

Cutting Ribbon At The Fountains

Ceremony
Kicks Off
Grand Opening

A new Web site for The Fountains Assisted-Living Community is the latest in the facility's grand-opening activities, which began with a Sweeny Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting ceremony Nov. 15.

At www.thefountains-sweeny.org, visitors can see photos of the facility and view rates and contact information. The Fountains is a \$3.2 million project of the Sweeny Hospital District, which paid for the facility and other construction projects with a \$10 million bond issue in 2002.

The Fountains has 27 units and currently has 12 residents, although the facility is licensed for up to 46.



Gift certificates are now available for a stay in the facility's fully furnished respite room, which rents for \$90 per day and includes three meals daily and access to all services and amenities. To stay in the respite room, a visitor must be 62 or older and otherwise meet The Fountains' residency requirements. For information on gift certificates, contact Crystal Johnson at Ext. 1525.



Pictured are (from left) Sweeny Chamber Director Bill Bender, Sweeny Mayor Larry Piper, hospital board member Ronnie Griffin, chamber director Mary Karstead, Sweeny Community Hospital Administrator Tony Turk, hospital board president Drew Jolly, hospital board secretary Ernelle Orr, hospital board member Lanny Henderson, Fountains Administrator Crystal Johnson, and chamber directors Sheri Van Avery, Karen Vogel and chamber president John Price.



The SCH Auxiliary provided cookies and served refreshments at the reception, which allowed Fountains employees to care for the residents.

Birthdays



November

- 2 Tracy Hollifield
- 3 Belinda Bradham
- 5 Marie Breakiron
- 6 Susan Jammer
Linda Bostrom
- 8 Marcy Murrell
- 13 Elaine Montier
Dr. David Barr
- 16 Carolyn McGuire
- 17 Virginia Tripson
- 19 Lisa Orr
Cindy Burge
- 20 Tina Lewis
Debbie Marcum
Lillian Koether*
- 26 Conrad Lindsay
- 27 Peggy Boineau
- 28 Celia Garza
- 29 Sue Carr*

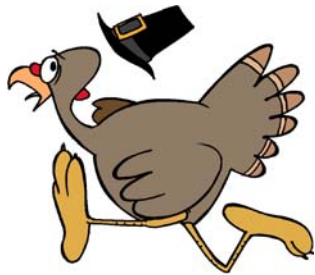
December

- 2 Christian Ramsey
- 3 Agnes Whitehead*
Sandy Maurer
- 4 Melissa Clark
Ray Ford
- 6 Daniel Jones
- 8 Jeff Butera
- 9 Judy Griffin
- 12 Pam Schuck
- 14 Grace Hankins
Brent Bayliss
- 19 Christy Hill
- 21 Colleen Smith
- 24 Estella Ellis
- 26 Samantha Womack
- 27 Doris Follett*
- 31 Marla Cook

*Auxiliary

New Employees

- Rosanna Garcia, PTA/PRN
Wellness Center



CALENDAR

Tuesday, Nov. 29

Board of Directors

Meetings are open to the public.
6:30 p.m.
Conference Room

Monday, Dec. 5

**Tree of Remembrance
Lighting Ceremony
& Raffle**

Lights for the tree are \$5 each and are on sale now. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Decision is still pending about whether photos will be taken again this year with miniature horses.
Photos at 5:30 p.m. (if scheduled)
Tree lighting 6:30 p.m.
Hospital Lobby

Tuesday, Dec. 6

Gift-Wrapping

Let the Auxiliary wrap your gifts for a fee. Additional dates for this service will be Dec. 13, 20 and 21.
9 a.m. to noon
Conference Room.

PALS

**Pediatric Advanced
Life Support**

**Thursday, Dec. 8
& Friday Dec. 9**

Preregistration required. Call David Filipp, Ext. 1597.
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
The Wellness Center

HALLOWEEN AT SCH



Nikki Tolbert (left) and Nannette Baugh of Dietary



Delores Merchant, ready for Wall St.



Zorro, aka David Filipp, visits Social Services Director Audrey Bess, who came to work Oct. 31 dressed as herself.



Pam Schuck's morning look.

From The Administrator

Revenue Bond Sale Makes Thanksgiving A Little Sweeter

I thought you might like to know after many, many weeks of work providing data to our bond attorney and to the state Attorney General's Office, we received the proceeds (i.e. money!) from the sale of our revenue bonds.

They were purchased by the First State Bank (here in Sweeny) and brought us \$1,069,000 (in round figures). Over the next couple of weeks, we will be moving our bank accounts to First State as a part of this financing arrangement.

Getting this money has let us pay off some old bills, a couple of which were directly related to our construction projects. In addition, we have funds left for the next (and final) payment on the medical office building work.

