

# "Sharing a Community... And a Commitment"

## April 2016 Specialty Clinics

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### RECYCLE FOR A CAUSE

DCH is excited to announce that we are now recycling our printer toner cartridges in an effort to help the Sanilac Humane Society. Toner cartridges can be dropped off at the Sanilac Humane Society, 3847 W. Sheldon Rd., Carsonville or here at the hospital.

The proceeds from the recycled toner cartridges are used to assist the SHS in purchasing food and other animal necessities. We would like to spread the word to make this a community effort in helping our furry friends in every way possible.



# Community Link

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### BON VOYAGE MISS IRENE!

It was a beautiful day only 40 plus years ago when Irene Cole walked through the doors of Deckerville Community Hospital and began her career as an RN. Irene began her career as a staff nurse.

During her career she held various jobs throughout the hospital. Irene was a staff nurse, the very first nursing manager, OR Nursing Supervisor, Emergency Room Nurse, and even an OB nurse. She also did discharge planning and followed up with patients that left against medical advice.

Irene was very much involved in our Woman's Auxiliary. She was their quilt raffle ticket warrior!!

Her final assignment of 4 years, was keeping all of us here at the hospital healthy as our Infection Control/Employee Nurse. Her willingness to help at the drop of a hat and her passion for our hospital is going to be missed. Thank you Irene for not only making a difference in our hospital but in our community as well. We wish you all the best on your retirement! You are certainly going to be missed!!



### MISS MICHIGAN AND PIZZA..IT'S A WIN WIN!!

Miss Michigan Emily Kieliszewski is COMING to Deckerville on April 22. She will be spending time at the school, speaking to the HS students and reading to the 4-6th graders.

Emily will then visit Citgo of Deckerville from 4-6 p.m. for pictures, autographs, or just to meet her. During this time, Citgo will have deals, coupons, sales, and giveaways; some of which will last throughout the weekend. A portion of the sales from the pizza sold during the entire weekend will be donated to Deckerville Hospital and Eva's Place.

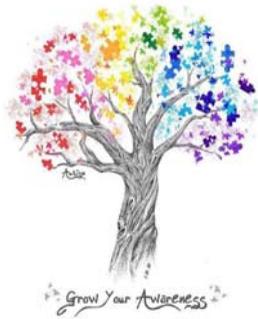
So grab your camera, bring your appetite, and come out to meet Miss Michigan while supporting our community. Hope to see everyone there!!



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## **APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH:**

Children with ASD develop at different rates in different areas. They may have delays in language, social, and learning skills, while their ability to walk and move around are about the same as other children their age. They might be very good at putting puzzles together or solving computer problems, but they might have trouble with social activities like talking or making friends. Children with an ASD might also learn a hard skill before they learn an easy one. For example, a child might be able to read long words but not be able to tell you what sound a “b” makes.



One of the most important things you can do as a parent or caregiver is to learn the early signs of autism and become familiar with the typical developmental milestones that your child should be reaching.

***The following "red flags" may indicate your child is at risk for an autism spectrum disorder. If your child exhibits any of the following, please don't delay in asking your pediatrician or family doctor for an evaluation:***

- Not respond to their name by 12 months of age
- Not point at objects to show interest (point at an airplane flying over) by 14 months
- Not play “pretend” games (pretend to “feed” a doll) by 18 months
- Avoid eye contact and want to be alone
- Have trouble understanding other people's feelings or talking about their own feelings
- Have delayed speech and language skills
- Repeat words or phrases over and over (echolalia)
- Give unrelated answers to questions
- Get upset by minor changes
- Have obsessive interests
- Flap their hands, rock their body, or spin in circles
- Have unusual reactions to the way things sound, smell, taste, look, or feel

### ***Did you know ...***

- Autism now affects 1 in 68 children and 1 in 42 boys
- Autism prevalence figures are growing
- Autism is one of the fastest-growing developmental disorders in the U.S.
- Boys are nearly five times more likely than girls to have autism
- There is no medical detection or cure for autism

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## **PLANNING THAT SPRING GET AWAY?**

Give us a call today at 810.376.2835. We can help provide short term Respite Care Accommodations for your loved one.

## **WAY TO GO DENNIS.... MARCH 2016 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

We are pleased to announce **Dennis Porter** was selected as **Employee of the Month for March 2016.**



His nominators had this to say, “Dennis is polite to everyone; he works with his patients in his kind and caring manner. Dennis comes in early on snow days to shovel the sidewalks for the full length of the building! He has been a favorite of many outpatients who seek his advice and continue a friendship with him even after they are discharged from care. The nursing staff always enjoys when Dennis comes in to treat patients; his assistance with them makes the nursing job a bit easier.”

**CONGRATULATIONS DENNIS AND THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE!!**

## **SO THAT'S WHO THAT IS!!**

Have you ever been listening to the radio and wondered. “Who is that?, or Whose voice is that? By now I'm sure you noticed a change in our radio ads, new sound and new voices. Well.....those voices belong to none other than our very own **Daniel Weber, Phlebotomist** and **Deloris Proctor, Medical Biller.** If you haven't had the opportunity to check out our very own radio personalities, tune into WMIC and WLEW.

## **SHE'S HERE!**

Nicole Anthony, RN has joined our team as our Patient Care Coordinator. A brand new position here at Deckerville Community Hospital.

Nicole will be providing a coordinated approach to early detection and management of our chronically ill patient population. She will be coaching patients and families toward successful self management of their chronic diseases. She will also serve as the contact-point person, advocate, and informational resource for patient's, families, and the community to promote healthy behaviors in all populations.

Nicole is currently working on her Bachelor's. She and her husband along with their two daughters reside in Cass City. Nicole can be reached at 810-376-2885, ext 272. **WELCOME NICOLE!**

