

CNO RECOGNIZED AS “GREAT 25 PANHANDLE NURSES”

We are proud to announce that Kevelin Becerril Cervantes, CNO, RN, was recognized in November as one of the distinguished Panhandle Great 25 Nurses for 2025. This prestigious honor celebrates nurses across the Texas Panhandle who exemplify excellence in patient care, leadership, and community service.

Kevelin Becerril Cervantes was nominated by her colleague, Charge Nurse, Connie Beltran, a testament to her impactful contributions both at the bedside and within the OGH community.

The Panhandle Great 25 Nurses event, established in 2016, serves to recognize and honor nurses for their significant contributions to individual patients, families, and the communities in which they live and work. The award aims to raise awareness of the deep commitment to the field of nursing among the over 4,000 nurses practicing in the Panhandle region.

“Kevelin embodies the core values of this recognition,” said Kelly Justice, CEO. “She represents the courage, strength, and resilience that defines exceptional nursing. We are incredibly proud to have her dedication and compassionate care representing Ochiltree General Hospital among the Great 25.”

Selection for the Panhandle Great 25 is a rigorous, multi-step process that highlights the most outstanding registered nurses (RNs) with at least five years of practice in the Texas Panhandle.

Nominations can come from family members, patients, peers, physicians, and administrators, and must be submitted without identifying information (using “The Nurse”) to ensure impartiality. Once the nomination period concludes, a selection committee comprised of current and past Great 25 recipients, along with community members, evaluates each candidate.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Kevelin Becerril Cervantes on this well-deserved recognition, solidifying her status as a healthcare leader and an invaluable asset to the Ochiltree County Hospital District.



Kevelin Becerril Cervantes, CNO, RN



OGH NURSING STAFF SKILLS REFRESHER

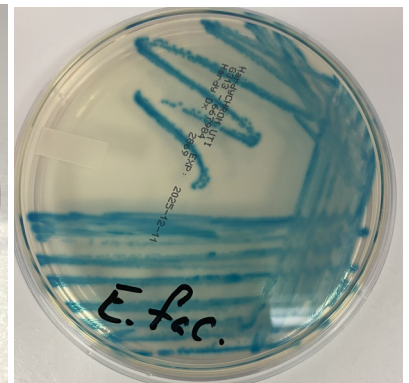
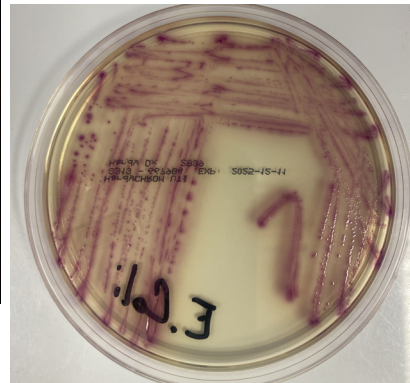


We recently celebrated National Rural Health Day, recognizing the critical and unique role our hospital plays in ensuring access to high-quality care right here in our community. To honor this commitment and further strengthen patient care, our entire nursing team participated in a comprehensive, one-on-one skills refresher program. As Chief Nursing Officer Kevelin Becerril Cervantes, stated, this dedication ensures our nurses are confident and prepared to provide the best possible care for every patient. This investment reflects OGH's dedication to maintaining the highest standards of safety and patient care for our rural community.

FINAL 2025 LUNCH & LEARN: VIRUS VS. BACTERIA



Pictured: Dr. Jennifer McGaughy (Perryton Health Center), Tony Black (OGH Lab Manager, and Lunch & Learn Attendees



The final Lunch & Learn of the year was held in November at the Ochiltree County Senior Citizens Center. The session, led Dr. McGaughy, was incredibly well-received and focused on a vital topic: understanding the difference between viruses and bacteria.

Dr. McGaughy delivered a thorough presentation detailing common bacterial and viral illnesses she is currently seeing in the clinic and among hospital patients. A major focus of the discussion was the critical importance of antibiotic stewardship. She explained why antibiotics should only be taken when a provider determines the illness is bacterial, helping to combat the growing issue of antibiotic resistance.

