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NEW MANAGEMENT TEAM IN HOSPITAL LABORATORY

St. John's Medical Center (SJMC) announces two promotions in its lab: Vickie Memmer is now Laboratory Manager and Gail Edelen is Laboratory Technical Supervisor.

Memmer, a third generation Wyomingite, joined the SJMC laboratory staff in 1992 as a Medical Technologist. She later became the supervisor of the special chemistry department. Most recently, she was the chief technologist in the clinical laboratory. Memmer started as laboratory manager on November 1.

"Vickie played a key part in managing the day to day operations of the laboratory as the chief technologist," said Virgil Boss, SJMC Assistant Administrator. "We are thrilled to promote her to this new, very important position."

Memmer received her credential as a Medical Technologist in 1987 from the US Department of Health and Human Services and is a member of the American Society of Clinical Laboratory Science. She is currently working towards a degree in Organizational Management with a concentration in Health Care from Ashford University.

"As Laboratory Manager, I look forward to utilizing the excellent, tenured staff -- many of whom have over 20 years of service to SJMC and the healthcare community of Jackson," Memmer said.

Memmer is an outdoor enthusiast, and competes in local cycling events. Memmer's husband owns and manages Mark's Foreign Auto Repair. They have two children, Martel and Nick.

Edelen's new position as laboratory technical supervisor is not her first management role. Prior to joining the SJMC staff as a medical technologist, Edelen was laboratory manager at sister facilities Gulf Coast Hospital and Southwest Florida Regional Medical Center, both in Fort Myers. In 2004, she was working in the former when Hurricane Charley tore its roof off (the hospital was then immediately evacuated and shuttered for two months).

Edelen and her husband moved to Jackson to once again live in the mountains. From 1993 through 2001, they were living in Leadville, Colorado, where Edelen was the manager of St. Vincent's Hospital lab. (St. Vincent's is the highest hospital in the U.S., sitting at 10,250 feet.) Edelen and her husband Mick, who manages the Jackson office of Shaw Construction, spend their free time backpacking and kayaking. The Wind River Mountains are a favorite destination. Edelen has two grown sons, both of whom are in the armed forces.

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