Surgeon Joins Orthopedic And Sports Medicine Center

West Virginia has one of the lowest percentages of orthopedic surgeons in the country, with only 81 practicing in the state in 2005. That means for every 100,000 West Virginians, there are only 4.5 orthopedic surgeons to provide services. That is why it is especially gratifying to learn that the Weston area now has two orthopedic physicians.

Dr. Douglas S. Tice has joined Dr. Joseph Snead at Weston Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Center, located by Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital on Route 33 in Weston. Dr. Tice is relocating to West Virginia from Hilton Head, S.C., to be close to family. He is originally from Parkersburg.

“Dr. Tice is very nice and very good clinically,” commented SJMH Associate Administrator Avah Stalnaker. “We are happy to be able to provide our patients with services which were not previously offered. Plus, we can now provide continuous coverage for the community since two orthopedic doctors will always be available.”

Dr. Tice graduated from WVU with a BA in chemistry, and then from WVU Medical School in 1990. He completed his internship at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. His residency was at WVU Department of Orthopedic Surgery. He has a strong background in the field, having served as Vice-Chairman of orthopedic trauma and Vice-Chairman of orthopedic surgery at Charleston Area Medical Center.

Dr. Tice is happy to practice in this area.

“I am looking forward to returning to West Virginia and raising our son in this area closer to our families,” he said. “I am also looking forward to working with Dr. Snead, who is a pillar of the Hospital and community here. I look forward to benefiting from his years of experience and knowledge.”

Dr. Tice’s practice focuses on joint and reconstructive surgery of the knee, hip, and shoulder. He performs joint replacements in all joints and uses all of the recent state-of-the-art techniques. His other focuses are in complex fracture management, hand surgery, sports medicine (shoulders and ACL reconstruction), and trauma orthopedics.

He spends time and effort in talking to patients and helping them to understand and make appropriate decisions for their elective surgeries.
Kristi McClain and Trey Newlon announce the birth of their child, Mallory Brooke Newlon, on February 26, 2006, at SJMH. The little girl weighed seven pounds, five ounces. Kristi is employed in the radiology department and the baby’s father is employed by Liberty Contracting in Weston.

Marsha Bailey of Medical Records is proud to announce the birth of a grandson, Landon James Waggoner. The little boy’s parents are Joshua and Kelly Waggoner of Killeen, Texas. He was born on March 9, 2006, at 6:15 p.m., and weighed seven pounds, eight ounces. His father will soon be deployed to Iraq.

Members of the Clarksburg Beauty Academy’s Massage Therapy School in Clarksburg provided participants of the Women’s Health Fair with mini-manicures and chair massages during the health fair on May 12. Pictured above from the school are Lori Jones, Pam Stewart, Sharon Cathell, and Tammy Sponaugle. If you can’t guess who is getting the massage, her name is D_ _ _ _ M_ _ _ _ .

Hospital Week was celebrated at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital with an old-fashioned ice cream social, a health fair, and a community barbecue.

Members of the Theresa Snaith Hospital Auxiliary and Teen Volunteer program scooped up the ice cream for the ice cream social on Tues., May 9.

On Fri., May 12, chicken barbecue meals were served from noon to 3 for the community and SJMH employees. Auxiliary members, SJMH staff, and community participants helped with the meal and the health fair.

Health displays and screenings were available on the ground floor area. The West Virginia Cancer Prevention Program, West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program, Regional Tobacco Prevention Coalition, WVU Extension Service, and Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital cooperated on the event.

The SJMH Soc/Rec Committee planned a trip to a Pirates game in April. Pictured above at the game are members of Tina Burnside’s family, who attended. Left to right are her husband Lee, daughter Lorin, friends Braley and Kenton Bozic.

At the left is a beautiful picture of the field with a view of Pittsburgh in the background. Brigetta Fisher took the pictures for us. She said that the game was fun but the Pirates stink.
Pretty Spring Flowers

The flowers were so pretty this spring and thanks to the help of Auxiliary members Susan Hull and Mary Alice Ebbert, pictured above left to right, they will be just as pretty next year, too.