Tony Black, OGH Laboratory Manager, provided a fascinating look into the recent upgrades within the OGH Laboratory and emphasized why culturing bacteria is so crucial. By growing the bacteria in the lab, our team can accurately identify the exact pathogen, ensuring that patients are prescribed the most appropriate and effective medication. Tony's presentation included slides showcasing the work done right here in the OGH Lab.

Guests were highly engaged, asking many insightful questions throughout the event. We are thrilled to see such strong community interest in health education. Thank you to all the participants who made this final Lunch & Learn of the year a huge success! We look forward to bringing you more informative sessions when our Lunch & Learn series resumes in 2026.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Each month OGH recognizes one outstanding staff member for their dedication to providing quality healthcare in our community. Casey McGarraugh, PA-C was chosen as Employee of the Month for November and is a Certified Physicians Assistant at Perryton Health Center.



WOMAN OF THE YEAR



We are absolutely thrilled to announce that our CEO, Kelly Judice, has been honored as the Panhandle Professional Woman of the Year for 2025! This prestigious award is a testament to her leadership and commitment to regional healthcare excellence, which ensures OGH continues to thrive as a Critical Access Hospital and serve our community and local communities with top-tier care. Under her leadership, three OGH employees have been chosen over the last few years as Young Careerists; a monthly honor given to young career women who are inspiring others.

Employee Spotlight

OGH BIRTHDAYS

- Jazmin Gutierrez- Dec 1
- Gisabelle Gonzalez- Dec 2
- Tanya Navarrete- Dec 2
- Ibette Ramirez- Dec 4
- Dr. O’Beirne- Dec 5
- Hallie Lingo- Dec 8
- Chad McCartney- Dec 9
- Emily Manross- Dec 10
- Gab Alaban- Dec 11
- Monica Green- Dec 11
- Tony Black- Dec 12
- Chrysa Chatzianastassi- Dec 12
- Daniel Rangel- Dec 12
- Stacy Vargas- Dec 13
- Alex Hernandez- Dec 14
- Kiana Hoffman- Dec 15
- Richie Gastineau- Dec 16
- Krsystine Ramsey- Dec 16
- Deryenda Overton- Dec 17
- Candie Pickett- Dec 19
- Faviana Laredo- Dec 28
- Bianca Castaneda- Dec 30
- Breanna Castanon- Dec 30

OGH ANNIVERSARIES

- Wendy Ponce- 1 Year
- Judy Yarbrough- 1 Year
- Kassandra Martinez- 1 Year
- Vanessa Najera- 1 Year
- Brittney Hill- 2 Years
- Bertha Bencomo- 3 Years
- Vanessa Navarrete- 3 Years
- Kelin Harrison- 4 Years
- Mary Heckman- 5 Years
- Shawna Merriman- 5
- Jessica Arredondo- 7 Years
- Deisy Chairez- 9 Years
- Maria Estrada- 10 Years
- Candie Pickett- 24 Years

OGH NEW ROCKSTARS

- Courtney Ekness- Occupational Therapy
- Alejandro Gallardo- Nursing
- Kathryn Wilkerson- Nursing
- Dyani Lozano- Surgery
- Maria Del Carmen Bencomo- Dietary

KELLY’S CORNER:

As this year draws to a close, the entire Ochiltree General Hospital District sends its warmest wishes to you and your family for a safe and joyful holiday season. We wish you a Merry Christmas! We are immensely grateful for the trust and support you place in our Hospital District and staff every single day. We look forward to ringing in the New Year with renewed commitment to providing exceptional health and compassionate care to our treasured community. From all of us at OGH, thank you, and may your holidays be filled with happiness and health.

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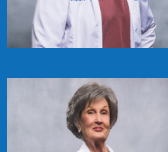
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PERRYTON
Health Center
HOLIDAY HOURS
Christmas Eve
Closing at 3:00 PM
Christmas Day
CLOSED
New Year's Day
CLOSED

Our Emergency Room Located in Ochiltree General Hospital is always available.