



Celebrating 100 Years:

Parkland Health Center Combines the Remarkable History of Two Local Hospitals

Bonne Terre Hospital, one of Parkland's predecessors, marks its 100th Anniversary





Parkland Health Center was formed in 1992 as a result of the merger of two formerly independent community hospitals in St. Francois County – Bonne Terre Hospital and Farmington Community Hospital. Both hospitals have a fascinating history as they developed to meet the growing needs of St. Francois and surrounding counties.

The Beginning: Bonne Terre Hospital and St. Joseph Lead Company: The history of Bonne Terre and its hospital is deeply intertwined with St. Joseph Lead Company. The company was founded in 1865 and grew to become the largest lead mining operation in the world.

By 1883, St. Joseph Lead Company saw a need to expand its on-site infirmary into a hospital. This hospital was originally housed in a rented building in East Bonne Terre, and the hospital was only for the use of the company's personnel. At that time, single employees were required to pay 50 cents per month for healthcare and married employees paid \$1. In 1894 the hospital was moved to new quarters on Allen Street in Bonne Terre. It is interesting to note that this new facility included the modern convenience of electric lights.

In 1910, St. Joseph Lead Company bought a large plot of land near the Bonne Terre Lake and built and equipped a new hospital at a cost of \$75,000. The former hospital building was also moved to that property and converted into a cottage for the nurses.

100 Years Ago: On June 20, 1911, the Bonne Terre Hospital Association was chartered as a non-profit hospital by a group of civic leaders. The hospital opened its doors to the public for the first time on July 23, 1911, and admitted its first patient one week later. Prior to this time, the hospital had only served St. Joe employees. Bonne Terre Hospital became the first hospital in southeast Missouri and for many years was the only hospital between Cape Girardeau and St. Louis.

An extensive addition was built onto the original structure in 1926, nearly doubling the available patient space. By 1930 the hospital had grown to include 32 beds, a modern nursery with five bassinets and an operating room that was a showcase of modern medical technology. To accommodate a growing population, a second addition was built in 1950 and the older section was entirely renovated. This brought the capacity of the hospital to 20 maternity beds and 57 general beds, 4 emergency beds, 21 bassinets, 3 incubators, 2 operating rooms, 2 emergency treatment rooms, 2 delivery rooms, 1 labor room, 2 nurseries, 1 isolation nursery, 1 formula room, 1 laboratory, 1 central supply, 1 X-ray room, 1 physical therapy room and 1 cast room. There were 18 physicians on staff at that time.

Bonne Terre Hospital was first accredited by the American College of Surgeons, now known as the Joint Commission on Accreditation, in 1946 and has maintained that accreditation ever since.

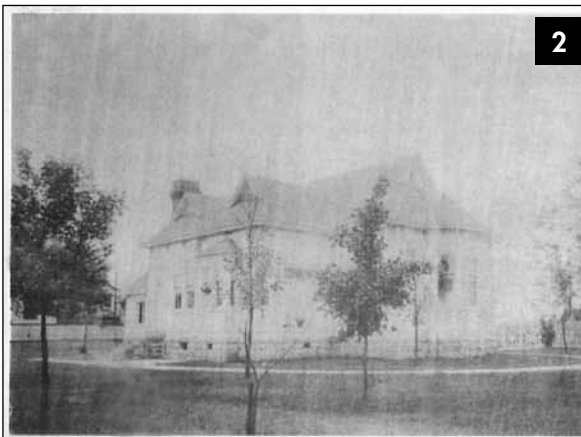
Hospital becomes independent of St. Joe: In 1963 St. Joseph Lead Company turned the operation of the Bonne Terre Hospital over entirely to the community and the board of directors. Until that time, St. Joseph Lead Company underwrote the hospital's annual deficit. A Bonne Terre Register article from 1963 stated, "It is a fact that the St. Joseph Lead Company has contributed more than a million and a half dollars to the Bonne Terre Hospital and untold thousands more in materials and employee services. Fortunately, in recent years, the hospital has been self-supporting and has not had any annual operating deficit." With this change, the hospital became independent of the company for the first time. It was described as a general medical/surgical hospital and operated on a non-profit basis. The following four new directors from the community were elected on September 3, 1963 to replace the board positions previously occupied by St. Joseph Lead Company representatives: Jesse Howell of Elvins, Phillip Pardon of Flat River, Taylor Smith, Jr. of Farmington and Medley Bryar of Bonne Terre.