LCHS Band Members Honored

Courtney Lynn Clevenger, daughter of ED’s Terri Clevenger, won the coveted position of co-drum major at Lewis County High School for the coming school year. Courtney also won Outstanding Sophomore during the recent Band Awards Dinner.

Samantha Snyder, daughter of Donna in Radiology, won the position of co-captain of the Auxiliary (flag corps).

Jason Bennett, son of Denise Bennett, won Spirit of the Band and Outstanding Senior honors during ceremonies at the Lewis County High School Band Awards Dinner on May 10. He has also been accepted into WVU’s Gold and Blue Marching Band and will work as an intern in SJMH’s IT Department this summer.

Adler Scholarship Scholarship Exceeds Expectations

To recognize his many contributions to SJMH over the years, the Board of Directors established the M. William Adler Scholarship Fund after his untimely death in 2002.

The purpose of the Fund is to help finance the college education of area high school students who select a healthcare career. Eligible students submit an application, which is reviewed by a panel composed of SJMH employees and a member of the Adler family. A panel representative announces its selections at the Lewis County High School Annual Awards Ceremony in May of each year.

The Fund is financed by general contributions, selective auctions and a golf tournament held each year at Stonewall Jackson Lake. By far, the bulk of fund revenues are contributed by the annual golf tournament, which has morphed into a highly anticipated event.

In 2004 and 2005 four students were awarded scholarships, however, in 2006 a total of six were awarded which brings the total to ten. The students have chosen nursing, pharmacy, physical therapy, and radiology as their fields of endeavor. We wish them luck.

Initially, our goal was to assist two students each year. Needless to say, we have exceeded our expectations as the fund continues to grow and more students are selected for scholarships. Several hospital employees have put a lot of time and effort into making this program work and they are to be commended for their spirit of community service.

To date, the Adler Scholarship Fund has been a real success story. One that has, and will, continue to assist area students in pursuing their chosen healthcare careers.
UPCOMING
SOC/REC EVENTS

June 15 - Covered-dish cookout
July 14 - Pool party at Lewis County Park, includes putt-putt golf, swimming, volleyball, horseshoes, and picnic.
August 13 - Kennywood trip

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SJMH’s Lucille Hicks Retires After Long

“I worked from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. every day, seven days a week,” said Lucille Hicks. “It was my first job and I was still in high school!”

The year was 1952 and Lucille was working in the City Hospital, precursor to Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital in Weston. She was an office clerk there.

“I was making $90 a month and was in high cotton. I knew that other people were making less so it made me feel pretty good. You have to remember that two hotdogs and a coke were only a quarter then. I think gasoline was only 15 or 20 cents a gallon. So that $90 went a long way,” said Lucille.

After working more than 54 years, with some time off for having children, Lucille decided to retire in February 2006 from her present position as an operating technician at SJMH. The Hospital held a reception for her on February 28 in the Hospital boardroom.

During her many years of work at the healthcare facility, Lucille worked in several areas. Besides performing her duties as clerk, she worked for several years for Dr. Trinkle. She also worked the floor as an aide. Lucille said that two of the staff could work both the OB unit and Med/Surg units. When the new SJMH facility opened in 1972, Lucille worked in OB and nursery.

Mary Ellen Bragg, Chief Nursing Officer at SJMH, paid Lucille one of the nicest compliments.

“Lucille helped deliver my boys. It was a comfort to know they would be well taken care of that day. This is how I will always remember her – taking good care of everyone,” commented Bragg.

With so many years working at the Hospital, one might think she would miss her old job, but that will not be the case.

“I probably won’t have time to miss working. I am a people person,” commented Lucille. “I plan on doing stuff for other people.”

There is no doubt that Lucille will do what she says. On a recent weekday afternoon, she had already taken potato soup and sandwiches to one neighbor; checked the blood pressure of another; and then provided another neighbor with pie.

Lucille said that she loves to read and crafting, but one of her most favorite activities is visiting neighbors and taking care of others.

