Sparrow breaks ground on new Sparrow Health Center Lansing

Sparrow broke ground on the Sparrow Health Center Lansing, an all-new campus that will expand access to primary care, provide senior health services, and offer streamlined and comprehensive care in one convenient location.

The new Sparrow Health Center Lansing will be located on the grounds of the former Medical-Dental building at 2909 E. Grand River Avenue, just west of US-127 in Lansing Township.

The 70,000-square-foot building will house a drive-thru Pharmacy, Laboratory, Endoscopy, Diagnostic Imaging including CT, Ultrasound, Mammography, MRI and more in addition to three Sparrow Medical Group practices. 

Six Michigan health systems announce formation of clinically integrated network

Six of Michigan's leading health systems have come together to form a clinically integrated network designed to deliver high-quality, cost-effective healthcare and improve the health of residents across the state.

The founding members of the clinically integrated network include Allegiance Health (Jackson), Bronson Healthcare (Kalamazoo), Covenant HealthCare (Saginaw), Lakeland Health (St. Joseph), MidMichigan Health (Midland) and Sparrow Health System (Lansing).

Each of these health systems will continue to operate independently; however, together, they will offer the size, scale and scope to develop and deploy evidence-based best practices that will accelerate the transformation to better health care value for employers and individuals and sophisticated population
Sparrow Caregivers honored as Super Heroes during Sparrow Day at the Ballpark

It was a beautiful but hot day at the ballpark on Sunday, Aug. 9, when four Sparrow Caregivers were recognized for going above and beyond.

Nominated by their fellow Caregivers because they possess qualities that embody the mission, vision, and values of Sparrow, Kelly Evans, Angelo Librizzi, Barbara Wells, and Bhagya Venkatesh, M.D. were introduced to the crowd from center field, received Sparrow swag bags, and enjoyed the game with their families in a suite hosted by Sparrow Health System. >> Read more

Sparrow’s Lunch with a Doctor program discusses bone health and fall prevention for seniors

A sold-out crowd was on hand for Sparrow's Lunch with a Doctor program: "Better Bone Health: The Right Moves, Meds, and Meals for Staying Strong" on Wednesday, Aug. 12 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. >> Read more

Sparrow to offer free injury clinics for student athletes

This fall Sparrow is proud to be offering free injury clinics for student athletes. The clinics will run on Monday evenings, Aug. 31 to Dec. 7, from 6-8 p.m. >> Read more

Lunch with a Doctor Anterior Hip Surgery: A New Approach to Hip Replacement

Presented by Jason Cochran, D.O. Wednesday, Sept. 23
Lunch is served at 11 a.m., program follows
Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, Lincoln Room
Michigan State University

$10 Sparrow LifeTime members | $15 for non-members
To register, call 1.800.772.7769 or register online at Sparrow.org/EventCalendar.
(Registration ends one week prior to event)

Healthy Breasts at Every Age
Presented by Timothy McKenna, D.O., Vesna Kaluza, M.D. and Alfredo de La Fe, M.D.
Thursday, Oct. 1 | 6 p.m.
Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, Lincoln Room
Michigan State University

Sparrow Physicians are teaming up to provide a free public forum discussing dense breasts and surgical and non-surgical treatments for breast cancer, from initial diagnoses through care completion.

To register for this free event, call 1.800.Sparrow (772.7769) or visit Sparrow.org/Events. Walk-ins welcome.
Sparrow Health System becomes lead contributor to Under the Bridge crowd funding campaign

Sparrow Health System has pledged to be the lead supporter of the crowd funding campaign, Under the Bridge. This project will transform a critical intersection along Michigan Avenue and the US-127 overpass and will create a vibrant pedestrian and biker-friendly gateway connecting the cities of Lansing and East Lansing. The campaign has been garnering support throughout the region and Sparrow's contribution is the largest contribution thus far.  

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Sparrow Clinton nurses' high school CPR program helps save Fowler child's life

An innovative Sparrow effort to bring CPR training to freshmen at Fowler High School has paid life-saving dividends for a local family.

Sparrow Clinton Hospital nurses and Fowler graduates Angela Hufnagel and Samantha Weber started the program five years ago. Through classroom instruction, a video presentation and practical training involving two surprise drills, the nurses teach Fowler freshmen CPR techniques as part of the high school's health class.  

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Sparrow Foundation and W3 present 41st annual Kaleidoscope

Sparrow Foundation and Women Working Wonders present the 41st annual Kaleidoscope on Friday, Sept. 11, at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing.

The daylong event focuses on women's health and education initiatives, and features unique opportunities to learn and network.  

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People News

Caregiver Spotlight

Caregiver's approach to treating the whole Patient earns Caregiver Spotlight honor

Amy Waddell brings a sense of calm to concerned Patients in the often stressed environment of the Sparrow Emergency Department.

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Sparrow names new Vice President of Post-Acute Care Services

Sparrow has named Lansing native Kira Carter-Robertson as its new Vice President of Post-Acute Care Services, leading Sparrow's Community Care, Home Health, Palliative Care, and Skilled and Sub-Acute Services.

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Retirement celebration held for Gail Jehl, R.N.
Caregivers and family members gathered on Friday, July 24, in a special celebration to honor Gail Jehl, RN. Jehl is retiring after working tirelessly to support Sparrow Professionals since 1988. >> Read more

2015 Cultural Competency Series presents Caring for the Hispanic/Latino Patient
Sparrow Caregivers learned about the unique challenges and concerns involved in caring for Hispanic and Latino Patients during a panel discussion and education session on Thursday presented by Sparrow's Diversity and Inclusion Department in partnership with Patient Experience, Nursing and Physician education. >> Read more

Sparrow Carson Hospital OB/GYN's book contribution puts her in Hollywood spotlight
Sparrow Carson Hospital surgeon and OB/GYN Michelle Becher, D.O., will receive the red carpet treatment in September when she is recognized for her contribution to a book compiling the success stories of inspirational entrepreneurs and professionals. >> Read more

Retirement tea held for Lawrence Wilhite
Sparrow Caregivers recently celebrated the retirement of Lawrence Wilhite, Vice President of Legal and Risk Management Services. Wilhite's retirement tea was held July 22, recognizing his 11 years of service to Sparrow.

Dawn Short promoted to Director of Financial Reporting and Budget
Sparrow is pleased to announce the promotion of Dawn Short to Director of Financial Reporting and Budget. 
>>Click here to read Dawn's story.

Anne Charamella of East Lansing named August Volunteer of the Month
The Sparrow Women's Board of Managers and the Volunteer Services Department are proud to recognize Anne Charamella of East Lansing as the August Volunteer of the Month. 
>>Click here to read Anne's story.

Tennis pro Joey Farias brings top-level experience to Sparrow MAC
Tennis standout Joey Farias is gearing up for the fall season at the Sparrow Michigan Athletic Club
Sparrow Carson Hospital Auxiliary provides scholarships to three high school graduates

The Sparrow Carson Hospital Auxiliary has presented $500 scholarships to three well-deserving local high school graduates who plan to pursue a career in health care.  >> Read more

Spartan Marching Band for Kids Concert to be held Sept. 20

The Spartan Marching Band has grown into one of the premiere college bands in the nation, and now you have the opportunity to hear them in an exclusive backyard concert! Join us, on Sept. 20, 2015, and help mark the 13th Anniversary of this beloved event.  >> Read more

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