After a massive fund drive conducted by fund-raising chairman Paul G. Williams, Jr. and board president Elmer A. Jones, a new addition was opened in 1968. This added an intensive care unit with ten beds, each with cardiac monitoring, a remodeled obstetrical department, a new central sterile supply department, a new post-op recovery room, a new kitchen and dining room, enlarged laboratory, new waiting room, new chapel, new administrative area and offices, and partitions that converted patient rooms into private accommodations.

Bonne Terre Hospital Auxiliary is Founded: Bonne Terre's auxiliary was originally formed as the Gray Ladies Organization in 1959. In 1964 the Candy Strippers program was founded, with many interested teenage girls contributing hours of service to the hospital. The Bonne Terre Hospital Auxiliary was formed in 1969 with Mrs. Stanley Jones, Mrs. Fred Fuhrmeister, Mrs. Larry Casteel, Mrs. Blanche Caviness, and Mrs. Medley Bryar as officers. This organization has continued to the present day.

Farmington Community Hospital: Around this time in St. Francois County history, a group of local physicians and community leaders began dreaming of starting a hospital in the southern part of St. Francois County. Discussions began taking place as early as 1962 and this led to forming a Farmington Chamber of Commerce "Hospital Committee" which was chaired by Stuart Landrum. In 1964, Farmington Community

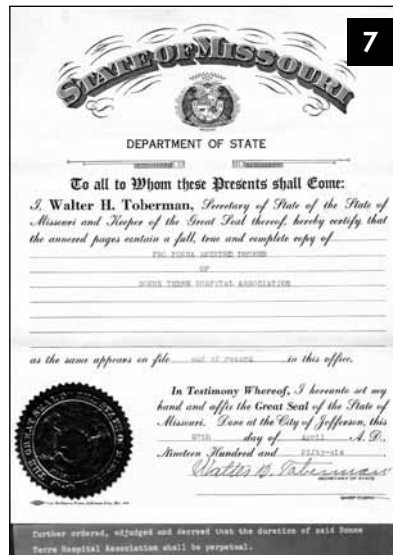
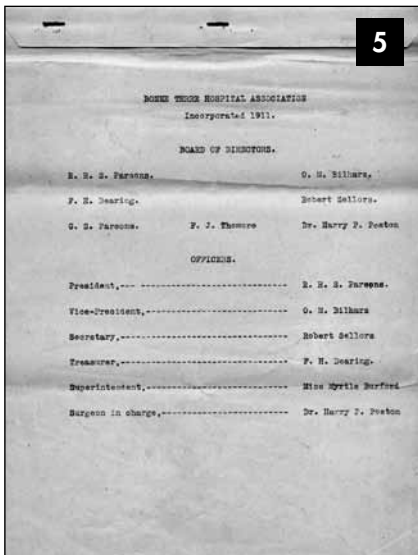




THE PREDECESSOR to Bonne Terre Hospital was St. Joseph Lead Company's Hospital, as seen here in 1900 at its location on School Street across from the St. Joe offices. That building was later moved and can be found on Bonne Terre Hospital grounds, where it serves as the nurses' cottage.



1. Inside the parlor of the nurses' cottage, c. 1915.
2. "The predecessor to Bonne Terre Hospital was St. Joseph Lead Company's Hospital, as seen here in 1900 at its location on School Street across from the St. Joseph Lead Company offices." This building was later moved to the Lake Drive location where it served as the nurses' cottage.
3. Front view of the old portion of the hospital building that was built in 1911 on Lake Drive. This portion was torn down in 1969, following three major additions in 1926, 1950 and 1968.
4. Located on the Lake Drive campus in Bonne Terre, the building on the left originally served as the hospital in its previous location. When St. Joe purchased the Lake Drive property and built a hospital there, this building was moved to the Lake Drive campus and converted into a nurses' cottage. At right is a building that housed the nurses' school from 1911 to 1914. A second nurses' school was started in the early 1960's and was held in the cottage building.
5. First page of original by-laws of Bonne Terre Hospital Association incorporated June 20, 1911. This page shows the original board of directors and officers.
6. Bonne Terre Hospital Association's original decree of incorporation, including embossed seal and signatures of Cornelius Roach, Secretary of State, and Fred G. Park, Chief Clerk.
7. In 1956, Bonne Terre Hospital Association was granted an amended decree, which changed the duration of the association from 50 years to perpetual. This document is signed by Secretary of State Walter H. Toberman on April 27, 1956. The accompanying documents are signed by F.M. Kleppstattel, president of the board, W. Oliver Rasch, secretary, and J.A. Thomure, treasurer.