Members of the SJMH Social/Recreation Committee could always depend on Lucille to bring a smile and a great dish to any of the covered dishes held at the Hospital. From wonderful strawberry-spinach salad to the best coconut cream pie imaginable, Lucille is one of the best cooks around. She always loved to participate in Hospital activities - from the yearly banquet to the picnic.

“Lucille is one of those bubbly people who always has a smile on her face,” said Julia Spelsberg. “She enjoys life and being a part of the Hospital.”

Her co-worker in the OR, Bea Brown, was very positive in her comments about Lucille.

“She was a good teacher for me. She would always fill in when it was necessary and helped everybody. She seldom called off and even came when she was sick. I know it took a lot of will power on her part. She was just a very dedicated employee,” said Bea.

Lucille has been married for 51 years to Otis Hicks, who retired from T.A. Chapman.

Her children and grandchildren are her pride and joy. The couple’s children are: Vicki Jo McManus, a nurse; Scott, a self-employed mechanic; Shonda Stark, an employee of Dr. Scattaregia; and Rhonda Perkey, a nurse for Right from the Start.

She has a number of grandchildren and stepgrandchildren, including: Chad Hicks; Breein Sisk; Brian Hefner; McKenzi and Brooklyn Perkey; Jimmy, Christopher, and Samantha McManus; Adam and Elizabeth Stark.

Lucille’s parents are the late Earl and Hettie Robison of Camden. She has been a member of the Berlin U.M. Church for the past 48 years. She is also the home and education chairwoman for the Berlin CEOS. She is a member of the United Methodist Women.

Lucille is pictured above with her daughters Rhonda Perkey, Shonda Stark, and Vicki Jo McManus, during her retirement reception.
KUDOS TO:

▲▲ Dr. Naim, Dr. Cormier, Dr. Snuffer, Dr. Shreves, Nurse Practitioner Amy Coffman, staff at Dr. Thomas and Dr. Naim’s offices, the volunteers, and Food Services Department who made our Women’s Health Screening and Community Picnic a great success. We were able to provide much-needed screenings for these women thanks to you.

▲▲ Staff and Rotary’s hard work on the annual Blood Analysis. It is a tough two days, but very beneficial to area residents.

▲▲ Soc/Rec Committee and all the activities they have going.

▲▲ Administration for the Hospital Week activities.

▲▲ A big thank you from members of the nursing staff to those in administration who provided the CPSI training in March.

▲▲ Payroll for direct deposit.

▲▲ Barbara Bolton and all the good people in Food Service for their hard work and great help.

▲▲ Lucille Hicks for her many years of service.

▲▲ Nelson Riffl for his 24 years of dedicated service to SJMH.

▲▲ The wonderful ladies and gentlemen of the Auxiliary for their contributions of time and money to help us here.

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Congrats to Grads

Congratulations to the two SJMH employees who graduated from nursing school recently. Respiratory’s Veronica Crites and Nursing’s Dusty Hall are new nursing graduates.

It takes a special person to juggle school and working full time. Good job, Veronica and Dusty!!!

Congratulations to Physical Therapy’s Kim Nicholson for graduating from Fairmont State University with a bachelor of science in allied health administration. Kim also is a physical therapy assistant and licensed massage therapist.

Congratulations to Julia Spelsberg, who received her master of science from West Virginia University in integrated marketing communications. Her undergrad degree is from WVU in journalism.

Congratulations to Mark Casto for completing his BSN from Alderson Broaddus College. Mark has come a long way, having completed his associate degree in 2001 and his LPN training in 1995.

Belated Congratulations to Marcie Stumpe on attaining her BSN from Alderson Broaddus College in December 2005. She completed her associate degree in 1997 from WVU at Parkersburg.

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Terri Clevenger always brings goodies to the Lewis County Emergency Squad during National EMS Week. Pictured to the left are: Pat Tomey, Lisa Tomey, Cagalina Tomey, Clevenger, Peggy Smith, Terri Flint, and Vera Shackleford. Terri treats the Squad to lunch and cake.
Annual Auxiliary Dinner Held April 26 at Weston Masonic

Fifty members of the Theresa Snaith Hospital Auxiliary met for the annual Getting To Know You Dinner on Wed., April 26, at the Weston Masonic Temple on Main Avenue in Weston. Three members of the WV Hospital Auxiliary Association were in attendance: President Sandy Radcliffe of Wheeling, President-Elect Linda Staddon, and North Central District representative Cindy Heiskell, both of Morgantown.

