

# New Direction

## Outpatient pharmacy operating temporary location during remodel

During the recent snow and ice storm, the pipes in the outpatient pharmacy broke and leaked throughout the office. House supervisors discovered the leak seeping through both doors and onto the carpet. The damage caused by the leak brought attention to a potential health hazard in the facility, so the plant ops department decided to gut and remodel the space during the first week of March.

In preparation for the remodel, the outpatient pharmacy packed up and moved across the hall to a temporary location. The move backed them up for a few days, but Angela Miller, outpatient staff pharmacist, said “the employees were extremely patient and understanding” during the transition.

The outpatient pharmacy is hoping to be back in their regular location next week and anticipates they will be down for a few days to pack up and relocate again. Pharmacy staff members ask that the employees be proactive and get their orders placed in advance of the disruption. They expect things to run a little slower than normal for about two days following the move.

The outpatient pharmacy staff would like to thank plant ops and information systems for their continuous help during this challenging time. Angela Miller said she “cannot say enough wonderful things about them all.”

### Let us take you out to the ballpark!

Nacogdoches Memorial sponsors athletics at SFA, including baseball. We now have some free tickets available for home games. Please call the community relations department at ext. 4123 if you want the tickets to a game. To check out upcoming home baseball games, please visit [www.sfajacks.com/sports/baseball/schedule/2021](http://www.sfajacks.com/sports/baseball/schedule/2021) and call us to reserve available tickets.



Members of the discharge planning department recently got to enjoy a lunch from Jalapeno Tree as their prize for winning the annual Christmas door decorating competition.

## Memorial providing thousands of COVID-19 shots to community members

We've been working hard to provide thousands of COVID-19 vaccines to the Nacogdoches and surrounding communities in almost weekly shot clinics, in collaboration with the City of Nacogdoches, the County of Nacogdoches and the Stephen F. Austin State University DeWitt School of Nursing. We've provided schedulers, data entry techs, medical monitors, translators and supervisors, resulting in hundreds of man hours from us and lots of gratitude from our friends and neighbors.



This week, the human resources department enjoyed green lemonade in honor of St. Patrick's Day, when Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers treated the whole house to free green lemonade in the Bright Cafe' on Wednesday.

## All staff required to participate in safety fair

There will be a mandatory annual safety fair for all employees of Nacogdoches Memorial Health. Most of the computers have a shortcut to health.edu where the courses can be found. If not, search Texas Tech health.edu for the login. Once on the site, look for the "site produced course catalog" on the menu. Our safety fair programs are below. Deadline for completion is April 5.

- 000260 - Section 1-NMH Safety Fair 2021-All Employees
- 000261 - Section 2-NMH Safety Fair 2021-All Employees
- 000262 - Section 3-NMH Safety Fair 2021-All Employees
- 000263 - Section 4-NMH Safety Fair 2021-RN's and LVN's

## Coworker's grateful letter in a time of loss

Reflecting on life and choosing to see the blessings intertwined with tragedy can be tough. My season of loss came unexpectedly. Although we all know one day that it will come, it is impossible to prepare. Then when it does, it hits like a tidal wave and completely engulfs you long after the first wave. I have learned many things through my experience. Some good, some bad, but what I learned without a shadow of a doubt is our Memorial Hospital family is absolutely the most amazing group of people around. As I was riding waves of fear, sadness, desperation, and helplessness so many (too many to count) came to my rescue by pouring out their love over me and my family. I continue to be overwhelmed at the kindness, thoughtfulness, and genuine love extended during my darkest hours. Despite the situation, the fact is I have been abundantly blessed by your support and encouragement throughout this time. The beautiful cards, texts, hugs, prayers, and gifts are more than I could have ever asked for. I believe God allows our paths to intersect with those he knows we will need at some point in our lives. I have witnessed it firsthand. For there is not a day ahead he has not already seen, not a place you will go he has not already stood. "Thank You" is simply inadequate to express how grateful I am to be a part of the Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital "chosen family."

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