



The new Emergency Department received its first patient just after 7 a.m. Feb. 14, 2005.

We're In!

Sweeny Wakes Up With New ED On Valentine's Day

While most of the town slept Sunday night and early Monday morning, more than a dozen Sweeny Community Hospital employees joined the night shift for a very special assignment – moving into the new \$2.1 million Emergency Department.

The hospital was ready when the first ED patient of the day arrived a little after 7 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14, but not without spending all night packing, moving and unpacking. Fortunately, we were blessed with an unusually quiet night, although one major treatment room in the old ED was kept ready to

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Mr. Turk unwraps the new ED sign at 2 a.m. Feb. 14.



Cindy Grandjean and Delores Merchant unpack boxes.

Birthdays



February

- 1 Arlene Lesher*
- 2 Lucy Herrera
Celeste Love
- 7 Glenn Richard
- 9 Sonja Clepper
- 12 Mike Mader
- 24 Paula Gutzman
- 26 Mike Ganz
- 27 Brenda Benoit
Kathy Richard
- 28 Christy Warner
Nikki Tolbert

March

- 6 David Marcum
Judy Davis*
- 7 Robert Smith
- 13 Sheryl Denny
- 20 Cheryl Trafton
- 22 Gail Macek
- 24 Lois Wells*
- 26 Shirley Ems*
- 29 Donna Isaksson

* Auxiliary

New Employees

Trina St. John, RN
Louis Rico, X-Ray Tech
Ray Ford, Paramedic
Scott Wright, EMT-B

“Humor is a great lubricant for teamwork.”

— Unknown



Patient Care Services Director Elaine Montier packs a box in the old ED.



Gail Macek is delighted to have her photo taken in the middle of the night.



Bryan Jones and Al Aprea try to figure out the age of a box of salt found in the old ED.

New ED

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use until a comparable room was ready in the new ED.

The Pink Ladies revised their plans for a continental breakfast in the new ED, instead coming early and leaving a wide variety of snacks that helped workers make it through the night.

Trauma Care Coordinator Marcy Murrell said old ED supplies found to be unused but past their expiration dates were collected to be donated to tsunami aid.

Keith Yaws and Keith Marshall of Maintenance found work everywhere they looked in both ERs throughout the night.

**Photos by
Rhonda Moran**

The new ED is one of three projects approved by hospital district voters in 2002 with passage of a \$10 million bond issue. Other projects nearing completion are the 13,000 square-foot professional office building due to open in July, and the 27-unit assisted-living facility expected to open in March or early April.

The old emergency department will be remodeled, contributing space for new EMS quarters and a new intensive care unit.



Recognition For A Job Well Done

By H.A. Turk
Administrator

Last Sunday night, the 13th, and early Monday morning, the 14th, I was privileged to see the professionalism of a cross section of our staff in action. That was when we moved into the new emergency department (ED).

There was a lot of preplanning and the new ED was made as ready as possible until the actual move in took place. Ironically, there was not one patient presenting during that time. The first patient in the new ED registered shortly after 0700 on Valentine's Day. We got a break by being able to move in without also providing emergency care at the same time.

I counted 15 or more staff members helping with the move. It was gratifying to see how each pitched in to do whatever was necessary to get the job done. No complaining, no dissention, just a great group of folks hurrying to get the job done as quickly as possible.

For some of us, being up



throughout the night was no big deal. For others it was a challenge, but one met with good humor and a positive attitude.

All appreciated the snacks provided by our Pink Ladies to "sustain" us through the small hours of the night/morning. YUM.

What a great feeling to be into the new ED. It's very tangible proof we are moving forward as an organization. Everyone in Sweeny should know that by now.

But as great as the new facilities are, it's still the staff that makes the most difference and sets us apart from our competitors.

CALENDAR

Monday, Feb. 21 & Thursday, Feb. 24 Basic EKG Recognition

Learn the fundamentals of EKG rhythm strip recognition. Cardiac anatomy, EKG wave forms, learn to ID more than 20 basic rhythms. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Contact David Filipp, Ext. 197

Fee: \$50 for public
\$35 for SCH employees
1-4 p.m.

SCH Conference Room

Monday, Feb. 28 Assisted Living Q&A

Do you know someone interested in assisted living? Invite them to a free informational program about The Fountains Assisted Living. 6:30 p.m.

The Wellness Center
505 N. Main

Friday, March 4 SCH Auxiliary Blood Drive

Donate blood, save a life.
Noon to 6 p.m.

The Wellness Center

OPEN HOUSE IN THE NEW EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT



LEFT: Dr. T.O. Milian and Judge Neil Caldwell were among visitors to the ER Open House on Feb. 6.

ABOVE: Marie Breakiron, RN, explains trauma care to Hospital Board Member Doug Dunham and his mom.

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Members of Sweeny/West Brazos EMS assisted the Pink Ladies at their recent Salad Buffet and Fashion Show by helping with chairs, tables and dishes, in addition to escorting the models. The Auxiliary used the occasion to honor our EMS crew for service to the community. Pictured are Paramedic Ryan Jones and Auxiliary officer Judy Davis, modeling a dress from Palais Royale in Lake Jackson.

Snoop Scoop

Pam Schuck is pleased to announce the upcoming wedding of her son, **Robert Schuck III**, to **Victoria Bravo**. The wedding is planned for 4 p.m. Saturday, March 12 at the Lake Jackson Civic Center, followed by dinner and dancing. An invitation to SCH employees is posted on the bulletin board by the time clock.

Peggy Boineau, SCH's certified hand therapist who treated a 10-year-old shark-bite victim for several months last year at the Brazoria Hand & Upper Extremity Rehab Clinic, has been invited to give a presentation on the case at a joint meeting of the American Society of Hand Therapists and the American Society of Surgery of the Hand in San Antonio this fall. A peer review board chose Peggy's abstract, titled "A Case Study of a Practical Mid-Forearm Amputation After Shark Bite," from among several submitted for consideration. Because the surgeons and therapists only get together for a joint conference every four years, this is a relatively rare opportunity for both groups to hear the program at the same time. Congratulations Peggy!

Cheryl Trafton of Environmental Services is selling breakfast and lunch tickets for the Brazoria Heritage Foundation celebration. Tickets for the 7-9 a.m. March 5 breakfast are \$5 each, while tickets for lunch the same day, starting at noon, are \$7 each. You can save money by buying combined breakfast-and-lunch tickets for \$10 each. If you want tickets and don't see Cheryl at work, you can contact her via cell phone at (979) 292-5026.

Congratulations to **Jerri Morris** of the Pink Ladies. Her granddaughter, **Lauren Dannelley**, was named Elementary Citizen/Youth of the Year by the Sweeny Chamber of Commerce.

Brazoria Hand Rehab occupational therapist **Brittany Smith** participated in a half marathon on Surfside Beach Feb. 12 and didn't even realize she'd won second place until reading it in the newspaper.

Congratulations to **Vanessa Garcia**, a staff member at The Wellness Center, on the birth of her son **Isaiah** on Feb. 13. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces. Both mother and son are reportedly doing well.