



Same Passion, Different Place

A note from James Roetman, who served as Loring's interim CEO from March – July 2022



Over the years, the ever-changing world of healthcare continues to have one common theme: people who choose this path are some of the most compassionate, caring, and dedicated people in the world. It's often said that working in healthcare is not a career you choose, but a career that you were born to do.

Over the last four months, it has been my privilege to be able to join the team at Loring Hospital as interim CEO and work to meet the needs of the people we serve. I learned very quickly that the same passion I have witnessed in healthcare is alive and well at Loring. Most people do not realize the many moving parts it takes to keep a hospital running smoothly. Most of the time on television, you only see the doctors or nurses, but in all actuality, it takes many different professions to make it all work. It's another reason that makes what we do so special, because of those different people coming together for one common mission and vision.

I am sure you are all aware that there are exciting things on the horizon for Loring Hospital and the people who choose to receive care at the hospital. Over the past number of months, the staff has been working on a facility master plan that will take the facility as we know it today and transform it into a facility that will not only better meet our current needs, but also the anticipated needs for the future. These include a new provider clinic that will ultimately be very beneficial in the recruitment and retention of providers, staff, and patients. It also includes enhanced outpatient service areas, which is and will continue to be the cornerstone of the care that we provide in the rural setting. I commend the Loring Board of Trustees for heading down this very important path.

The Loring Board of Trustees also announced a few weeks ago that Callie Babcock has been named as the next CEO of Loring Hospital. In speaking to Callie, she is very excited to join the team at Loring and work to maintain the high level of care it provides. I was fortunate to be a part of the search and interview process, and I believe we chose an excellent person to be the next leader of this facility. Like all of us, she will continue to learn and grow into this position with the help of the people around her. I often say we are only as good as the people we surround ourselves with, and she will be surrounded by some excellent people!

In closing, I feel very fortunate to be celebrating my 30th year in healthcare this year – all of which have been spent at Pocahontas Community Hospital, starting my career in radiology and then serving as CEO for the last 19 years. I want to thank Loring Hospital's staff, providers, and board for not only allowing me to be the interim CEO, but more importantly, for welcoming me into the position. It has been my pleasure to get to know all of them a little better, and I look forward to all the great things to come in the future.

Join Us in Welcoming Our New CEO, Dr. Callie Babcock!



In May, Dr. Callie Babcock was named Loring Hospital's new Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

"Callie is an excellent choice for this role, as she is committed to Sac County and is passionate about providing quality care to Sac County residents," says Leah Glasgow, UnityPoint Health – Fort Dodge President and CEO.

Before assuming her new role at Loring in mid-July, Dr. Babcock served as the Nursing Services Director for North Central Correctional Facility. She recently received her Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Prior to working in various nursing leadership roles, Dr. Babcock spent time working at Loring Hospital as an ER Nurse and Charge Nurse.

Additionally, while completing her doctorate program, Dr. Babcock did a preceptorship with former Loring CEO Stacy Johnson. This experience gave Dr. Babcock insight into the organization's operations and growth strategies, as well as an opportunity to network with the Loring Hospital leadership team and Board of Directors.

"We are excited to have a Sac County native return as the CEO of Loring Hospital," says Dr. Frank Richardson, Loring Hospital Board Chair. "My hope is that Callie inspires other young professionals to return to our community and help lead us into the future. Callie's experience, extensive education and knowledge of the area give me confidence that she will be successful in this role."

Thanks for a Successful Trivia Night More Than \$8,400 Raised for Loring Hospital

After putting the event on hold for two years due to COVID-19, approximately 240 people came out for an evening of fun as part of the Loring Hospital Auxiliary's annual Trivia Night. The event was a huge success, with dozens of silent auction donations from businesses and community members and a total of more than \$8,400 raised!

Over the last 10 years, the Auxiliary has purchased more than \$45,000 of medical equipment and other healthcare items for Loring Hospital. Our sincere thanks go out to the many Auxiliary volunteers, event participants and other generous hearts who make these valuable gifts possible, now and in the future.



