

RCH welcomes new CEO

Ringgold County Hospital, an affiliate of MercyOne, announces Joseph Mangiameli will join as Chief Executive Officer beginning July 26.. A native of Nebraska, Mr. Mangiameli brings more than 20 years of health care experience to his new role in Mt. Ayr, most recently as market vice president of operations for CHI Health in Omaha. The current CEO, Gordon Winkler, is retiring after 34 years of service to the hospital.

"I look forward to building relationships with our team at Ringgold County Hospital and within the community of Mt. Ayr," he said. "If we believe in each other and are engaged in our goals, we are going to do some really great things."

As an administrator Mr. Mangiameli has directed primary care, hospital based, surgical and medical specialties. He also has clinical experience in cardiovascular, intensive care, emergency, and public health as a registered nurse, including chief nurse roles for the United States Army Reserves and Nebraska National Guard.



Dr. Scott Bland joins clinic in July

The staff of the Mount Ayr Medical Clinic is pleased to welcome Scott Bland, DO, to the clinic. Dr. Bland and his family are relocating to Mount Ayr in June, and he'll begin practicing on July 6. A healthcare professional with a wide variety of interests, Dr. Bland didn't go directly into medicine as a career. "My undergraduate degree was in interdisciplinary studies," he laughed. "It's a liberal arts degree and I collected a lot of random credits!"

After working in various jobs including construction, he decided one really hot day to go back to school. "If I had been a better carpenter, I may have made a difference decision. But it was clear that it wasn't the career for me!"

He went back to college during nights and weekends to get the credits he needed to be accepted in medical school. "While you're in medical school, you're not allowed to have another job," he explained. "So, it's full time." All in all, it took him 11 years and he's now completing his residency in Greensboro, NC.

Dr. Bland, his wife Desiree, and their two teenaged children are all looking forward to the move to Mount Ayr. "I was looking for a rural environment for our family," he said. "We're all excited about less traffic and more space to run around." With his relocation, the Iowa National Guard is gaining a flight surgeon as well. He's



transferring his commitment to Iowa and will serve one weekend a month and two weeks a year for the Guard.

"Do you know what I love about medicine?" he asked. "I love high-fiving people for the wins. I love helping them get through something and over time becoming part of the process to keep them healthy. I find that really interesting!" As a primary care physician in the Mount Ayr Medical Clinic, Dr. Bland will be serving patients of all ages, from pediatrics to geriatrics, and he's looking forward to becoming a valued part of the community.

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RINGGOLD COUNTY HOSPITAL

We appreciate our nurses!

We are celebrating the hard work, compassion, and dedication of nurses everywhere. Here at Ringgold County Hospital, our thanks go out to all the nurses in our hospital and clinic who care for our community every day. In this month's newsletter, we're profiling two more outstanding nurses for their contributions.



Jillian Donovan

Jillian Donovan has been in healthcare since she earned her EMT certification in high school. She grew up on a horse farm in Stanberry, MO and headed off to Northwest Missouri State as a pre-med student. "When I was a junior in college, I realized wasn't going to spend as much time with people if I continued on the path to become a physician," she explained. "So, I transferred to Northern Central

Missouri College for nursing school and graduated in two years. I had oodles of the prerequisites!"

A 2009 graduate, along with her RN, she's a certified ER nurse and a certified sexual nurse examiner. "I'm blessed that we live in a wholesome community," she said. "I don't have to use that very often." Jillian's nursing career has been varied. She's been the director of nursing for a nursing home, the director of a hospice, and a pediatric hospice nurse, as well as working in hospitals. In 2017, a friend recommended she reach out to Molly Kayser, the nurse manager at Ringgold County Hospital. "I was hired on the spot!"

She works three 12-hour shifts each week, primarily in the ER and in acute care. "I love working the night shifts," said Jillian. "The friendships I've formed have been absolutely unbelievable. They've made every minute worth it. I'd especially like to give a shout out to Roxanne!"

The most satisfying part of her job as an ER nurse is knowing that critical thinking and her nursing skills can make a life or death difference. "When someone shows up in the ER who needs help, I have the privilege to help them get through it." Jillian also says that RCH has fantastic Emergency Room physicians. "They respect the nurses, they're knowledgeable, and they're truly patient oriented."

A resident of Missouri, she says she was initially worried about transitioning to RCH. "I wasn't a member of the community, but I was welcomed with open arms. Feeling part of a team has made this a rewarding experience. Molly has been an exceptional manager and given me a lot of opportunities."

A wife and mother of two small children, Jillian is balancing it all. She sums it up, "My husband is a paramedic, too. We chose to do this with our lives. It's clearly what we were meant to do!"



Sarah McCord

Sarah McCord grew up five miles outside of Grant City, MO on a cattle farm. "We had lots of animals and taking care of them really inspired me to want to take care of people," she said. In high school, a friend talked to her about a career in

physical therapy and that started her on her path in healthcare. But after starting school to become a physical therapy assistant, Sarah determined it just wasn't her thing and that nursing was a better fit.

After earning her LPN, she took about two years off from school and worked in a nursing home in Mt. Ayr. Then Sarah enrolled at Southwestern Community College and became an RN. Not satisfied to stop there, she worked full time at Ringgold County Hospital while attending WGU to earn her MSN degree. And she managed to have a baby boy at the same time! "It was hard," she admitted.

She's been at RCH for almost four years now and works in the ER and on the Acute floor. "I work three 12-hour days normally, but during the pandemic I picked up another shift to help out. Thankfully, it's a lot better now," she said.

According to Sarah, her job is really rewarding. "It's the patients. Some people are so humble about the care they receive, and they appreciate it so much," said Sarah. "We build great relationships. It makes it all worthwhile."

When Sarah first started at RCH, she only knew a few people. But the staff has really become like a family to her now. "People just don't leave," she said. "It can be hard to get a job here. And once you do, you become very bonded. I don't ever want to leave!"