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Declaration of
 Independence
 We hold
 These
 Truths
 To be
 Self evident
 That all men
 Are created
 Equal
 That they are
 Endowed

By their
 Creator
 With
 Certain
 Unalienable
 Rights
 That among
 These are
 Life
 Liberty
 And the
 Pursuit of
 Happiness

Pick the right shoes for that outfit

Figuring out what shoes to wear with an outfit can be puzzling. Shoe designers recommend:

✓ Wood wedges are best paired with sundresses or outfits that make you feel like you're on a vacation.

✓ Clear lucite high heels can be worn with anything that isn't too serious; it gives a touch of high-tech.

✓ Espadrilles with ankle straps or ribbons that wrap up the leg call for a short dress or a shift style. A longer dress could make legs look shorter.

✓ Ballet flats are very popular this season; they can be worn with anything from shorts to a summer suit.

✓ The peep-toe pump looks great with pants. If it is patent leather, it is an evening shoe. A nude-colored peep-toe is flattering because it keeps the line of the leg going.

But remember, whatever stylish you wear, legs and feet must be covered to comply with Tyler's dress code.

Selecting a chandelier

A sparkling chandelier adds a classy touch as it anchors the dining room. To choose the right size, measure the diameter of your table and divide by two. That should be the chandelier's diameter.

For the height in inches multiply the number of feet of the ceiling height by three. Designers quoted in Red Book say if the ceiling is eight feet tall, the chandelier should be 24 inches long.

Hang the fixture so its lowest point is at least 30 inches above the table. For tall ceilings, raise the chandelier 3" for every foot above 8 feet.

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ENCOURAGING NEWS

Congratulations to the following employees who were **CAUGHT IN THE ACT:**

May

Kim Jones

Terri Wise

Dietary Staff

Glen Evans ✓

Charlene Garvie

Jim Laurie

✓ Denotes winner

A familiar face, Jeffrey H. Lubin, MD, is returning to manage Tyler's Emergency Department effective July 1.

We welcome Dr. Lubin back to Tyler and thank Dr. Charles Swisher for his past service, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

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Raoul Walsh, Tyler president and CEO came home from Allied Services at 5:30 PM on Wednesday evening, May 30 and is looking forward to making a full recovery.

In a recent interview with Joan Walsh, Mr. Walsh's wife, she shared encouraging news about the progress her husband is making in his recovery from a devastating infection.

Taken ill on April 24, Mr. Walsh was taken to Geisinger Wyoming Valley for treatment. Initially, it was believed that his condition was a reaction to the chemotherapy treatments he was receiving to treat a recent recurrence of cancer.

It was soon discovered that the problem was actually a very serious infection, which according to Mrs. Walsh, is common in patients receiving chemotherapy.

"He was flat on his back for three weeks while fighting off the infection," Mrs. Walsh explained. "The battle left Mr. Walsh, whom his wife describes as a 'definite Type A personality,' very weak and unable to walk.

After recovering from the infection, he was transferred to Allied in Clarks Summit, where he began a rigorous regimen of physical and occupational therapy. "He is doing so much better now," Mrs. Walsh shared. "He has regained all of his upper body strength and can now transfer himself from the wheelchair to the bed without assistance." He is slowly regaining use of his legs and is walking with the help of a walker.

Because he was in bed for so long, the avid runner and exercise enthusiast, also developed some skin problems. Mrs. Walsh explained that the father of three uses an air mattress, and that, in combination with his increased level of activity,



Raoul Walsh flashing that famous smile, soon after assuming his new duties as Tyler president in July 2006.

is really helping his skin improve.

Mr. Walsh was expected to be discharged on May 31, and when the Tyler Times called his home to confirm his arrival back at Lake Carey, Mr. Walsh answered the phone himself. "I'm so happy to be back at home," he said in a clear, strong voice. "I have a long way still to go, but we'll be working hard." He explained that he has an appointment on June 4 with his oncologist to discuss resuming his chemotherapy. According to Mrs. Walsh, he is expected to continue PT at home and maybe even get back to work for a few hours a day.

The couple each expressed their gratitude to the Tyler family for the hundreds of cards and words of encouragement that they have received during this time.

"I can't begin to tell you what this support has meant to our whole family," Mrs. Walsh emphasized. "We are enormously grateful. Believe me. He can't wait to get back to working with all of you as soon as he can."

NURSES' NOTES

Denise Gieski, RN vice-president of nursing

Pyxis
Pyxis machines are in most nursing departments, and by now staff in many of those departments have been trained and are utilizing them to obtain medications. Our goal in using the Pyxis system is for a safer medication administration process for our patients. We will continue to monitor our medication error data to determine our success. If you have questions, or problems, please contact your nurse manager.

