

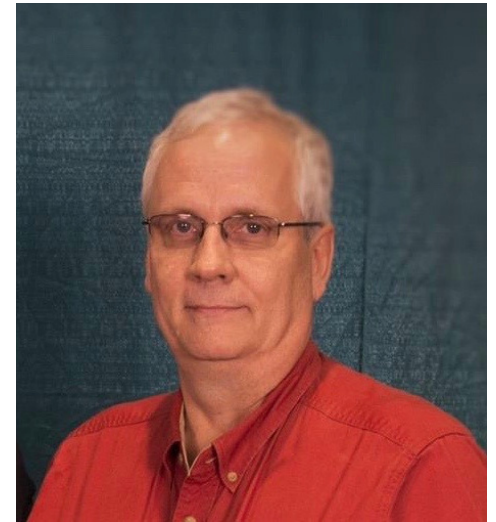
LAB UPDATES FROM TONY BLACK

As a preview to our upcoming Lunch and Learn March 16th, Tony Black, Director of OGH Laboratory details some of the reasons for expansion and services added that benefit both OGH and the communities we serve.

Ochiltree General Hospital Clinical Laboratory, with the remodeling of the new lab area, will be adding testing in-house that was formerly sent out to a reference laboratory. These additions will allow for faster turnaround time for results to allow our physicians and patients to get better care.

The expansion will include microbiology testing that previously was not performed at OGH; this will decrease our time for delivering results to the doctors from several days to hours. As with anything, the fewer times a sample is transported and handled reduces the chances of a mistake or a unusable sample occurring. The handling and testing of these samples will go directly from the collector to the lab for processing. The microbiology testing will also be enhanced by the addition of PCR testing platforms that can allow for identification of pathogens in 1 hour versus 2 days or more.

Several areas such as chemistry, body fluids and infectious disease testing will be added over the next few months.



Tony Black

PROUD OF OUR NURSES

Ochiltree General Hospital Employees congratulate our nurses: Patrick Smith, Keeley DeWitt, and Samantha Blakely on passing their State Board Exams to become Registered Nurses. We would also like to congratulate Jessica Russell for graduating with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing.



Patrick Smith



Keeley DeWitt



Samantha Blakely



Jessica Russell

THE SEASONS CROWNS VALENTINES' ROYALTY



Duane & Norma Mounts



LUNCH & LEARN- DR. BLASINGAME GENERAL SURGERY



Dr. Jay Blasingame

OGH hosted a Lunch and Learn featuring General Surgeon, Dr. Jay Blasingame on February 23rd. Dr. Blasingame gave an informative lecture on surgeries performed at OGH and advances in the general surgery field. Using several tools Dr. Blasingame explained laparoscopy and how robotics has advanced the patient experience. The original date for the Lunch and Learn was scheduled for February 16th, 2023, but the icy roads and snow made travel difficult and OGH decided for the safety of staff and visitors, it would be best to postpone. We are proud to announce that attendance at this particular event was the highest we have had recently. Twenty-two members of the community and some OGH staff members attended. Attendees were given goodie bags and four attendees won door prizes. Lunch and Learns are a free service to the community where we bring information or topics that are relevant to rural healthcare to you, the consumer. Our next Lunch and Learn is March 16th, featuring our Laboratory Director, Tony Black. If you would like to join us or have any questions about Lunch and Learns, please contact us at 806-648-7402.

ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET



Jenny Barnes

Ochiltree General Hospital had a great showing at the Annual Ochiltree Chamber of Commerce Banquet this year. OGH reserved 6 tables and many employees, physicians, and Board Members attended. Attendees were treated to a steak dinner with asparagus, mashed potatoes and delicious fried apple pies, catered by Daddy's Dogs & More. Jenny Barnes, Director of Radiology, was recognized as retiring board member for the Chamber. Dr. Jay Blasingame, OGH General Surgeon, was recognized as a new member of the Board of Directors for the Chamber. The Speaker of the night was Randy Skaggs, who said, "Ochiltree General Hospital is the greatest hospital in the World!" Thanks, Dr. Skaggs!



Ochiltree General Hospital Employees attended, Leadership Perryton's Motivational Speaker, sponsored by Courson Oil and Gas. The motivational talk was titled, "Platinum Service, by Tracy Stock.

Each month OGH recognizes one outstanding staff member for their dedication to providing quality healthcare in our community.

Employee of the Month for February is Lyuda Battin. Lyuda is an Advanced Nurse Practitioner at OGH.



Lunch & Learn Dates:
 March 16th- Laboratory (Tony Black)
 April 20th- OB History (Dr. DeWitt)

Employee Spotlight

OGH BIRTHDAYS

Corina Mendoza- March 4	Rose Huerta- March 18
Ruth Kardokus- March 7	Shelby Pond- March 20
Tara McCartney- March 8	Ron Bishop- March 22
Dee Floyd- March 9	Khristi Martinez- March 23
Connie Beltran- March 10	Kenia Quezada- March 24
Bailey Savage- March 12	Blanca Navarrete- March 25
Melanni Schollenbarger- Mar 13	Jenny Barnes- March 26
Vicki Risner- March 14	Mary Heckman- March 27
Candace Lizardo- March 16	Ashley Boyd- March 27
	Brittney Reyes- March 28
	Austin DeWitt- March 28
	Alyce Morton- March 30

OGH ANNIVERSARIES

Michelle Garcia- 2 Years
 Rose Huerta- 2 Years
 Krystine Ramsey- 5 Years
 Jamie Bentley- 6 Years
 Kristi Brown- 9 Years
 Maria Ontiveros- 10 Years
 Maria Avalos- 13 Years
 Deryenda Overton- 21 Years

OGH NEW ROCKSTARS

Ramona Cabrera- Dietary
 Ilda Soto- Dietary
 Kimberly Moxley- Business Office
 Juliet Roy- Nursing

Upcoming Events

For more information on these activities, please visit our website at www.OchiltreeHospital.com or contact Amie Marrufo 806-648-7402.

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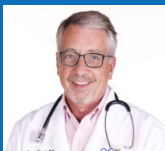
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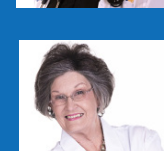
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