of Service

Luan Phillips began her career at CMH in 1980 as Marshall Ervin's development assistant. In those early days, the department had no computer system, marketing plan or development tools. Together Ervin and Phillips built a program and database that grew into what the CMH Foundation is today. Phillips will never forget when she learned that former Schuyler County resident Elmer Taylor was going to donate \$1 million to the Foundation. "Marshall always said that would happen one day," Phillips says. "He always had great vision."

In addition to her role in the Foundation, Phillips built the CMH Marketing Department from the ground up. Through the years, Phillips has enjoyed providing a voice for the hospital and has found great satisfaction in writing heart-warming articles the community enjoys reading. She also learned the skill of grant writing and successfully secured three major grant awards for the hospital.

CEO Lynn Stambaugh says, "What Luan will be taking with her is invaluable. She has a 21-year history of the hospital stored in her head. She is a part of the hospital past and present and I have no doubt she will leave a legacy for our future."

Luan is married to Rick Phillips and together they reside in Rushville. Between them, they have 4 children and 11 grandchildren. Although Phillips is ready to travel and spend time relaxing with her Kindle, she will miss the family she has come to love at Culbertson. She has always been proud of the staff, watching them fight for their patients' lives and knows in her heart that her co-workers at CMH are wonderfully skilled and provide quality, compassionate care.



Luan Phillips looks forward to traveling and spending time with grandchildren after 21 years at CMH.



# Point of Care System Installed

Today when patients are admitted to Culbertson Memorial Hospital, they may experience their first encounter with an electronic health records (EHR) system. Touted by the government as a way to reduce overall medical costs, EHRs are becoming more common in hospitals and doctors' offices across the nation.

Patients will notice the difference right away. The traditional armbands have been replaced by a high-tech version that can be scanned by medical personnel to verify the patient's identity. As nurses care for patients, they document each action on a touch screen at the bedside. Pertinent patient information is stored in the system, where other caregivers can access it and enter additional information on the same patient.

The system's medication safety feature assures each patient is getting the correct medication in the correct dosage at the correct time, and alerts caregivers about any allergies the patient may have. This part of the overall system, known as Point of Care, was rolled out in January. Other components will be brought online one at a time to allow staff to become accustomed to this new way of documenting the care they provide.

Chief Nursing Officer Lisa Downs is pleased with the progress her staff has made in rolling out the new Point of Care system. "Learning a new charting system can be frustrating, but our staff has done a tremendous job in keeping the frustration from interfering with patient care. We have an excellent staff at CMH and this system will help them improve the quality of care they give to their patients."



Chief Nursing Officer Lisa Downs (right) supervises RN Glenda Howe (center) as she cares for patient June Fuqua using the new Point of Care system.



## HEALTH PROFESSION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Culbertson Memorial Hospital (CMH) Foundation announced applications are now available for five \$1,000 scholarships from the Elmer Taylor Health Profession Scholarship fund. These scholarships are open to area high school seniors or college students who reside in the CMH service area of Schuyler, Brown, Cass and South Fulton counties and who are entering a health-related field of study. Applications are available from the offices of career counselors in area high schools, or can be accessed online at [www.cmhospital.com/givingopportunities](http://www.cmhospital.com/givingopportunities). Completed applications must be returned by April 15, 2011.



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 Thomas and Annetta Scott  
 Robert P. Scripps in memory of my wife, Mariana Scripps  
 Don and Jo Shaw  
 Charles and Betty Shelts in memory of Edna Diseron  
 Bill and Mary Shenaut in memory of Ernest and Bess Daly  
 Sheila Sherbeyn  
 Wanda Shields in memory of Willard Shields  
 Robert and Bernice Silger in memory of Harold and Violet Brooks  
 Christy Sims  
 James Skiles  
 William and Linda Smart in memory of Ferd Stocker  
 Ed and Cindy Smith  
 Harold and Norma Smith  
 D. David Sniff  
 Effie Snyder in memory of Robert W. Snyder  
 Merlin and Jane Southerlan in memory of Donna Houck  
 Kelly and Lynn Stambaugh in memory of Shirley Ward  
 Ted and Sandy Stambaugh  
 Robert and Nancy Stauffer in memory of their parents  
 Toby and Joanna Stay  
 Cuthbert and Brines Strong Family Trust in memory of Brines Strong  
 Wendell and Rosemary Surratt  
 Robert and Laverne Talbert  
 Carol Taylor  
 Maurice and Margaret Taylor  
 Wilberta Taylor  
 Bob and Ruth Teel  
 Dick and Dawn Teel  
 Bide and Mary Nell Thomas  
 Jerry and Jeanne Thurman in memory of Ed Tolle  
 Jon and Lorrie Thurman  
 Nancy Toland  
 William and Lydia Tolle in memory of Ed Tolle  
 Dorothy A. Tracy in memory of Robert Tracy  
 Patrick Tracy  
 Peggy Trone  
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 Eldon and Irene Vaughn in memory of Lily Bonser  
 Julia Wall in memory of Dr. M.H. Wall  
 Leslie and Mary Ward in memory of deceased members of our family  
 Richard and Linda Ward  
 Sara Ward in memory of family and loved ones  
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 Jane Wendling  
 Mariolyn Wheeler  
 Brittney White  
 Jason and Veronica Williams  
 Terry and Joyce Williams  
 Bruce and Leah Wilson  
 Charles Wilson  
 Lou Ann Winston  
 Brent and Liz Wood  
 Roy and Norma Woodside in memory of Robert (Bob) Brown  
 James Wornyo, MD  
 Wilma Worsdell  
 Evalyn Worthington in memory of Glenn Worthington  
 Jim and Jody Worthington  
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 Dwight and Sheila Yockey in memory of Patrick T. Gallivan  
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