

## Ogallala hospital employee receives caring award

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OGALLALA, Neb. (Nov. 7, 2017) – Ogallala Community Hospital’s Diagnostic Senior Manager Ward Kroeger has been recognized with The Nebraska Hospital Association (NHA) “The Caring Kind” award. Every year the organization recognizes hospital employees for their excellence in service.

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For 38 years, “The Caring Kind” award has been given to Nebraska’s most caring and compassionate hospital employees. The award honors outstanding health care employees who have demonstrated compassion for patients, cooperation with co-workers and dedication to excellence in their job responsibilities.

“Ward Kroeger is very deserving of this award. He has led his departments through a lot of change and has added new capabilities to serve the communities that we are proud to call home,” said Drew Dostal, CEO of Ogallala Community Hospital. “He continues to show his love for patient care through his thoughtful and caring leadership of his team.”

Hospitals across the state each select one award recipient from within their respective institutions to be recognized during the NHA Annual Convention.

More than 2,400 caring, skilled and dedicated health care professionals have received this award since its inception in 1979. This year, 66 employees were honored before nearly 500 people in attendance at The Caring Kind Awards Luncheon held at Embassy Suites Omaha-La Vista Hotel & Conference Center in La Vista.

“It is such an honor for me to meet ‘The Caring Kind’ award recipients each year. They demonstrate the kindness, caring, dedication and commitment to their hospitals which is why they were awarded this recognition,” NHA President Laura J. Redoutey, FACHE, said.

Ogallala Community Hospital in Ogallala, Neb., is part of Banner Health, one of the country’s largest nonprofit health care systems with 28 hospitals in six states. OCH offers services including emergency care, inpatient services, infusion therapy, medical imaging, orthopedics, surgery, obstetrics and women’s services. For more information, visit [www.BannerHealth.com/Ogallala](http://www.BannerHealth.com/Ogallala).

The Nebraska Hospital Association is the unified voice for Nebraska’s hospitals and health systems. The association offers collaborative leadership, assisting its members to provide comprehensive care to their communities, improving the health status of those communities. For more information, visit the NHA website at [www.NebraskaHospitals.org](http://www.NebraskaHospitals.org).

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