Hospital, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, was formed. After much groundwork and planning, part of the Harrington farm was purchased, ground was broken in December 1967 and Farmington Community Hospital opened its doors as an 81-bed hospital in April 1969 at 1101 West Liberty, the current location for Parkland Health Center-Farmington.

To help fund the construction of the hospital, citizens from the community purchased ten and 20 year debentures, or bonds, and many gave donations and memorials. The sale of the debentures was headed up by long-time resident Albert Karsch. Some hospital rooms were partially to totally furnished by families in the community.

Farmington Community Hospital was fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals in 1971. Several years later, the facility was expanded to a capacity of 108 beds. In 1978 another expansion brought much needed space and parking, and increased the capacity to 130 beds.

Farmington Community Hospital Auxiliary: The Farmington Community Hospital Auxiliary was formed when the hospital opened and continues to be a vital part of the hospital today, having contributed many thousands of dollars for special projects and thousands of hours of volunteer service to the hospital. In 1979 the hospital began the Meals on Wheels program which continues today.

Parkland Health Center's Inception: In 1984 Bonne Terre Hospital became affiliated with Christian Health Services in St. Louis, and then in 1992, Bonne Terre Hospital merged with Farmington Community Medical Center (formerly called Farmington Community Hospital) to become Parkland Health Center. The following year, Christian Health Services, Barnes Hospital and the Jewish Hospital of St. Louis merged to become BJC Health System – now BJC HealthCare. Parkland Health Center continues to the present day as part of BJC HealthCare.

Parkland Health Center immediately started an extensive building program in Bonne Terre and Farmington, and on July 21, 1995 opened a new \$4 million facility on Vo-Tech Road (now called Raider Road) in Bonne Terre, just off Highway 67.

In recent years, Parkland Health Center has met the needs of the growing community by expanding facilities and services at the Farmington location, including the addition of a four-story medical office building adjacent to the hospital in 1995, renovation of the OB department in 2004, and in 2008-2009, Parkland invested \$14.2 million in the addition of six new private OB rooms and a new emergency department facility.

Two Locations:

Parkland Health Center-Bonne Terre Today: Today Parkland Health Center-Bonne Terre is a primary-care facility that provides 24-hour physician-staffed emergency services, lab and radiology, including CT, as well as oncology/hematology services, an infusion center and a sleep disorder center. It also includes offices for BJC HealthCare specialists in the areas of pediatric cardiology, ENT, gastroenterology and orthopedics. Physical and occupational therapy services, including aquatic therapy, are offered nearby at the Well Life Center in Bonne Terre.

Parkland Health Center-Farmington Today: Parkland Health Center-Farmington has grown into a 130-bed, full service hospital. It provides 24-hour physician-staffed emergency services as well as services for maternity, pediatrics, inpatient and outpatient surgery, diagnostic radiology, ultrasound, digital mammography, nuclear medicine, CT scan, MRI, breast MRI, PET/CT, bone densitometry, echocardiography, special procedures including angiography, cardio-pulmonary, laboratory, and retail pharmacy. There is extended care for those over 55 who require psychiatric care; older adult wellness programs; a board-certified diabetic care center; wound care center with hyperbaric chamber; inpatient and outpatient physical, occupational, lymphedema and speech/dysphasia therapy; out-patient aquatic therapy, cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation; home health care and hospice services.

In 2010, Parkland Health Center had 3,820 in-patient visits and 92,184 out-patient visits, 657 births, plus an additional 35,091 emergency room patients at both locations combined. As of 2010, Parkland has 631 employees, including 139 physicians representing twenty-two specialties, with a total payroll and benefits of \$27,596,650.

Parkland Health Center is extremely involved in the community, assisting with a number of community events, and having an active presence in local chambers of commerce. Parkland also hosts several large annual educational events including Seeds of Wisdom, a health event for women and Senior Health and Fitness which is geared toward older adults.