Vice-President Sissie Riley conducted the invocation before dinner. The Eastern Star served a meal of baked steak, mashed potatoes, and green beans.

At the end of the meal, Auxiliary President Julia Spelsberg welcomed the Auxilians and provided them with several pieces of information about the Hospital. She advised the members about the retirement of Dr. Charles Lively, but explained that Lively Healthcare would still operate with the help of Doctors Mahmoud and Zuriqat.

Spelsberg thanked the members for their hard work during the past year. She noted that the Auxiliary was able to buy five chair beds for the Special Delivery Birthing Center at SJMH. She also said that several pieces of equipment were also bought for SJMH. She explained that Saint Joseph’s Hospital in Buckhannon had donated pink coats to the group.

On a more serious note, Spelsberg spoke about the losses of the Auxiliary during the past year, including the deaths of President Teresa Moran and Membership Chairman Joan Moody.

Spelsberg introduced the state auxiliary members and then all of those present introduced themselves to the group.

The end-of-the-year report was made and it was noted that 62 members worked a total of 4,813 hours. Patty Stark worked 403 hours, and Susan Hull worked 312 hours. Those members working more than 100 hours included: Irene Gissy, Velva Martin, Rene Henline, Sissie Riley, Janice Light, Kathleen Weaver, Ursel Watson, Clara Ann Moran, Ada Williams, James Wilson, and Betty Wilson.

Auxiliary members receiving 100-hour pins were Betty Montgomery and Janice Light. Bubbles Arbogast received a 500-hour pin.

Spelsberg then introduced the audience to the newest member of the SJMH medical staff, orthopedic surgeon Dr. Douglas Tice. Dr. Tice is originally from Parkersburg. He graduated from the WVU Medical School and worked at CAMC in Charleston. He recently relocated to West Virginia from Hilton Head, S.C., with his family.

Dr. Tice spoke to the group about his areas of expertise in the orthopedic field, some of them new to this area. He told about his background and his hopes for his local practice. Dr. Tice will be working with Dr. Joseph Snead at Weston Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Center in Weston.

Maxine Smith won the beautiful centerpiece of pink roses donated by O’Suzanna’s Florist. O’Suzanna’s also designed the carnation corsages which were donated by Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Betty Brown’s Son is Home After Two Tours in Iraq

Betty Brown, of the Dietary Department, has always been very proud of her son, Joseph Bross. He has been in the U.S. Marines for eight years and just signed up for another four, she said. He spent two tours of duty in Iraq. He is pictured at right with a group of children in Fallujah, Iraq.

He has told his mother many stories about his adventures there. She says that she could have done without the details because she was so worried about his safety during those tours. He is a sergeant now and is enrolled in a cold-weather training instructor school. He is stationed in California.

He has two sons, Wes, 4 years old, and Nic, 3 years old. He also has a one-year-old daughter, Liberty, who was named after this war.

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EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH AND APRIL

Gaines Picked for March

Roberta Gaines of the Housekeeping Department has been selected as Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital’s employee of the month for March 2006. She has been employed by SJMH since 1992.

Roberta has a 17-year-old son, Eric Turner. She is the daughter of Roger and Juanita Gaines. Her significant other is Lee Brown.

Roberta’s nominator was very complimentary of her. “She is a great worker. She is very considerate of the patients and her co-workers. She has a great sense of humor and makes work enjoyable. She always does whatever she can to help out with everyone,” wrote the nominator.

Roberta enjoys her work at SJMH. “I work with great people. We are like one, big happy family,” she said. “I truly enjoy getting out and interacting with the patients. I call myself the Welcome Committee.”

Her department head, Tommy Harris, noted that Roberta knows every part of her job and is “overall a great employee.”

