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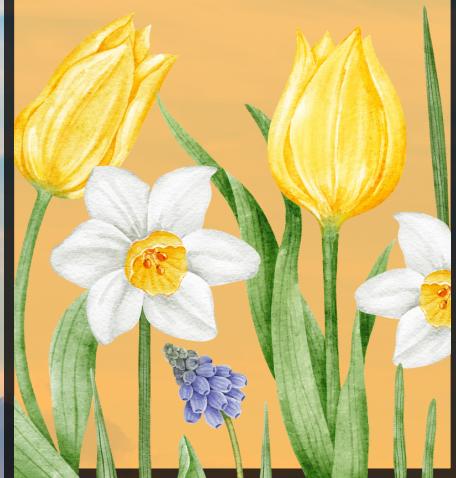
## MARCH IN REVIEW

Welcome to SPARK Notes, your local BCH employee monthly newsletter. At SPARK notes, you can expect to find all of the latest happenings in your local community; both inside and outside of the hospital doors.

If you would like your department events, news, family photos, pets, etc, to be featured in the employee newsletter, please email them to [elizabeth.l@BCCH.org](mailto:elizabeth.l@BCCH.org)

“If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant.”

– Anne Bradstreet





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# WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A SPARK?

As soon as you become a Boundary Community Hospital employee, you become a SPARK. As a SPARK, you hold an important responsibility to be the best version of yourself that you can be. In return, you are able to have great relationships in both your work life and your social life. You will begin to see yourself grow in many different areas. At BCH we believe in these key values that each of us as SPARKS demonstrate:

**I....INTEGRITY**  
**C....COMPASSION**  
**S....STEWARDSHIP**  
**P....PROFESSIONALISM**  
**A....ACCOUNTABILITY**  
**R....RESPECT**  
**K....KNOWLEDGE**



# DIAMOND AWARD

Twice per year, BCH recognizes employees who have shown specific acts of compassion. They always provide their patients excellent care and demonstrate what it means to go above and beyond at Boundary Community Hospital.



## Ruth Allinger, ECF

Ruth is an exceptional employee who consistently goes the extra mile for our residents. She prioritizes their well-being, communicates effectively with nursing staff, and maintains a positive and caring attitude towards everyone. Ruth assists with altering clothing, provides additional gifts during Christmas, shares her passion for etymology, and spends time reading the Bible to residents in need. She is highly knowledgeable, versatile, and embodies the qualities of a great team member.

Thank you, Ruth.



# Sparkle Moments

## **Crissa Konecny-**

Crissa is the first encounter patients have when they enter the clinic. She sets up the appointment for success, she has a welcoming and pleasant demeanor that patients appreciate. Behind the scenes she does tons to help the clinic function smoothly. We at the RHC appreciate all she does.

## **Stacey Walton-**

Very efficient, pleasant and organized- called the day before to remind-very helpful.

## **Jeff Petersen-**

Very good at explaining and making sure of proper position, pleasant and easy to relate with. Jeff is a great listener.

## **Sonya Tice-**

When Sonya learned that ER patient that had just been discharged and had nowhere to go, not only did she make sure he received a hot meal (compliments of she and her husband) she also found him a warm and safe place to go. She went way above and beyond!

## **Liesl Woomert-**

Liesl demonstrates exceptional qualities every shift here at BCH. She is thorough, compassionate, an excellent team player, and a fantastic educator to both her colleagues and patients. She continues to grow as a nurse and human, making her a tremendous asset to this hospital and the community.

## **Jessca Hilland-**

Jessica, thank you for taking time out of your busy day to explain and show us how to use the bathtub. Thank you!!

## **Jeanine Dickson-**

Jeanine is always so positive and smiling regardless of how busy or stressful her day is. Her smile and positive attitude are contagious and help others around her feel better. She does everything she can to help the patients feel good while staying at the hospital. She will comb their hair, put lotion on their arms, and do everything she can to help them feel as comfortable and calm as possible. Even the grumpiest patients feel her compassion and start to be less cantankerous. Jeanine is a model of what it means to give extraordinary quality care. She helps everyone around her feel better and brings light to even the darkest of situations.

## **Alana Temple-**

We received notification of an "imminent delivery" managed by a midwife. We scrambled to mobilize resources and Alana quickly responded and came in several hours early before her shift. She raced to help her team and our potential patients. Thankfully everything went well in the field. Alana is a team player who places the well-being of our patients above her own.