Parkland Health Center is a non-profit hospital and is part of BJC HealthCare which also includes St. Louis Children's Hospital and Barnes-Jewish Hospital, the teaching hospitals for Washington University School of Medicine. *For additional information about Parkland Health Center, please call (573) 756-6451 or the physician finder service at (573) 431-3338 or visit www.parklandhealthcenter.org.*

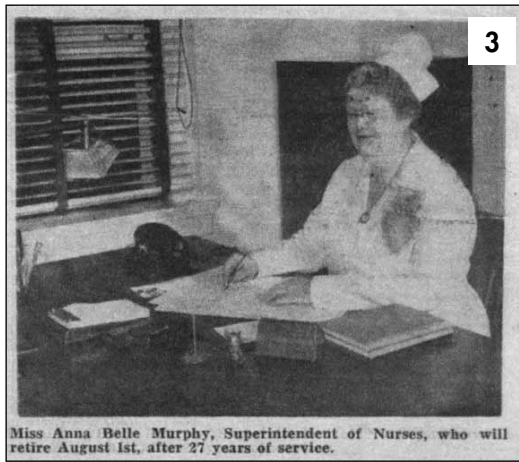




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Miss Anna Belle Murphy, Superintendent of Nurses, who will retire August 1st, after 27 years of service.



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Group picture of officials of the Bonne Terre Hospital, St. Joseph Lead Company and newspaper editors at the dinner Tuesday evening.



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1. This photo shows the Bonne Terre Hospital in 1951, following the 1950 addition and remodeling of the 1926 addition.
2. Dr. Van Taylor, William (Bill) Gnadt, administrator of Bonne Terre Hospital from 1951-1974, and Dr. Homer Appleberry, pose with new medical equipment, which was presented in memory of Dr. P.L. Jones in 1959.
3. Miss Anna Belle Murphy is shown at the time of her retirement in 1951, after 27 years of service as Superintendent of Nurses.
4. Group picture of newspaper editors and officials of the Bonne Terre Hospital and St. Joseph Lead Company at a dinner in 1951: (Left to right), front row: William Gnadt, N.A. Gerig, Dr. H.M. Roebber, Lovell Turley. Back row: John Steinbeck, M.M. Huff, Art Freeman, Oliver Rasche, Joe Stewart, W.L. Bouchard, B.F. Murphy, Charles Porter, Mack Denman, F.M. Kleppsattel, and Anna Belle Murphy.
5. 1954 – In appreciation of the hospital's years of valued service to the county, the St. Francois County Tuberculosis Association presented funds to the hospital with which to purchase a PFX Fluore-Record cut film camera, which enabled the hospital to detect tuberculosis. Shown above in foreground is Harry H. Kay, treasurer of the TB association presenting a check to F. M. Kleppsattel, president of Bonne Terre Hospital Association. Others in the photo include Orvil Sikes, hospital radiology dept.; William Gnadt, hospital administrator; Dr. H.M. Roebber, hospital medical staff; Mrs. H.J. Sailor, TB association president; William F. Manson, Jr. and Mrs. Maurice Turnbull, TB association secretary. According to the accompanying article, at this time TB killed more people between the ages of 15 and 35 than any other known disease, and very few hospitals were providing routine chest X-rays for patients upon admission. The cost to patients was \$2.00 per X-ray.
6. In 1958, the St. Francois County Pharmaceutical Association formally presented the Bonne Terre Hospital with a Poison Control Cabinet complete with 95 antidotes and two reference books on toxicology. This helped Bonne Terre Hospital to establish the first poison control center between St. Louis and Cape Girardeau. Area pharmacists gathered with administrator Bill Gnadt (center, in bow tie) and association president Henry Carrow (to Mr. Gnadt's left).



Bonne Terre Hospital Historical Tidbits

List of “Firsts”

- First hospital in southeast Missouri and the first to be accredited by JCAHO
- First hospital between St. Louis and Memphis to have a board-certified surgeon on staff
- Area’s first poison control center
- First area hospital to have a nurses’ training program
- First to have LPNs state-qualified to perform routine intravenous procedures
- Area’s first outpatient hemodialysis unit (1987)
- First area health care facility to offer primary health care on a full time basis

First hospital location:

From a 1964 “Bonne Terre Register” article – referring to St. Joseph Lead Company’s new location for its company infirmary in 1883: “Feeling the need for more adequate facilities, the St. Joseph Lead Company rented a place far enough away from the noise of the mill and the smoke and dust of the calcines and smelters which were operating at Bonne Terre then. This plot of ground was on the Pen Diggings tract. The exact location was where Rotarian Frank McDowell operates his St. Francois County Farm Supply Store. It was a year later that the company purchased the Pen Diggings tract for the large amount of timber on the property for use in their operations. Later, this tract proved to have large deposits of galena ore which nearly doubled the tonnage of the Bonne Terre Mill.”

