

Medical People

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Emma Jean Ellison, a health unit coordinator at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, is the hospital's June employee of the month. Ellison, often called Miss Jean or Momma Jean, has been with LRMC for five years. She works in the labor and delivery unit. Doctors who nominated her described her as the "calm in the storm" and the "glue that keeps our unit together."

Dr. Matt Werd, a Lakeland podiatrist, has been recognized as a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine. He also spoke June 1, at the college's annual meeting. His topic was "Prescribing Athletic Shoes, Socks, Inserts and Orthotics for Different Foot Types: A Step-by-Step Approach."

Marsha Merritt, licensed mental health counselor in Lakeland, will change office locations on Saturday. Her new office will be at 930 Alica Road, Lakeland, which is off of Lake Parker near the former Red Lobster location. The sign out front will read PPS/LCS.

Dr. Brian M. Jurbala, orthopedic surgeon, and the staff of Highland Center for Orthopaedics, held a grand opening Thursday for their new South Lakeland office at 3317 U.S. Highway 98 S. (Bartow Road). Highland Center for Orthopaedics came to Polk County in 2002. Its other Polk office is in Winter Haven.

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