# Sparkle Moments

## **Sonya Tice-**

Sonya went above and beyond to help a patient in significant need- housing, and medical. She helped him get a place where he can live through the church as well as transportation- heart of gold.

## **Tammy Edge-**

Very pleasant, Tami corrected my actions so they helped me the most, I appreciated her help.

## **Christy Kinkade-**

Awesome job with the lockdown and keeping people informed and safe.  
Thank you!

## **Norm Erickson-**

Thank you for helping clear the lower level, check on employees and parking lots during our lockdown situation. Thank you for staying late and during team was safe.



# Meet Sparky, the friendly BCH Mascot.

For anybody who is unfamiliar with Sparky, here are some fun facts about him:

## **The History of Sparky-**

Sparky was originally donated to the Fry Foundation and spent several years roaming the hospital from department to department. For the last 5 years, Sparky has found a permanent home in Payroll & Personnel with Cassy Schelif. He still happily helps out around the hospital when he is needed.

**Nickname-** Code 4

**Favorite activities-** Hide & seek, running, playing pranks on coworkers, dressing up, helping the hospital.

**Favorite Sports Team-** Indiana University Hoosiers

**Favorite Place-** Bonners Ferry, Idaho

**Interesting Fact-** Sparky tends to disappear and hide occasionally, causing his coworkers to worry and go looking for him.



**Sparky normally**



**Sparky after his Glow-Up**

# GOOD CATCH



## April Bennett

**For preventing patient harm by recognizing that several trays for surgery were processed incorrectly. They were reprocessed and there was no delay in surgery. Thank you, April!**



### MARCH

## Employment Anniversaries

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our Community Hospital. Providing outstanding care would not be possible without each and every employee that shows up to work every day, ready to make a difference. Your work is appreciated and does not go unnoticed. THANK YOU!!!

Terri Bork	2005
Dr. Botkin	1997
Steve DiVittore	2016
John Gardner	2023
Ryan Jenkins	2015
Amy Lane	2013
Kim Osier	2016
Zin Ponce	2008
Kimberly Ross	2020
Matty Shattuck	2023
Sonya Tice	2010
Robert Vetter	2001
Tari Yourzek	2001
Sawyer Zimmerman	2023

## BE IN THE KNOW... BCH Job Openings

Whether you are looking to transfer internally or have a friend/ family member looking for a job- it is nice to be informed of current positions in our community! Here is a list of current job opportunities at BCH.

\*Note-positions are subject to change. For the most accurate description of our job openings, please see a member of HR and visit the official BCH Website.

- Certified Medical Coder- Full-Time
- CNA Extended Care-Per Diem
- CNA Extended Care-Part-Time
- CNA Med Surge- Per Diem
- HIM Manager- Full-Time
- Licensed Practical Nurse/ or Registered Nurse-Full-Time
- Occupational Therapist-Full-Time
- PFS Manager- Full-Time
- Physical Therapist-Full-Time
- Physical Therapist- Per Diem
- Registered Nurse/ Med Surge-Full Time Nights
- Registered Respiratory Therapist- Per Diem
- Mammography Technologist- Full Time
- Facilities Assistant- Full-Time
- Radiology Technologist- Full -Time

# 2024 Pie Sale Another Successful Fundraising Event



**The 2024 Annual Pie Sale hosted by the Bonners Ferry Hospital Auxiliary was a resounding success. Over 100 pies were donated by and sold to our incredibly supportive community. The Hospital Auxiliary has provided many invaluable tools and resources to BCH over the years including:**

Administration – Laminator

Acute Care Facility – Alternating Pressure Mattress (shared with ECF); Over-Bed Tables (2); PCA Pump; Pulse Oximeter (2); Robo Nurse; Telemetry; Television with VCR; Trapeze; Lobby Furniture; Smart Televisions (5)

Cardiopulmonary – CO2 Monitor (X2)

Central Sterile Supply – Anti-Fatigue Mat; Heat Sealer

Community Relations – Car Seats for children and infants; Health Fair Sacks

Diagnostic Imaging – 3D Mammography Equipment; Bone Density Scanner; CT Scanner; Software for Mammography

Education Department – DVD Player

Emergency Department – Ophthalmoscope; Coloring Books for Children; Crash Cart;

Nutrition Services – Can Opener; Plate Warmer; Menu Management System; Pop Machine

