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PIONEER MEMORIAL
HOSPITAL & HEALTH SERVICES

PIONEER LIFELINE

FALL 2021

CLINIC REMODEL FINISHED

Our two entrances and lobby areas at Viborg Medical Clinic are now open!!

For well visits please use Entrance A, and if you are experiencing COVID or Influenza symptoms, please use Entrance B.

Your safety is our top priority

Separate entrances and waiting rooms have been designed for non-infectious disease patients who are returning for routine care, such as annual well-visits to reduce the spread of germs. We also have hand sanitizers available in all of the reception, waiting, and patient areas. Routine cleaning and disinfection protocals take place in patient areas. This remodel reflects the high quality care and service we offer ... while providing the right care, right next door.

"Right Care, Right Next Door"

315 N. Washington St. P.O. Box 368 Viborg, SD 57070

FALL HAPPENINGS IN LONG-TERM CARE

RESTORATIVE THERAPY

Restorative therapy empowers our residents. This is ideal for joint stiffness, muscle weakness, and arthritis . Our residents feel more energetic having this amenity so they can achieve their highest level of well-being possible!

IN-HOUSE BEAUTY SALON

Our residents enjoy having a beauty salon in our facility! It is easy for residents to get to our salon with assistance from staff members. It is always such a treat to get pampered!

BATHING SUITE

While residents receive their regular baths, our bathing suite is ideal for them to be able to relax and even watch television as they are bathing.

TURNER COUNTY FAIR BROUGHT TO OUR RESIDENTS

During the week of the Turner County Fair, staff brought the fair to our residents! One of the highlights of the week was a pie contest! Residents were able to vote on their favorite pies, which were all made from staff. They voted on the most unusual pie (mulberry rhubarb pie); most colorful pie (cherry cheese delight); prettiest looking pie (lemon meringue); and favorite kind (pumpkin pie).

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

FISHING AT JP DENMARK

Residents were able to take a bus trip outing to JP Denmark near Viborg, for an afternoon of fishing !

COMPETING AT DAILY GAMES

Residents love competition! Any chance to play a game and outsmart their fellow resident is a good day!

GROUP WELLNESS

Exercise is always more fun when you can do it as a group! And our Activities Director, Kim Kaufman, does a great job of bringing excitement to the class!

PIONEER VILLA INDEPENDENT LIVING ...
WE INVITE YOU TO COME TAKE A TOUR!

Living here truly has always felt like home to me. The activities held including group exercise, movie nights, card playing, and puzzles are so wonderful to have.

STUDIO, ONE or TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS

FOR RENT

1st Month FREE Rent!

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- Full kitchen appliances provided
- 24-hour emergency system
- Community noon meal daily
- Activity, exercise, & indoor programs
- Laundry, housekeeping & maintenance services
- Staff on-site 24 hours a day
- Beauty / barber shop within facility
- Complete medical services all under one roof
- And much more!

Group Wellness Class

Residents love the group wellness classes that are held twice per week; instructed by our Activities Director who makes exercise fun!

Spacious Apartments

Choice of studio, one or two bedroom apartments ... we have the size that fits your needs!

Community Noon Meal

Residents enjoy the fellowship with other residents during a community noon meal held daily ... which is complete with delicious, nutritious meals!

LAB DEPT. RECEIVES ZERO DEFICIENCIES

The SD Dept. of Health recently cited no deficiencies at Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Health Services Laboratory.
The deficiency-free rating is a result of the State of SD's precise evaluation of our laboratory's compliance with standards for quality & safety as well as their compliance with the regulations of Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA). CLIA regulations include federal standards applicable to all U.S. facilities & sites that test human specimens for health assessment or to diagnose, prevent, or treat disease.
"Maintaining laboratory quality takes continuous effort each & every day. Our deficiency-free status means we follow all regulatory requirements & demonstrate to our communities that our team is dedicated to provide quality patient care", said Laboratory Director Tracy Roth.
The Pioneer Memorial Laboratory team includes L-R: Kalsey Larsen, Beth Towne, Allison Carithers, MaryJo Strehlo, and Tracy Roth (Director).

LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED

At Pioneer Memorial Hospital & Health Services, we are owned independently; and our local, nine person Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing and managing the strategic direction. While still locally owned and operated, an agreement with Sanford Health aides the organization with purchasing, training, technology and administration. Thanks to this great group for their leadership!

Pictured: (Front L-R: Troy Lee, Paul Christensen, Linda Andal, Melissa Buckneberg) (Back L-R: Ryan Penning, Melanie Parsons, Joanne Powell, Kim Larsen, Chris Poncelet)

HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & HOUSEKEEPING WEEK

We celebrated Healthcare Environmental Services & Housekeeping Week in September. Our Laundry and Housekeeping staff ensure safe, clean and comfortable facilities all year long and they are a team of dedicated employees providing outstanding services. Their knowledge and skill not only keeps medical facilities running smoothly, but they help support positive patient and resident outcomes. They are the frontline defense against serious infections throughout our facility. Thank you to this team!

Pictured L-R: Hanna Alverson, Karen Schroeder, Linda Peterson, and Rebecca Holmes.
Also joining this team but not on photo are: George Johnson, Kristine Kapsch, Joann Leber, Rhonda Olson, and Nancy Wrigg.

ALEX KALSBECK, CNP

EMILY BOSTIC, PA-C

ANNA HUSMAN, CNP

DR. DENISE HANISCH, MD

DR. GABRIEL JOHNSON, DO

KAYLA MEHLHAF, CNP

Support Pioneer Memorial Foundation by Shopping AmazonSmile

Did you know that every time you order from Amazon you could be donating to Pioneer Memorial Foundation for no extra cost to you?

Pioneer Memorial Foundation is a non-profit organization formed to guide fundraising efforts for Pioneer Memorial Hospital & Health Services to improve services for our patients and residents.

Simply follow the instructions below to select "Pioneer Memorial Foundation" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app.
They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us!
How it works:
1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
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3. Select "Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app

PIONEER MEMORIAL'S IMPACT ON BARBARA STESKAL'S LIFE FOLLOWING ACCIDENT

Barbara Steskal, resident of Viborg, will always remember the afternoon of May 19, 2021. Barbara had been at her daughter's house about 5 miles west of Viborg and was driving back to her home. Just making it one mile, her vehicle was hit at the intersection of 291st St and 452nd Ave (also known as the intersection that leads to Irene).

With numerous emergency vehicles called to the accident, Barbara was transported by ambulance to Viborg, and within a few hours airlifted to Sioux Falls for critical condition injuries. The accident resulted in 19 fractures for Barbara, including neck, pelvic, and rib fractures. She was treated at Sanford in Sioux Falls for 24 days, and at that point she was told she would be released. Barbara knew she was not capable of going home to take care of herself. She was so happy that she could come to Pioneer Memorial for their swing bed program which would allow her to receive high quality care close to home and family.

Barbara described the swing bed program as a huge life saver for her! She commented, "The care I received was wonderful ... all the staff was very uplifting! They were always friendly and helpful, and made me feel very comfortable. Having physical and occupational therapy right in the facility was so convenient." Barbara was ready to return back to her home the end of June; but has been continuing with Pioneer Memorial for outpatient physical therapy.

Therapy has helped Barbara to gradually start gaining the strength and skills needed to help with daily functional tasks. She commented, "They do a great job of having an individualized plan for me that pushes me to continue to get better. Although I still have a lot of progress to make in my recovery, my positivityake care of herself. She was so happy that she could come to Pioneer

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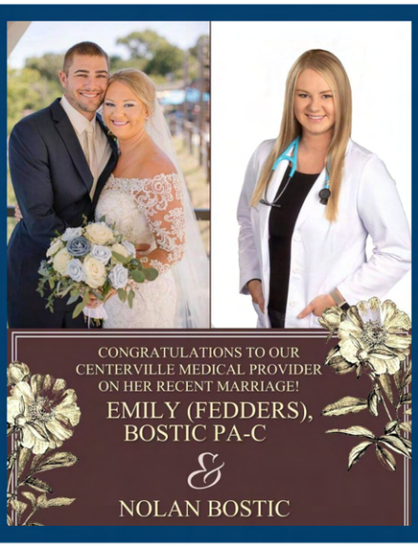
"I am so thankful to know we have this opportunity here in our own community. I would absolutely recommend Pioneer Memorial Hospital & Health Services to anyone in need of medical care."



