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New Direction

Memorial hosts political forums for staff, public

A critical election is quickly approaching Nacogdoches County Hospital District Board of Directors, with four seats up for election on Nov. 6, 2018. Early voting begins Monday.

This week Memorial hosted two political forums, featuring questions submitted mostly by hospital employees to challengers and incumbents alike. Both forums were well attended and were live streamed on the hospital Facebook page.

"Those videos have been viewed a combined total of 2,500 times, so that's a clear indication that our community is following these races for hospital board very closely," said Kim Barton, community relations director. "It's vitally important for our staff and our community to vote, because the candidates who win this election will play a big role in determining our future."

When the results are tallied on Nov. 6, there will be a new representative for Precinct 2, either Dr. Ryan Head or Brent Beal, PhD. Precinct 3 will be represented by incumbent Walter Lee Scott or challenger Sean Hightower. Two At-Large seats will go to the top two vote collectors amongst incumbent Lisa King and challengers Joe Allport, Mary Ann Derby, James Stockman, Leann West and Anita Kite, who currently holds the Precinct 4 spot.

There are many new convenience options for early voting this year, including extended hours, a Saturday opportunity and Early Bird Branch Voting on Monday, Oct. 22 only, at Central Heights ISD, Garrison City Office, Grace Bible Church, Woden ISD and Martinsville ISD from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The main early voting location, Nacogdoches County Courthouse Annex, will open the polls at the hours and days listed below.

Monday	Oct. 22	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesday	Oct. 23	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wednesday	Oct. 24	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday	Oct. 25	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday	Oct. 26	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday	Oct. 27	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Monday	Oct. 29	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesday	Oct. 30	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wednesday	Oct. 31	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday	Nov. 1	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday	Nov. 2	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



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Hang out with your ghoulish friends at Healthy Halloween!

Don't be a scary cat - come help with Healthy Halloween, Sunday, Oct. 28 at Festival Park. We have shifts from 2 to 5 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. Volunteers will receive a free t-shirt. Please call ext. 4124 or email bartonk@nacmem.org to volunteer.



Auxiliary annual jewelry sale slated for Nov. 8 and 9

If you're looking to do some early Christmas shopping, the Memorial Auxiliary will help you out at their annual jewelry sale Thursday, Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Friday, Nov. 9 from 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Auxiliary Conference Center. Along with fine jewelry, sterling silver, name brand watches and fragrances, Gold 'N Visions jewelry company will also be bringing name brand electronics and handbags. Payroll deductions will be available for employees and cash and major credit cards will be accepted.



Going the distance with Nac Half

If you're running towards a better you, the Nac Half is an event you don't want to run away from. Sign up to run or volunteer on Sunday, Nov. 18 by calling Katy Crawford, Nacogdoches Memorial Foundation director at ext. 4194 or emailing crawfork@nacmem.org.

The race starts at 7 a.m., with the half marathon, but if that's more challenge than you're up for, you can enter the 10k or 5k. Staff who would like to participate in the race will receive a special code for half off the registration fee.

Volunteers are needed to cheer on the crowd of runners.



Cath lab new tech installation complete

We just launched our new cath lab, upgrading to advanced imaging technology that may help lower risks and shorten recovery times for patients with cardiovascular disease. Dr. Vijaya Pokala performed the first procedure earlier this month.



Breast Cancer bake sale encourages hope

Athena Johnson and Kim Hancock took up the fight against cancer in the photo booth at the annual Breast Cancer Support Group Bake Sale to fund prosthetics, wigs and other support materials.

Patient satisfaction survey tip for Topic 7 - Cleanliness of Hospital Environment

There is only one question that determines our HCAHPS score for the seventh topic, judging the cleanliness of the hospital environment. 1) During your hospital stay, how often were your room and bathroom kept clean?

As always, the only acceptable answer is Always. Our environmental services team cleans each room daily and it is important that they thoroughly complete this task each day, but every employee can help in this.

If a patient's trashcan gets full, go ahead and empty it. Pick up trash that is seen on the floor; make sure patients have what they need in reach; but also make sure their bedside table isn't full of trash or really cluttered. Clean up meal trays as soon as the patient is finished eating.

All of these things can help improve the cleanliness score and help support the work EVS does on a daily basis.