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**Welcome** to the inaugural issue of the Margaretville Hospital and Mountainside Residential Care Center Newsletter. Margaretville Hospital and Mountainside Residential Care Center are vital to

our community with many exciting things happening that you need to know. In a commitment to regular communications with our community members, WMCHHealth will produce this monthly newsletter. We will deliver it to you via email, if you so select, or it can be found on our website, **MargaretvilleHosp.org**, and often in the Mountain Eagle Newspaper. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email or have a question that may be answered in a future issue, please write to **MargaretvilleHospital@hahv.org**.

## **Workforce Recruitment**

Recruitment and Retention is a priority for WMCHHealth. We have launched campaigns for RN, LPN and CNA positions, among others. Our radio ads, print ads in the County Shopper, Catskill Chronicle, Mountain Eagle Newspaper and Daily Star Newspaper, plus engagement on social media with ads on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Indeed have been successful. As a result of these efforts, we have hired 14 new full-time hires since December and have seen an increase in applicants. If you would like to learn more about or share open positions available in Margaretville, click this link:

**Search Jobs - WMCHHealth  
(WMCHHealthJobs.org)**

## **Workforce Engagement**

WMCHHealth has held Workforce Development sessions, initiated formal mentorships, and continues to honor and recognize the hard work of our workforce through Care Champion awards at both Margaretville Hospital and Mountainside Residential Care Center. In other workforce news, in 2022, WMCHHealth improved the Margaretville Hospital and Mountainside Residential Care Center employee 403b retirement plan, increasing the employer's contribution match.

## **Physician Recruitment**

WMCHHealth is actively recruiting 2 pulmonary providers to be based in Kingston who will provide in-person and telehealth services for Margaretville patients. We are also recruiting for a lung cancer screening Advanced Practice Professional who will serve as a provider and navigator for lung cancer patients and who will also support tobacco cessation groups and COPD support groups.

Recruitment for Family Medicine providers continues.

## **WMCHHealth Advanced Family Medicine practice in Margaretville is accepting new patients.**

Community members should call **845.586.3888** to make an appointment.



**Cynthia Liu-Chen, MD**

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WMCHHealth Advanced Family  
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**Sharon Gavette, MSN, RN,  
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*Family Nurse Practitioner  
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## **Current and Expanding Clinical Programs**

- The Outpatient Laboratory is open by appointment, **845.586.2631, Opt. 5**.
- WMCHHealth has launched a Women's Health Program in Margaretville. To make an appointment or learn more, call **845.303.1132**.
- Margaretville Hospital provides school-based mental health counseling in both Roxbury and Margaretville Central Schools.
- Opioid Crisis – Margaretville Hospital offers accessible 24/7 addiction treatment and support with immediate access to buprenorphine in its emergency department and free naloxone, the overdose reversal drug, available in two locations outside the hospital at the front door and at the Huggins Building. Certified Recovery Peer Advocates are available on-site to provide confidential and compassionate addiction support and seamless referrals to follow-up care. The hospital partners with a consortium of 12 community organizations to address the opioid crisis and to provide education, training, peer support and naloxone kit distribution.
- Our Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome program provides recovery-informed postpartum doula services, wellness coordination and parenting support services, and family pantry items (diapers, formula, food and hygiene products) to parents and caregivers affected by substance use disorder.
- WMCHHealth is finalizing a plan to implement a pulmonary rehabilitation program on site.
- HealthAlliance Hospital in Kingston provides a Respiratory Therapist to Margaretville Hospital weekly for education and consultation.



## Network News

Sign up to get interesting news and updates delivered to your inbox. [AdvancingCareHV.com/Newsletter-Signup/](https://AdvancingCareHV.com/Newsletter-Signup/)

## Updates & New Equipment

- Margaretville Hospital Elevator Modernization Project is underway. If you need elevator assistance, please contact Margaretville Hospital at **845.586.2637** before your arrival to allow us to give you step by step directions to accessing all areas of the hospital.
- A new machine to measure bone density for osteoporosis and fracture risk will soon arrive at Margaretville Hospital. Individuals can make appointments by calling **845-586-2631, ext. 3245**.

## Pet Therapy Dog Ella Honored At St. Patrick's Day Celebration

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Ella, accompanied by her owner Brent Truitt of New Kingston, received a special citation commemorating her visits.

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Along with the cherished in-person appearances that Ella makes on a regular basis, during the height of the pandemic, she made unique virtual visits online and was able to "communicate" with residents via a series of gestures taught to her by Brent.



*Pet Therapy dog Ella is a popular visitor at Mountainside Residential Care Center in Margaretville*

Ella's presence at Mountainside is welcomed by residents and staff who have come to welcome her as one of the family. The benefits of pet therapy have been widely studied and acknowledged to benefit nursing home residents.

With most staff and residents decked in green, the St. Patrick's Day festivities continued throughout the day. Margaretville resident Hollice Straut, a frequent volunteer who entertains on the accordion, was present and added to the festivities with his skillful playing.

To cap off the day, milkshakes were on the menu for Mountainside residents and staff to enjoy.

