



# Positive Findings

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Monthly Newsletter



## HOME For The HOLIDAYS



### Sweeny/West Brazos EMS Offers Special Deal To Ease Transportation Challenge

**F**amily gatherings are traditional for the holidays, but illness or injury can sometimes keep a person isolated simply because he or she can't ride comfortably in a car or truck.

For those folks, Sweeny/West Brazos EMS announces "Home for the Holidays," a program offering door-to-door transportation by ambulance for a flat fee of \$100.

"This is for people who can't ride comfortably in a car because of arthritis or surgery, or some other medical conditions," said David Filipp, director of Sweeny/West Brazos EMS. "They don't have to be on oxygen or need special care, although we can provide that if needed."

The idea is to help those who are home-bound or in nursing homes travel to be with their families, he said. "We'll pick them

up, take them wherever, then return to pick them up at a scheduled time. It's all arranged in advance."

The fee is intended to cover transport in southern Brazoria County, but longer distances can be negotiated on a case-by-case basis. Filipp said he got the idea from an EMS service in Colorado. "It's been done around the country, just not locally," he said.

The "Home For The Holidays" service is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline to arrange Christmas transportation is Dec. 15. Rides will be given between Friday, Dec. 22 and Tuesday, Dec. 26.

For reservations or more information, contact Filipp at (979) 548-1597 or [dfilipp@sweenyhospital.org](mailto:dfilipp@sweenyhospital.org).

### Birthdays

#### November

- 2 Tracy Hollifield
- 5 Marie Breakiron
- 6 Linda Bostrom  
Amber Pierce
- 8 Marcy Murrell
- 13 Elaine Montier
- 14 Dr. David Barr
- 15 Mark Mrnustik
- 16 Carolyn McGuire
- 17 Virginia Tripson
- 19 Henry Mendez  
Cindy Burge
- 20 Debbie Marcum  
Tina Lewis  
Lillian Koether\*
- 27 Peggy Boineau
- 28 Celia Garza
- 30 Marsha McBride  
Sue Carr \*

#### December

- 3 Sandra Maurer
  - 3 Agnes Whitehead\*
  - 4 Melissa Clark  
Ray Ford
  - 12 Pam Schuck
  - 14 Grace Hankins  
Brent Bayliss  
Ronnie Griffin\*\*
  - 15 Drew Jolly\*\*
  - 21 Colleen Smith
  - 24 Estella Ellis
  - 27 Doris Follett\*
  - 31 Marla Cook
- \* Auxiliary \*\* Hospital Board



### Flu Shots & Raffle Tickets

The season's first flu-shot clinic was held Nov. 14 at the Sweeny Community Center. SCH Auxiliary members helped shot-seekers read the appropriate paperwork, and members of Sweeny/West Brazos EMS were on hand to give shots. Pictured above are Shirley Ems (standing), Jerri Morris (selling raffle tickets) and Jeremy Barker giving a flu shot. Additional clinics will be announced in early December.

### New Employees

- Amber Pierce, Mental Health Tech, Heritage
- Mazie Mack, LPC, Heritage
- Wayne Thompson, Paramedic
- Jeremy Barker, EMT-I
- Richard Wetta, EMT-I
- Tim Dampier, LVN

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## CALENDAR

### Tuesday, Nov. 28 Board of Directors

Monthly meeting of Sweeny Hospital District Board of Directors. The public is always welcome. Agenda posted in lobby.  
6:30 p.m.

Main Conference Room

### Thursday, Nov. 30 Tree of Remembrance Lighting Ceremony

Singing, refreshments, miniature horses in costume ... and the lighting of our Tree of Remembrance. If you haven't bought your lights, contact the Pink Ladies ASAP. Photos with "reindeer" & Santa will be \$5 each.

5:30 p.m.

Hospital Lobby (lighting)  
Garden area (photos)

### Thursday Dec. 7 & Friday Dec. 8 Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)

Fee is \$150 for public, \$75 for SCH employees.  
Pre-registration required. Call 548-1597.  
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Ever in search of new markets, our Pink Ladies loaded up almost the entire gift shop and took it to a craft fair at Brazosport College Nov. 4. Many ladies took turns working in the booth, setting it up and taking it down.

## Snoop Scoop

**T**wo internal medicine specialists interested in relocating their practices have visited SCH this month, and Administrator **Tony Turk** is talking to a third who may also decide to visit. Yet another prospect is a family practice physician who may move her practice here from another Gulf Coast town. Negotiations are continuing.

Dr. **David Barr** and his staff will be relocating to the new Medical Office Building at the end of December.

Physical Therapy Assistant **Virginia Tripson** has a new grandson, **Landon James Kolacny**, born Oct. 28 weighing 7 lbs 9 oz. and measuring 20.5 inches long. Landon is the son of **Lorie and Kenneth Kolacny**. Lorie is Virginia's oldest daughter, and this is Lorie's third son.

Other news from the Kittie Nash Groce Memorial Rehabilitation Clinic: They're very busy with therapy and are even double-booked. But they're busy at home, too. Physical Therapist **Grace Hankins** got 14 yards of white rock to spread in her yard instead of mulch, so she spent the last few days of her holiday spreading rocks and the job's still not finished.

**Marsha McBride** of the Business Office was last seen in *Positive Findings* wearing a decontamination suit after Weapons of Mass Destruction training. This month she's been caught by the SCH paparazzi again – this time wearing a long, bright-green wig and witch's hat. The occasion was Halloween. Her office mate, **Debbie Marcum**, wore a similar outfit with orange hair. **Cathy Lopez** of the ER reportedly dressed as one of the fair maidens from the Renaissance.



Marsha McBride

The Fountains had a Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 16 attended by 50 people, including residents and their families.

Other news from The Fountains: On Dec. 14, children from the Youth World Day Care will come to The Fountains to sing to residents.