Even though we appreciated getting this bond deal done



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Administrator

and even though the funds mean a great deal to us, we won't have an easy time during this fiscal year. We do have some breathing room but we must continue to be careful about how much we spend and on what. We have a plan to make it though the year with minimal pain and disruption, but it will require all of us to be as efficient and productive as we can be.

Other than controlling expenses, increasing revenue above current expectations can improve matters a lot.

We will intensify our efforts to recruit an internal medicine doctor who would help with increasing revenue. Other initiatives will be pursued as soon as it is practical to do so.

It's a happy coincidence that our good fortune with the revenue bonds occurred just before Thanksgiving. I know many of us are thankful that we received these funds because they eliminated some actions that would have been truly painful for us.

But let's not dwell on the past; let's appreciate this blessing and use it to make the very best of our future.

Our Health Insurance Has A Web Site!

www.mhhnp.org

SCH employees can go online to check the status of their medical insurance claims. Just visit www.mhhnp.org and click on "Members." Then click on "Log in." You'll be asked for a username and password. If it's your first time to log in, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on "Register." That's how you get your username and password.

After that, you can check on the status of claims to see what's been paid, what's been denied and why. Eligibility can be verified, too.

You can request new cards or find providers by clicking on "Members," then "Find Provider." We have noticed that Sweeny Hospital District facilities are not included in the provider lists. Texas True Choice and Memorial Hermann have been contacted this month about correcting that oversight.

Insurance representatives will be here Nov. 30 to meet with Human Resources Director Grace Baty. If you have questions or problems with claims, let Grace know ahead of time so she can get answers for us.



New Pedi Scale in ER

Marcy Murrell, RN, weighs 5-month-old TryNytie Clark on the ER's new pediatric scale purchased with grant funds. The scale is just one of nearly a dozen pieces of new equipment purchased this fall with \$55,000 in grant funds. TryNytie is the granddaughter of Care Program Coordinator Lola Paige.

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We're on the Web!
www.sweenyhospital.org

Deadline To Order Engraved Bricks Is Dec. 15!

December 15 is the deadline to order an engraved brick to go around the base of the large fountain at the assisted-living complex. After Dec. 15, the first order will be sent to the supplier, Brickmarkers USA, to begin processing.

It is expected to take 8-12 weeks to get the bricks back, and a dedication ceremony will be planned at that time. Everyone who bought a brick will be invited to attend.

See samples, prices and get the order form from the hospital's Web site by visiting:

www.sweenyhospital.org/bricks.html

For more information, call 548-1555.

CLASSIFIED ADS

PIANO: Upright, free to anyone who'll come get it. See Elaine Montier, Ext. 1570.

KITCHEN APPLIANCES: Dishwasher, stove and apartment-size stove. \$25 each. See Elaine Montier, Ext. 1570.



Teams from SCH gave more than 500 flu shots Nov. 16 at the American Legion Hall in Brazoria. Another flu shot clinic will be scheduled after Thanksgiving.

Snoop Scoop

Sweeny High School's Health Occupation Students have been doing clinical time at the hospital this semester. The students include **Eleia Lewis, Haylee McKnight, Sandra Becerra, Rachel Daniels, Laci Gregory, Allyson Garcia, Evaree Franklin, Shannon Russell, Jesse Perez, Crystal Alston, Austin Hughe, Libby Mitchell, Shanice Jones** and **Elena Gamboa**.

Did you know SCH has 12 volunteers working with the hospital's home-delivered meals program, which is officially named "Meals Made With Care?" The volunteers are **Lucille Burttschell, Andy Consentino, Billie Crist, Shirley Drabek, Shirley Ems, Mary Kessler, Jean Kelley, Marie McDonald, Clyde McKinney, Gloria Patrick, Peggy Schurtz** and **Bernice Tatum**.

Congratulations to Cardiopulmonary Manager **Charles Bailey** and wife **Tonya** on the Nov. 17 birth of their son, **Logan Charles**, who weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 20 inches long. And congratulations also are in order for **Jason McCarey** and wife **Chanda**, whose son, **Jax Patrick**, was also born Nov. 17, weighing 6 lbs 12.5 oz and measuring 19 ¾ inches long.

Virginia Tripson's co-workers threw a surprise party in honor of her birthday Nov. 17 at the Kittie Nash Groce Memorial Rehabilitation Clinic. Some 60 people attended, including the press.

Elaine Montier wants everyone to know that her father, **Bill Jordan**, is home and doing well after last week's stroke.

Congratulations to Trauma/Special Care Coordinator **Marcy Murrell** on her appointment to the board of the East Texas Gulf Coast Regional Advisory Council.



SHS students **Sandra Becerra, Rachel Daniels** and **Austin Hughes** unwrap syringes for licensed staff members to use for flu shots.