CONGRATULATIONS MR. AND MRS. BOSTIC

Emily Fedders, PA-C at Centerville Medical Clinic, was married to Nolan Bostic on August 14th in Okoboji, IA.

Emily has been the medical provider at the Centerville Medical Clinic since November 2020. She obtained her Master of PA Studies at USD, and prior to that worked as a Registered Respiratory Therapist at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls and was a member of the Sanford AirMed Flight Team.

Emily's husband, Nolan, is a Registered Nurse at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls. He is also a Technical Sergeant in the Air Force National Guard.

While not working, Emily enjoys spending time with her husband and family at their place in Lake Okoboji. She loves being outside especially boating and water activities.

Congratulations to Emily & Nolan!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW HIRES!

Stacey Sorlien, Public Relations & Marketing Manager
Pioneer Memorial Hospital & Health Services is excited to announce Stacey Sorlien as being the new Public Relations & Marketing Manager.

Prior to joining Pioneer Memorial, Stacey was the Director of Programs & Communications for the SD Pork Producers Council for the past 13 ½ years. During her role there, she was responsible for development, implementation & management of promotions, project & events plus developed, overseen & managed all communications.

Stacey lives on an acreage south of Viborg with her husband, Mac. They have two children, Nicholas and Thea. Nicholas (21 years old) lives in Sioux Falls and works for Sorlien Elelectric and Thea (13 years old) is an 8th grader at Viborg-Hurley.

Stacey said, "I am very excited to be able to work in our little community and promoting Pioneer Memorial Hospital & Health Services, which provides the right care, right next door.

As the new PR and Marketing Manager, one of Stacey's goals is to increase the knowledge of services to the residents of Viborg and surrounding communities.

Beth Towne, Lab Technician
Pioneer Memorial Hospital & Health Services is excited to announce Beth Towne as Lab Technician in the Laboratory Department.

Prior to joining Pioneer Memorial, Beth came directly from working with the Sanford PGA tour the past year. She traveled with them from tournament to tournament doing COVID testing for the players and staff.

Now that Beth is not traveling, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Travis, their three cats and new puppy at their home in Meckling. She also enjoys being active and likes to run.

Beth is happy to be part of the Laboratory Department's team at Pioneer Memorial Hospital & Health Systems; where they perform an average of 1,400 tests per month!

Did you know Pioneer Memorial Hospital & Health Services is the largest employer of Turner County ... with over 170 staff on our team!

For current job openings visit www.pioneermemorial.org/employment

September Employee of the Month

Kristine Kapsch – Housekeeping Assistant for Pioneer Memorial Hospital & Health Services, has been named as the September Employee of the Month. Kristine started working with Pioneer Memorial in November 2019. In Kristine's role in Housekeeping, she is responsible for cleaning the Nursing Home, Hospital, Clinics, and restrooms. She also helps in Laundry when needed.

Kristine lives in Parker. Her family includes two older sons who live in Kansas – Justin, who is in the Air Force, and Zachary who is a manager at Lowe's. She has one grandson, Clay, who is 1 year old and another grandchild is on the way. Her parents, Harold and Sandra Jarrott, also live in Parker. In her spare time Kristine enjoys reading or watching documentaries, true crime, historic, or Christian. She is interested in travel; and hopes to be able to explore the world in the future. She enjoys NFL and MLB as well.

Those who nominated Kristine said she is very friendly, and goes above and beyond for everyone with everything. She is always willing to learn and is very dependable. She is very accommodating with the residents and does an outstanding job every shift. We love having her as part of the team and Kristine helps anyone even if it is not her job!

Kristine commented about her reward by saying, "I was so touched! It means to me that every day at Pioneer Memorial I am surrounded by kind & considerate people who encourage & uplift each other ... they certainly have with me! A big thank you ... I am very blessed!"

Kristine certainly demonstrates her commitment to teamwork and is an outstanding asset to Pioneer Memorial Hospital & Health Services! Congratulations Kristine Kapsch on a well-deserved recognition.