National Hospital Week – May 8-14, 2022

Loring Hospital celebrated National Hospital Week in May. However, rather than settling to celebrate for just one week, Loring Hospital staff enjoyed various fun activities throughout May! The month included wellness walks, games, delicious food, staff donating items to the East Sac Community School District, outdoor activities, a picnic and so much more!

Thank you to our amazing staff for providing exceptional care each and every day and to our community members for choosing Loring Hospital as your local hospital of choice. We are honored to serve you!

- 24-hour emergency services
- Cardiac rehabilitation
- Community education and events
 - Better Choices, Better Health® – Chronic Disease Self-Management Class
 - First Aid, CPR, ACLS, BLS, and PALS training
 - Health education for local schools
 - Parkinson's exercise classes
 - Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) counseling
 - Strength & Conditioning Program
 - Stepping On – falls prevention course for seniors
 - Stop the Bleed
- Diabetes services: education, CGM start-up/training
- Discharge planning services
- Infusion center services
- Inpatient care – acute, observation, hospice and skilled nursing
- Laboratory services
- LifeLine – Emergency Response System
- Lymphedema services
- Nutrition services: Healthy Eating Active Lifestyle Program, MNT, education
- Outpatient specialty providers in cardiology, dermatology, orthopedics, palliative care, podiatry, urology and wound care
- Pulmonary rehabilitation
- Radiology services – X-ray, CT, MRI, 3D mammography, nuclear medicine, ultrasound and bone density
- Rehabilitation services – physical, occupational, and speech therapy
- Respiratory therapy
- Sleep studies
- Social services
- Surgical services





COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Please continue to check our website, loringhospital.org, for event updates and information.

CLASS/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
First Aid, BLS, ACLS and PALS	Quarterly	Call for scheduling information	Loring Hospital	Kalyn Johnson, 712-662-6445
Better Choices, Better Health	Dates pending interest	Call for scheduling information	Loring Hospital	Sophie Steinkamp, 712-662-6391
Stop the Bleed	Dates pending interest	Call for scheduling information	Loring Hospital	Kalyn Johnson, 712-662-6445
Medicare Open Enrollment Counseling	October 15 – December 7	By appointment	Loring Hospital	LeAnn Olhausen or Sharon Badertscher, 712-662-6406

Other Happenings



Oak Terrace Estates tenants enjoyed a fun game of "The Price Is Right."



Two new recliners, which are used to assist Wound Clinic and infusion patients, were recently purchased with donated funds in memory of Mark Wilson and Don Wellington.



In May, Loring Hospital's Auxiliary organized a "Grab and Go" Biscuits and Gravy Fundraiser, where they served more than 200 people.



This spring, Steph Erpelding, Sac County Youth Coordinator at Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, delivered blankets, which were generously made by junior 4-H members, to Loring patients.



Loring's Registered Dietitian, Jill Williams, recently stopped by Kids World to teach children about mangos in celebration of Tasty Tuesday for Week of the Young Child.

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Loring Among Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals in the Country

During the month of May, Loring Hospital was named one of the top 20 critical access hospitals in the U.S., after being recognized earlier this year as being among the top 100 critical access hospitals. This rise in ranking exemplifies the team's daily commitment and dedication to providing exceptional care to the residents of Sac County and their continued achievement of success.

They will be recognized for their accomplishment by the National Rural Health Association (NRHA) at the NRHA's Critical Access Hospital Conference this fall. We thank our amazing community for entrusting us with your care and for making Loring Hospital your local hospital of choice!



**Now you can make a difference
by donating to the Loring
Healthcare Foundation online!**

Visit **loringhospital.org/foundation/donate-now** for more information. Your donations – big or small – are a direct gift to all of those who rely on us for everything from emergency care to improved quality of life. With your support, we are able to continue offering diverse healthcare services right here in Sac City and keep current with technology and equipment – all while providing top-notch care from staff who truly care about you and our community. We appreciate your generosity and ongoing support.