Roberta is a lifelong Lewis County native and graduated from Lewis County High School. She enjoys being outside and spending time with her family, including her niece and nephew, Amber and Brandon.

Smarr Chosen for April

Social Worker Brenda Smarr, MA, LSW, has been selected as Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital’s employee of the month for April 2006. She has been employed by SJMH since 1998 as Director of Social Services.

Brenda’s nominators were very complimentary of her. “Brenda is a very conscientious worker who handles difficult situations very well. She not only exhibits excellent skills in performing her duties, but also serves as a positive role model for her peers by demonstrating an outstanding work ethic. She is highly respected both as a person and a professional by her colleagues,” they wrote.

The staff of the Special Delivery Birthing Center also wrote a letter in support of the nomination. In part, they noted, “Brenda has helped us in good times and bad. She has spent countless time on the phone and in our unit after-hours to make sure everything gets done. Her smile and kind manner to both the staff and patients should not go unnoticed.”

Brenda said that she truly enjoys her job at SJMH. All of the employees are wonderful and very helpful to her.

“I am so glad that I chose medical social work as a profession. It has provided me with a lot of satisfaction in helping others,” said Brenda.

Brenda is a Weston native and Lewis County High School graduate. She received her Bachelor in Social Work in 1979 from Glenville State College. She received her Master in Counseling from Marshall University Graduate College in 2002.

She enjoys reading and playing with her grand doggy, Mia. She has two children - Marinda, 23, who is employed by the Bureau of Child Support in Clarksburg, and a son, Brent, 20, who works at M & M Motors as a mechanic. She is the daughter of Robert and Kathleen Weaver of Weston.

Cessation Classes Forming at SJMH

People interested in trying to quit tobacco can participate in a four-session tobacco cessation class at SJMH. Call Julia Spelsberg at 269-8167 or Sheila Spears at 269-8099 for more info.
**Missionary Work in Central America**

Mark Casto and Jake Poling, pictured above, traveled to Central America for medical missionary work in May. The two volunteered with Hands and Hearts for Christ, a group affiliated with the Catholic Church in Buckhannon.

The two flew into Belize City and took a bus to Dangrinia, which is located on the Caribbean side of Central America. They were lucky enough to be housed in the Pelican Beach Resort there.

Mark said that the missionary group was able to take care of 75 cases in five days, including gallbladders, fibroids, hernias, and some ob/gyn cases. Jake assisted the physicians, while Mark assisted the surgical team. For both Mark and Jake, this was their second time working with the missionaries.

They have found it to be both enjoyable and satisfying.

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**FROM STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

- General Orientation for new employees will be held on the following days:

  Orientation is from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the second-floor classroom. Physicals and lab work must be completed prior to orientation (five days at least.)

- CPR recertification will be held on Tuesday, June 13 @ noon, and Tues., July 11 @ noon. You must be signed up in advance. Call 8119. All clinical staff are required to have a current card.

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**From Human Resources**

**by Aimee Greene**

About 44% of employees have enrolled in direct deposit of paychecks and anyone may enroll at any time by contacting Aimee or Fran in Human Resources for an enrollment form. It does take one pay period to take effect. Please ask Aimee, Fran, your department head, or coworkers about the benefits of direct deposit. Once you enrol, you won’t believe how convenient it is for your personal banking.

The conversion has been completed for the hospital-sponsored retirement plans. If you need assistance accessing your account(s) via the website, please see Aimee or Fran. Please remember, for any questions regarding investments within the plan, you can refer to the online information or contact the broker, James Mason, at 1-800-347-8638.

A hospitalwide campaign is currently under way to boost participation in the Hospital Sponsored Tax Deferred annuity. It is important that every employee think about retirement and begin to plan for it. By planning for retirement, I do not mean what you are going to do during retirement, but how you are going to pay for it.