Patient Financial Services – Telephone Head Sets

Rehabilitation Services – Bosu Ball Balance Trainer; Curved Sensory Balance Board; Wedge Skill Shape Tumbling Mat; Airex Balance Beam; Foam Rolls; Hot Pack Hydrocollator; Humac Balance System; Physical Therapy Chair; Plyometric Rebounder & Rehabilitative Exercise Jogger; Treadmill; Weights; Whirlpool Bath

Rural Health Clinic – Digital Scale

Surgery – OR Safety Strap, Mis. Arthroscopic Surgery Accessories, Anesthesia Smart Cart; Deep Well Utility Cart (2); Instrument Stand; Mayo Stand; Stretcher; Rolling Stools (2)

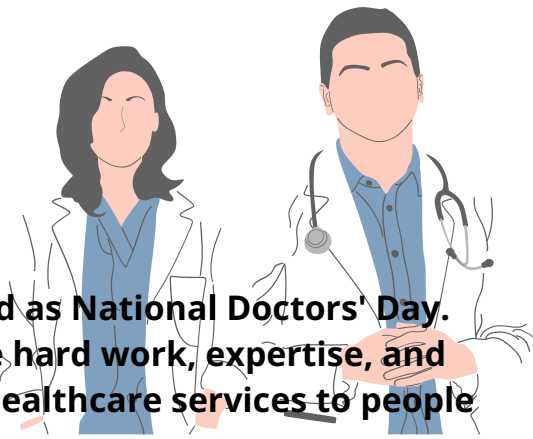
**Thank you to all of our BCH staff who supported this fundraiser by donating and purchasing pies, your contributions are greatly appreciated and help support our community!**





03/30/24

# National Doctors Day



March 30 holds significance in healthcare and is celebrated as **National Doctors' Day**. This yearly event is a time to recognize and appreciate the hard work, expertise, and steadfast dedication of doctors in delivering exceptional healthcare services to people and communities across the globe.

BCH is home to an incredible group of professionals who provide exceptional care to our community. Their knowledge and commitment to excellence allows our facility to be held to a high standard, one that shines as a beacon of hope in our county and beyond.

Thank you to all of our Doctors and Providers, we couldn't do it without you all.

