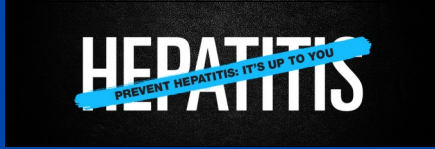
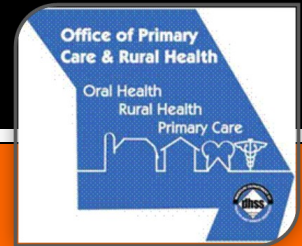




Rural Spotlight

3rd Quarter



World Hepatitis Day – July 28th

On World Hepatitis Day, July 28, 2015, WHO and partners will urge policy-makers, health workers and the public to act now to prevent infection and death from hepatitis.

Viral hepatitis is inflammation of the liver caused by a virus. Viral hepatitis – a group of infectious diseases known as hepatitis A, B, C, D, and E – affects hundreds of millions of people worldwide, causing acute and chronic liver disease and killing close to 1.5 million people every year, mostly from hepatitis B and C.

These infections can be prevented, but most people don't know how. With better awareness and understanding of how we can prevent hepatitis we can eliminate this disease and save 4,000 lives a day.

VIRAL HEPATITIS CAN BE PREVENTED. IT'S UP TO ALL OF US TO ACT!

For more information on hepatitis visit the [Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services](#), the [World Hepatitis Alliance](#) or the [World Health Organization](#).



Upcoming Observances

July

- Cord Blood Awareness Month
- International Group B Strep Throat Awareness Month
- Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month
- National Cleft & Craniofacial Awareness & Prevention Month

August

- Children's Eye Health and Safety Month
- National Breastfeeding Month
- National Immunization Awareness Month
- Psoriasis Awareness Month
- 1 - 7 World Breastfeeding Week
- 9 - 15 National Health Center Week
- 24 - 28 Contact Lens Health Week

September

- Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- Healthy Aging[®] Month
- National Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Month
- National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month
- National Food Safety Education Month
- National Preparedness Month
- National Recovery Month
- National Sickle Cell Month
- National Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month
- National Yoga Awareness Month
- Newborn Screening Awareness Month
- Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
- Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
- Sepsis Awareness Month
- Sports Eye Safety Month
- World Alzheimer's Month



Quarterly Highlight

Congratulations Are In Order!!!

The Missouri State Office of Rural Health (MORH) recognizes a Rural Health Champion every year, who advocates for rural health issues. Nominations are now being requested and will be listed on the MORH website at: (<http://www.health.mo.gov/living/families/ruralhealth/index.php>), in order to cast your vote online. Be sure to send your Rural Health Champion nominations to the attention of Lisa.Branson@health.mo.gov.

Recently, the National Rural Health Association announced its slate of 2015 Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals, selecting overall “Top 20 Winners” and “Top 20 Best Practice Recipients” in the areas of Quality, Patient Satisfaction and Financial Stability. We’re happy to inform you that the following hospital(s) were among those from your state that were honored.

An awards breakfast honoring all Top 20 CAH personnel will be held within NRHA’s Critical Access Hospital Conference, Sept. 30 – Oct. 2, 2015, in Kansas. The press release is attached.

Overall Top 20 Winners:

- Perry County Memorial Hospital
Patrick Carron, CEO
Perryville, MO
- Pike County Memorial Hospital
Justin Selle, CEO
Louisiana, MO

Top 20 Best Practice Recipients in Quality

- Pike County Memorial Hospital
Justin Selle, CEO
Louisiana, MO

City. The breakfast will occur on Friday, Oct. 2 at 8:30 a.m. For more information about our conference, [click here](#).



If you, your staff, a rural health facility or hospital in your Community, have received an award or recognition for a job well done; we would love to highlight their accomplishments in our Rural Spotlight Newsletter.

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