Second hospital location:

From same article as above, and referring to the 1894 location of the company infirmary: “Sometime in the middle or late 1890s a more modern and convenient hospital was built across from where the present main office now stands. It was located on the lot next to 213 E. School Street, where Mr. Charles Barker lived some years later. This building served its purpose admirably and contained several features not in the East Bonne Terre Hospital. One of these from the newly installed electric light machine installed in the Bonne Terre Mill furnished electric lights.”

Third hospital location:

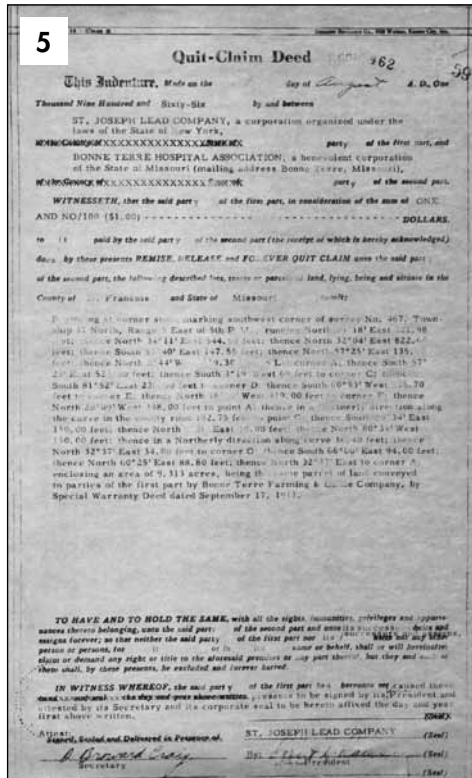
In 1910, St. Joseph Lead Company bought a large plot of land near the Bonne Terre Lake and built and equipped a new hospital at a cost of \$75,000. The former hospital building was also moved to that property and converted into a cottage for the nurses.

From same article as above, and referring to this third location: “The period from 1910 to about 1915 was one of great prosperity and expansion. The new office building and fine store, recreation and YMCA buildings were erected. Many fine homes came into existence for the use of the company staff. The general public joined in the building rush. The towns of the Lead Belt south of Bonne Terre were growing at a very substantial rate. Late in 1910, there were some fifteen or sixteen physicians practicing medicine in the district without adequate hospital facilities for their patients. Mr. Roscoe Parsons had succeeded his father as resident director of the St. Joseph Lead Company and was the moving light in many civic activities. It was he with Mr. Robert Sellors, Mr. F.H. Dearing and Mr. O.M. Bilharz who signed a petition for a non-profit and independent charter to organize, build and maintain a hospital in Bonne Terre. The Charter was issued on June 20, 1911.”

Interesting facts from the early years:

- The first baby born at Bonne Terre Hospital was born Nov. 8, 1911 to Dr. and Mrs. H.P. Poston. Dr. Poston was the Surgeon in Charge (a position now called Chief of Staff) of the founding board and medical staff of Bonne Terre Hospital.
- In 1912, Dr. Harry Poston was authorized to purchase the first X-ray equipment for the hospital.
- 1917 rates:
 - Private room - \$14.50 per week
 - Major surgery - \$10
 - Minor surgery fee - \$5
 - Special Duty Nurse - \$1 daily
 - Superintendent of Nurses’ salary - \$60 monthly, plus room, board and laundry. Her duties were purchasing, planning the meals, overseeing housekeeping, and being in charge of all hospital employees.
- In 1917 the superintendent was authorized to construct a cow shed and hen house at a cost of \$140.





Bonne Hospital Endorses Oral VP

Dr. Howard M. Terry, Superintendent of Schools and Bonne Terre Chairman of the oral polio vaccination "Victory Over Polio" clinic March 1 has announced approval and endorsement of the oral polio clinics from the Bonne Terre Hospital officials. Pictured left to right: Dr. Terry; Mrs. Margaret Faenger, publicity chairman; Dr. Van Taylor, hospital chief of staff; Mrs. Emma Bray, R.N., Bonne Terre school nurse and Bill Gnadt, administrator of Bonne Terre Hospital.