In addition to the hospital-sponsored defined contribution retirement plan, the hospital gives every employee, regardless of status, the opportunity to put additional money away for retirement in the tax deferred annuity. Under this plan, employees may defer compensation, tax-free into investments for use at retirement. For example, electing to defer $1000.00 a year may seem like a lot but when you break it down by 26 pays per year, it is about $38.50 per pay. That is less than $20.00 per week -- or a few lunches out and sodas from the vending machines through the workweek. Because it is tax deferred, that scenario will really mean only about $32.00 from your paycheck. You would have given the state and Uncle Sam the other $6.50. Most people who try it, admit that what they don’t see, they don’t miss. They mean, when it comes out of their paycheck before they get it, they are able to go without it.

Employees may sign up anytime by seeing Aimee or Frances. It is a quick and easy process, especially if you are already participating in the Pension Plan. Any amount is a good start. You can select a percentage of each pay or a flat dollar amount. Start small and over time, as you get your statements and see that money grow, you'll get motivated to build for your future!
Regina Taylor’s Brother is a True Hero

Regina Taylor at SJMH’s Registration has always been proud of her brother, State Police Sergeant C.M. Alton. In April, Alton showed why.

On the morning of April 10, Brian See was driving on State Route 5 in Gilmer County when he noticed what he thought was a submerged car. After notifying 911, See stopped at the State Police barracks to report it.

As emergency vehicles arrived at the site, they found that Sergeant Alton was already there. After assessing the situation, witnesses said that, without hesitation, he dropped his gun belt and hat and then dove into the cold waters of the Little Kanawha River.

As he got closer to the car, Alton said that he could hear something mechanical on the vehicle, which he thought could have been the fuel pump. In that case, he was hoping that the car had not been submerged too long. Then he heard the sound of Glenville State College student Jessica Jaffre. Alton reported later that he could hear her singing and praying. Alton released the door and freed Jaffre from the car.

She had been breathing from a small air pocket on the floor of the vehicle, possibly for more than an hour.

Regina said that it was especially touching because the siblings had lost a sister in a drowning accident years ago.

When she was lost, she was the same age as the teenager whom Alton saved - 19.

Women’s Health Screening A Success

SJMH, working in cooperation with the WV Breast and Cervical Cancer Program provided area women with a successful screening event in May. About 70 women took advantage of the program. They could have free Pap tests, breast and pelvic exams, blood glucose, skin cancer screening, and bone density screening during both days of the screenings on May 12 and May 19. The screenings were held at Dr. Tony Naim and Dr. John Thomas’ offices.

Dr. Rob Snuffer, Nurse Practitioner Amy Coffman, and Dr. Naim provided exams on the first day. Dr. Serge Cormier and Dr. Jennifer Shreves provided the screenings on May 19.

For the past three years, Dr. Tony Naim and his staff, along with Jennifer Shreves, have given their time for a very important effort and we are grateful.

Margaret Blake’s Son Retires

Margaret Blake, our console operator, is very proud of her son Major Thomas Blake. He recently retired after 25 years of service in the Marine Corps. At the time of his retirement, he received a citation from President Bush and the Marine Corps Commandant. His specialty was in aeronautics and Margaret says that he has received several job offers.

Mark Your Calendars
The Fourth Annual SJMH Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, September 19 at Stonewall Resort. Those of you who have played in the past should be getting ready for another great day.
Our Friend

In memory of Donna Sue Myers

She came into our lives
A little spitfire of a girl.
When Donna Sue was around
She brightened up our world.

It just seems like yesterday
When we were all together.
When Donna Sue was around
She made our lives seem better.

She was a true and loving friend
In her very caring ways.
Her jolly, happy attitude
Always brightened up our days.

It makes us sad you went away
But in our hearts you'll always stay.
We miss you now. We miss you then
Our little buddy and our friend.

By Mary Welch

MANY THANKS

I am going home today. Thanks for all your good meals.
The food was excellent. I enjoyed every bite.

A happy patient

In ten years of on-the-job injuries, I have been to
several large hospitals in WV. I get better care from
the doctors, nurses, and aides at Stonewall Jackson
than any place else. Each worker on each shift gets a
pat on the back from me.

Room 201A

Hey ladies,
You have done a wonderful job, as always. Thank you
for caring. May God bless all of you with the riches
of life. I really thank God for loving and caring for us.
You are appreciated.