Medication Reconciliation

I know that there is a great deal of anxiety and frustration related to the current (and past) medication reconciliation process. I want to thank Gerri Zionkowski for continuing to work on improving this process. Gerri has made herself available to assist both the nursing and medical staff as they adjust to this new form, and I know that it has helped

Pyxis/Med Reconciliation/OB

tremendously. We welcome your continued input as we work on the process. I am sure that this will not be the last medication reconciliation form that we use. Other area hospitals have had 14+ versions, and I am not sure if they are any further ahead than we area. Thank you for your perseverance as we struggle to find a way to make this work.

OB

I am happy to announce that effective June 22, 2007, Lisa Paduck will be taking over for Betsy Blaine. Betsy's last day will be June 21st. I would like to extend my thanks to Betsy for all of her hard work. She is truly a visionary, and I feel that our OB department is a shining example of her dedication and commitment. I will miss Betsy a great deal, but I know that the OB Department will be in the very capable hands of Lisa. Please join me in sending our best wishes to Betsy and in welcoming Lisa to her new position.

First Annual PA School of Alcohol and Other Drug Studies:

The new program will be held Monday through Thursday, June 11 through 14, at the at the Luzerne County Community College Educational Conference Center. It is sponsored by LCCC's Substance Abuse Education and Training Institute in cooperation with the Luzerne-Wyoming County Alcohol and Drug Program.

The program, which is designed for professionals in education, prevention, identification, assessment, treatment, rehabilitation, and enforcement of substance abuse and chemical dependency. Five two-day workshops will be held on Monday and Tuesday, June 11 and 12.

The NEPA School has been designed to meet the requirements for professional development. For more information about the program, or to register to attend, contact the LCCC Substance Abuse Education and Training Institute at LCCC at 740.0244.

ED Update

At the April meeting of the Tyler Board of Directors, members voted to move ahead with plans to build a new emergency department and redesign the hospital's first floor. Architect, Lou Shapiro of Burkavage Associates, showed preliminary drawings of the proposed ED expansion, which included a plan to reconfigure the first floor for enhanced outpatient services.

The next step is the creation of detailed engineering drawings to be used for bids and construction. The price tag for the project is estimated at a little over 8 million dollars.

"Like any large project, there are a many big issues we still need to address and barriers, like financing, to overcome," explained Pete Butler, a member of the board and chair of a committee working to develop this plan for over a year. "But the board is absolutely determined to make this project happen; and with the support of Tyler's employees, physicians, our legislators and the community, we will be successful," he emphasized. "I am convinced of that; it has to be done!"

Mr. Butler explained that various hospital and board committees have been studying the need for updating the facility for quite a while. "We recognize that this project is a critical part of the future of this hospital and to the health of this community," he said.

JOINT COMMISSION CORNER

Brenna Evans, RN, director of quality

Patient Safety

Within the next few months there will be a mandatory in-service for all hospital staff to provide education regarding adverse event reporting. We will be covering the what, when and how of reporting an adverse event.

We encourage the reporting of adverse events to provide the opportunity for improvement however, we do need to make sure we that the what, when, and how we report is correct. Watch for further details: Flyers will be posted and in pay-checks.

Lisa Townsend

Employee of Month



Lisa Townsend, imaging is the May 2007 Employee of the Month. Lisa first came to Tyler in 1982, left in 1994 and

returned in 1999.

Described by Carol McGuire, imaging supervisor as an excellent employee, this always-friendly radiology tech is consistently among the first to contribute to a Tyler cause or bake a cake for a sale.

Lisa now carries the major responsibilities for the department's mammogram services, including meeting with inspectors. "Lisa is always pleasant," Carol offered. "She is great with the patients and her co-workers, and is the first to volunteer when needed.

Lisa lives in Meshoppen with her husband, Peter and ten year-old son, Ben. "I wish I had a whole department of Lisas; she really deserves this honor," Carol concluded.

The Employee of the Month receives \$100 and becomes a candidate for the Employee of the Year. Congratulations Lisa!

Touring With Teddy Tyler

Children from the Tunkhannock and Mehoopany Head Start program visited Tyler Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, May 16 and Friday, May 18. The preschoolers had a tour of the Imaging Department and enjoyed an in-depth visit with the staff of the MICU.

Teddy Tyler, (Holly Green) was on hand to pass out lots of Teddy hugs and Mrs. Peg Gravell, volunteer, served as their tour guide and distributed packages of safety material for the youngsters to take home.

The Volunteer Department would like to thank all the Tyler staff members who took time out of their busy schedules to



help with this event, which is designed to show preschoolers that Tyler is a safe, not a scary place. Special thanks to Holly Green who managed to keep a cool head in spite of the heat!



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