- In 1956, a grant was made to the hospital from Valley Dolomite to purchase an electrocardiograph machine and a modern intercom system for the hospital. Shown above left to right are: hospital board president F.M. Kleppsattel; Ben P. Donnell, vice president in charge of operations at Valley Dolomite; Bill Gnadt, hospital administrator; and Henry P. Day, vice president and treasurer of Valley Dolomite.
- Miss Dorothy Portell demonstrates the modern intercom system to Mr. Day and Mr. Gnadt.
- Feb. 25, 1964: "Dr. Howard M. Terry, superintendent of schools and Bonne Terre chairman of the oral polio vaccination "Victory Over Polio" clinic March 1 has announced approval and endorsement of the oral polio clinics from the Bonne Terre Hospital officials. Pictured left to right: Dr. Terry, Mrs. Margaret Faenger, publicity chairman; Dr. Van Taylor, hospital chief of staff; Mrs. Emma Bray, R.N., Bonne Terre school nurse; and Bill Gnadt, administrator of Bonne Terre Hospital."
- In 1969, the local garden club matched a \$65 grant from Sears and chose the beautification of the hospital entrance as its community service project. Shown above is Mrs. Paul Henderson beginning the planting while Miss Gertrude Wolf, Miss Caroline Wolf, Mrs. Oliver Sykes, Mrs. E.H. Wood, Mrs. Louise Perrett, and Bill Gnadt look on.
- St. Joseph Lead Company turned the operation of the hospital over entirely to the community and board of directors in 1963. In 1966, St. Joseph Lead Company sold the hospital grounds to the hospital association for \$1. The Quit-Claim Deed is shown here.
- Group photo, probably taken at a Rotary Club meeting, c. 1960: front row, left to right: Mr. Howell, Clay Cundiff, Medley Bryar, Harry Ward, Mel Weems, George Bangert, Carol Gerig and Edward Goodwin. Back row, left to right: (unidentified), (unidentified), Paul G. Williams, Jr., Phil Pardon, Dr. Van W. Taylor, William Gnadt, George Allers, Houck Mitchell, Bernell Weems, (unidentified) and Frank McDowell.





Interesting early hospital rules:

- Charity patients must help one another as their condition permits
- Profane language, immoral concepts, etc. will cause a patient's bed to be forfeited.
- There must be perfect silence in the wards during the doctors' professional rounds.
- A patient was liable to discharge if anyone brought him wine or food.
- No chronic or incurable diseases, infectious or communicable diseases or persons with mental aberrations or alcoholic manias were to be admitted.

Other facts:

- **Nursing School** - There was a nursing school at the hospital from 1911 to 1914, with nurses sent to St. Louis Maternity Hospital for three months training in Obstetrics and training in dietetics. A second school of nursing was held in the former nurses' cottage, with the first class of fifteen graduating on August 9, 1963. This was part of the Lead Belt Vocational School Program and was sponsored by Bonne Terre Hospital, Mineral Area Hospital and Madison County Memorial Hospital. The school was managed by Mr. Ed Ralston.
- Bonne Terre Hospital was first accredited by the Joint Commission of Hospital Accreditation in 1946 and it has maintained this accreditation ever since.
- **Names from 1950:** Anna Belle Murphy, Supt. of Nurses, retired after over 27 years of service, with Marian Falk moving from Assistant Supt. of Nurses into the superintendent position. Maude Schull moved from supervisor of the obstetrical dept. to become assistant superintendent of nurses, and Cathra Stroup was appointed as Supervisor of the Obstetrical Dept.
- **Tornado of 1957** – the Bonne Terre Hospital medical staff immediately put into effect their disaster plan for the treatment of mass casualties when a tornado struck the Desloge-Cantwell area on May 21, 1957, and the community pitched in to help. Having previously felt secure with three different sources of electricity to power the hospital, the hospital did not have an auxiliary generator, but all three power sources were knocked out by the tornado. Industries immediately sent portable generators and volunteers got them into operation to help power the hospital. Volunteers brought gasoline lanterns, lamps, battery powered mine lamps and flash lights. Others brought or sent cots and beds. Hospital staff reported

for duty and helped care for patients, prepare food, assume clerical duties, and maintain communications within the hospital as well as with the local police. The Highway Patrol helped with traffic control, communications and delivering blood and plasma. Verlon Boyer and other area morticians used their hearses to transport the wounded, and volunteers helped move patients from ambulances and hearses and from the emergency treatment area to the shock ward and other rooms. Oddly enough, the first patient to arrive at the hospital following the tornado was a woman about to give birth!

- **1959** – Bonne Terre Hospital became a cooperating substation of the Washington University School of Medicine Eye Bank Program.
- **November 8, 1961** – Bonne Terre Hospital's Fiftieth Anniversary baby was born to Betty and Walter Barnes of Flat River, and named Deborah Ann. She was delivered by Dr. Paul Dennis. By 1961, the Bonne Terre Hospital had delivered 13,419 babies, and the obstetrical department had 16 adult beds, two delivery rooms, a formula room and three nurseries containing 16 bassinets and four incubators.