Stanton, Kristopher T., MD ER

Bell, Jackson J., DO ER

Bryant, Christopher M., DO ER

Dixon, Douglas R., MD ER

Good, Benjamin E., MD ER

Hurt, Hans F., MD ER

Karambay, James J., MD ER

Logsdon, Mary A., MD ER

Moellmer, Edward G., MD ER

Newhouse, Chuck L., M.D. ER

Pruitt, Mark A., DO ER

Issa, Ramon A., MD ER

Botkin, Gregory T., M.D. Hospitalists

Geyman, Troy W., M.D. Hospitalists

Lathrop, James P., DNP, MSN, BSN Clinic

Lucas, Felicia Hospitalists

Robins, Kyle M., DO ER

Stonehocker, Van M., PA-C Clinic

Diehl IV, William P., DO Hospitalists

Diehl, Riley M., DO Hospitalists

Bartlett, Heather S., PMHNP-BC Clinic

Kanning, Nathan C., M.D. Surgery

Gall, Stuart J., CRNA Surgery

DiBenedetto, Michael R., MD Ortho

Schicker, Michael D., DO Ortho

Taylor, Travis L., NP, CRNFA Ortho

Derbes Jr., Lawrence J., MD

Kootenai Heart Clinics

Jenkins, Ronald D., MD Kootenai Heart Clinics

Kavanaugh, Kevin M., MD Kootenai Heart Clinics

Larson, Mary S., MD Kootenai Heart Clinics

Robles, Aleksander S., MD OB/GYN

Fandel, Terese M., MD Pathology

Rose, Hailey J., D.O. Pediatrics

Berkey, Bryan D., MD KOI Teleradiology

Burbank, Nicole S., MD KOI Teleradiology

Caywood, Devin T., MD KOI Teleradiology

Dougherty, Philip J., MD KOI Teleradiology

Fatz, Casey J., MD KOI Teleradiology

Grauke, Luke J., MD KOI Teleradiology

Khorsand, Derek A., MD KOI Teleradiology

Larsen, Michael L., MD KOI Teleradiology

Lidstrom, Matthew S., MD KOI Teleradiology

Martinez, Albert J., MD KOI Teleradiology

McKlentin, Keith P., MD KOI Teleradiology

McNamee, Brian J., MD KOI Teleradiology

Moody, David E., MD KOI Teleradiology

Opp, Randon L., MD KOI Teleradiology

Pickering, Jacob P., DO KOI Teleradiology

Reichel, Taylor F., MD KOI Teleradiology

Smith, Joshua R., MD KOI Teleradiology

Syed, Shahla F., MD KOI Teleradiology

Rodulfa, Jason B., MD KOI Teleradiology

Zawaideh, Mazen E., MD KOI Teleradiology

# PHOTOS & TIDBITS



# NEW EMPLOYEES

As one of the top employers in our county, BCH prides itself in being a reputable employer and a top choice for individuals in our community and beyond. We are always thrilled to welcome fabulous new employees to our team!

Christina Bales- CNA-ECF  
Abby McClellan- Ultrasound Tech  
Jamie McNutt- Echo Tech  
Kristen Vivian- LPN-ECF  
Shay Richards- CNA-MS  
Jeremy Spencer-RN M/S  
Miranda Bowlby- Admitting Clerk  
Taylor Baty- HUC  
Sharon Hintze-Cook  
Barbara Nelson-Activity Aide



# NEWS & UPDATES

Dear Team,

As we step into a new season, it's important to reflect on the challenges we've faced and the resilience we've shown as a community. Over the winter, our Extended Care Facility (ECF) experienced a significant flood that tested our resolve. However, we are proud to share that thanks to our collective efforts, we are well on our way to recovery.

The flood presented us with numerous hurdles, from damaged infrastructure to disrupted services. Yet, in the face of adversity, we banded together with a shared determination to restore and improve our beloved facility. With perseverance and hard work, we have made substantial progress in repairing, updating, and rebuilding what was affected.

One major milestone we've achieved is the approval of insurance coverage for the damages incurred. This crucial step has enabled us to kick-start major repairs and upgrades that will not only restore the ECF to its former glory but also enhance its capabilities for the future.

We are pleased to announce that the major repairs are already underway and progressing smoothly. Our dedicated team of contractors, engineers, and staff members are working diligently to ensure that every aspect of the facility is restored to the highest standards of safety and functionality.

While there is still work to be done, we are confident that we will see the fruits of our labor in the coming months. Our target timeline for completion is just a few months away, and we have full faith in our team's ability to meet and exceed this goal.

As we continue this journey of rebuilding stronger, let's stay focused, stay positive, and support each other every step of the way. Together, there's nothing we can't overcome.

Thank you for all that you do.



**Please join the ECF for an Easter Egg hunt  
Saturday, March 30th at 10am.**

**HAPPY  
EASTER**

**We will meet in the lower parking lot by building  
C. All staff and residents' children and  
grandchildren ages 12 and under are welcome to  
participate. After the hunt we will head inside  
for refreshments and to collect prizes!**







# BLOOD DRIVE

Because of you,  
life doesn't stop.

## **Boundary Community Hospital**

**Tuesday April 16th on the bus at  
Boundary Community Hospital (6641  
Kaniksu ST) from 12:00-3:00PM**

**We are in need of 24 life saving donors!**

**To sign up scan the QR code, or  
reach out to Mary Wade.**

**Vitalant is the local blood provider  
for Bonners Ferry, ID**



**APPOINTMENTS**  
are encouraged.



Ask us how you can  
**POWER UP** your donation.



**BLAZE  
a TRAIL  
GIVEAWAY**



## **Blaze a Trail Giveaway!**

Donate April 1 - 20  
for a chance to win  
**one of 20 \$420 gift cards**

Donor Rewards program opt-in required\*

To make an appointment:

SCAN QR



CALL  
877-258-4825  
877-25-VITAL



Use the  
Vitalant  
Donor App



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Blood Donation



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2 Patient Access Week	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Medical Lab Prof. Week
15	16 Blood Drive	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

**All Month-**  
Occupational Therapy Month  
National Volunteer Month

## Awareness Weeks-

2-8: Patient Access Week

Dates pending: Occupational Health Nurses Week

14-20: Medical Lab Professionals Week (National Medical  
Laboratory Week)

15-19: National Surgical Assistants Week

22-29: Transplant Nurses Week

April 29 - May 3: Patient Experience Week