God Bless, Marlene

Ernest and I would like to express our deepest
appreciation to all the nurses and nurses aides for all the
excellent care we received while we were both patients
at the hospital. We could not have asked for any more.
Thanks for the kindness shown to our family. May God
Bless each of you in a very special way.

Sincerely

A patient’s family.

National Healthcare Risk Management Week

National Healthcare Risk Management Week is June
19-23, 2006. This year’s theme is SAND - Safety, Advocacy, Networking and Development.

Healthcare Risk Management Week is set
aside to celebrate the risk management professionals
who bring our shared vision of safe and trusted health
care closer to reality,” said ASHRM President Peggy
Martin. “The theme this year spells out the acronym
‘SAND’, reflecting our organization’s goals of Safety, Advocacy, Networking and Development - Safety for
our patients, Advocacy for our profession, Networking
for disseminating the best practices and expertise
we have to offer, and Development for ourselves
to gain new knowledge and use our current knowledge
in service to our patients and colleagues.”

Focused on safe and trusted health care, risk management professionals may:

- Manage organization wide risks, including those
  related to patient safety, claims administration and insurance;
- Track risks associated with workforce acquisition and management;
- Monitor legal and regulatory issues;
- Conduct staff education on processes to improve safety.

Brenda Smarr Honored

The staff of the SJMH Special Delivery Birthing Center
honored Social Worker Brenda Smarr with a special display
in the unit during March (pictured above.) March is National
Social Workers Month and Jennifer Barnes created a lovely
board with Brenda’s picture for the occasion.

Chief Nursing Officer Mary Ellen Bragg noted, “Brenda
does a terrific job for all of us here. She is dedicated to SJMH
and the patients.”
PYXIS

Pyxis machines have arrived and some are located in the units where they will be permanently placed. Maintenance is nearing completion on renovation projects allowing easier access and better locations for the medstations. Our entire drug formulary has been converted for upload into the Pyxis system to allow us to begin work on each medstation’s list of drug items. Staff education has already begun in several small ways and full education throughout the facility is scheduled for later in May. If you have any questions or would like to take a look at a medstation, contact Dan or just stop by pharmacy.

IV TO PO CONVERSIONS

Pharmacy is looking to begin a program to convert select patients’ IV medications to oral dosage forms if they meet certain criteria. We are currently discussing the project with physicians and the P&T committee. The program will work similarly to the therapeutic substitutions, with a sticker notification being placed on the chart. When a final decision is reached, pharmacy will provide the appropriate education and set a date for the clinical work to begin.

REMINDERS

Please continue to watch for therapeutic substitutions on physician’s orders. The staff has done a wonderful job keeping up with the list and it has provided our patients with a significant cost savings.

When entering a Nitro patch order to be placed on in the morning and off at bedtime, please note that an item called “Remove Patch” is now available in CPSI. An order can be entered for the drug item “Remove Patch” and timed for bedtime each night. If you have any questions please contact pharmacy.

Please continue to enter heights and weights as quickly as possible to keep the order entry process quick and efficient for our patients.
Our Sincere Condolences to these members of our SJMH family on their losses:
Margaret Blake on the loss of her brother;
Dr. Borchert on the loss of his father;
Dr. Villareal on the loss of his father.
We offer you our sympathy.

Lisa McClain's daughter, Brianna, was chosen as a Page-For-A-Day for the 2006 WV Legislative session in Charleston. She is pictured at left with Delegate and SJMH Board member Doug Stalnaker, Kim Harrison (Lisa’s sister), and proud mother/Lab phlebotomist Lisa McClain.

Relay for Life a Great Success!
The Lewis County Relay for Life raised over $70,000 for the 2006 event. SJMH and SJ Home Care were corporate sponsors.
SJMH also sponsored the Survivors’ Reception, a honor which the Hospital has enjoyed since Relay’s inception in 1998. Many cancer survivors took the opportunity to enjoy the buffet along with friends and family.
Pictures of the event will be published in the next General.