Quotes from news releases and articles:

July 20, 1961, from "Bonne Terre Register" – [referring back to 1911-12]

"A kitchen garden on the hospital grounds, a cow kept in a cowshed with the superintendent's car and a few hogs, provided meat, milk and fresh vegetables for the patients. In 1912 the walks, roads and entrance gates on the hospital grounds were completed and the House and Grounds Committee issued a plea to hospital employees that the gates be kept closed to keep stray livestock off the grounds. In 1961, half a century later, food is ordered by case lots from wholesale food companies and the fences and gates have been removed to make way for paved driveways, parking areas, and expanding building projects."

(from same article as above) - "The Hospital Junior Nurses' Aide Program provides training during the summer months for high school girls in the area who are interested in a nursing career."

Jan. 27, 1956 - For the year 1955, "3,857 patients were admitted to the hospital, including 849 newborn infants.... A total of 320 major and 768 minor operations were performed, 4,548 x-ray examinations were made and 10,236 tests were made in the laboratory. 620 electrocardiograms were made and there were 187 basal metabolism tests. There were also 518 treatments of radio short wave heat, violet ray, Ultra-sonic, and whirlpool water baths."





1. We believe this photo represents the partnership which formed the second school of nursing that was held in the nurses' cottage on the hospital grounds in the early 60s. This was part of the Lead Belt Vocational School Program and was sponsored by Bonne Terre Hospital, Mineral Area Hospital and Madison County Memorial Hospital.
2. Preparing to break ground on the 1968 addition are board members Oliver Rasch (far left) and F.M. Kleppsattel (3rd from left), board president and Division Manager of St. Joseph Lead Company's Southeast Missouri Operations Elmer Jones (3rd from right), fund-raising committee chairman Paul G. Williams, Jr. (2nd from right), and hospital administrator William Gnadt (far right).
3. Chalmer Barrow, Ernestine Jeniso, and Alvena Mae Carrow, c. 1960s.
4. This photo shows the new 1968 entrance into the 1950 addition, with parts of the 1926 addition (far center) and 1968 addition (far right)
5. This group of Candy Strippers in 1966 or '67 includes Lynn Brooks (4th from right in back row). This year, Lynn will celebrate her 40th year as a registered nurse at Parkland Health Center, having begun her career at Parkland's predecessor, Farmington Community Hospital, in 1971.
6. This shows the new entrance, which was added as part of the 1968 addition. The 1968 addition is to the right, and is not included in this photo.





Nov. 6, 1958 – “At the regular monthly meeting held at Bonne Terre Hospital on October 23, 1958, the St. Francois County Pharmaceutical Association formally presented the Bonne Terre Hospital with a Poison Control Cabinet complete with 95 antidotes and two reference books on toxicology. The hospital will establish a Poison Control Center to be used by our doctors and trained personnel. This will be the only Poison Control Center between St. Louis and Cape Girardeau . . .

The members of the Pharmaceutical Association wish to thank their president, Mr. Henry Carrow, for his leadership in obtaining this Poison Control Cabinet for presentation to the Bonne Terre Hospital.”

c. 1963, from “Bonne Terre Register” – “A group of the Red Cross Ladies volunteer their time to spend many hours with patients, reading to them, writing letters for them, teaching handicraft skills to while away the time or just visiting with lonely patients. These ladies are not amateurs for they attend training sessions by the Red Cross. Their cart loaded with books, magazines, games and toys is a familiar sight in the corridors of the hospital.”

Numbers and Statistics:

Number of annual admissions and births:

- 1911 – 197 admissions, 1 birth
- 1961 – 4,990 admissions, 725 births, 5,128 out-patient visits, 1,465 operations
- Total during first 50 years: 75,674 patients, 13,419 births
- 2010 – 3,820 inpatient visits, 92,184 out-patient visits, 35,091 emergency patients, 657 births

Number of doctors on staff:

- 1911 – 8
- 1961 – 17 active, 10 “courtesy staff doctors” and 7 dentists
- 1986 – 59
- 2011 – 151

Bonne Terre Hospital building on Lake Drive becomes St. Joe Manor:

Parkland Health Center built and opened its new Bonne Terre facility on Raider Road in 1995. The building that served as Bonne Terre Hospital from 1911 until 1992 was purchased and renovated by Sharo Shirshekan and opened in November of 1999 as a nursing care facility called St. Joe Manor. Still across from the Bonne Terre Lake and surrounded by the spacious grounds purchased 100 years ago by St. Joseph Lead

Company for the purpose of building its hospital, St. Joe Manor offers 50 assisted living beds and 168 skilled nursing care beds, including 50 rooms in a specialized unit for Alzheimer’s and dementia patients.

Superintendents and Administrators:

Superintendents of Bonne Terre Hospital:

- Miss Myrtle Burford (1911)
- Miss Ogdon (1912)
- Miss Fannie McCleod (1913)
- Miss Hannah (Interim)
- Miss Brock (1916)
- Miss Mable Alexander (1916, Acting Supt.)
- Miss C. Borcharding (1916 - ?)
- Miss Mary Small (dates not certain)
- Miss Anna Belle Murphy – 1923 - 1950

Administrators of Bonne Terre Hospital, Farmington Community Hospital and Parkland Health Center:

Bonne Terre Hospital

- William J. Gnadit – 1951 - 1974
(deceased Dec. 16, 1974 while serving as administrator)
- Forrest Craig
(Ass’t. Admin., then Acting Administrator following Mr. Gnadit’s death)
- Ray Mullins – 1975 - 1977
- Charles Roberts – 1978 - 1984
- Tom Walthers – 1984 - 1986
- Dan Gantz – 1987 - 1992

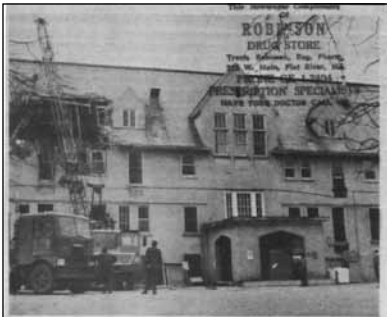
Farmington Community Hospital

- Joe Durham – 1969 - 70
- Gene Lockridge – (Interim Administrator, 1970)
- William “Bill” Blair – 1970 - 1992 (Administrator of Farmington Community Hospital until merger in 1992, and then first administrator of Parkland Health Center until retirement)

Parkland Health Center

- William “Bill” Blair – 1992 - 1996
- Rick Conklin – 1996 - 2008
- Tom Karl – 2008 - present





LANDMARK PORTION of Bonne Terre Hospital is coming down. A large crane began the job of tearing down the original hospital building Thursday afternoon. This part of the hospital complex will be razed to ground level. Placement will be roofed and used for hospital services for which it is suitable. Administrator William J. Gnadt said this building erected in 1910 has been replaced because the frame and

of steel construction does not meet present standards. Gnadt said the new 40 bed wing and rearranged hospital will be ready for public viewing within a few weeks. The new wing's facilities are now in use, he said. The new Bonne Terre Hospital now offers a full range of services to supply all of the basic needs of the area it serves, said the administrator. — Staff Photo.



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MRS. SALLY ROBINSON (left) and Mrs. Stanley Jones of Bonne Terre are among the many volunteers who operate Bonne Terre Hospital Gift Shop. A wide range of gifts are available in the shop and through mobile carts which visit each hospital floor daily. Mrs. Jones said many who buy items from the shop to take home, as well as for patients they can't visit.



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A LOT OF BEEF! Carla Painter, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Carl Painter, French Village, holds on to her 965 pound steer that Union Electric purchased at the Junior Steer Sale held last week at the St. Francois County Fair. Frank Richardson, UE District Manager, purchased the animal for \$650.00 (66¢ per pound) and then donated it to the Bonne Terre Hospital. William Gnadt (center) Bonne Hospital Administrator, was present to accept the lead from UE. — Staff Photo by Jim Lange



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1. Shown here from the back side, the original 1910-11 Bonne Terre Hospital building was razed to ground level following the 1968 addition. The basement portion was roofed and used for appropriate hospital services.
2. Marie Young, registrar, at the front desk near the entrance of the hospital, c. late 1970s.
3. In the late 60s, auxiliary members Sally Robinson (left) and Mrs. Stanley Jones are shown working in the new gift shop.
4. Auxiliary volunteer Del Orten in the newly added waiting room, late 1960s.
5. Estimated to have been in the late 60s, Frank Richardson purchased Carla Painter's steer at the St. Francois County Fair and donated it to the hospital. William Gnadt is shown (center) along with Miss Painter.
6. A visiting ENT examines a young patient named Lauren while she holds her Cabbage Patch doll, c. 1984-85.



Parkland Health Center-Bonne Terre

Carol Coulter, Administrative Director – 1992 - 2002;
Administrator – 2003 - present

Board Members and Medical Staff – 1911 - 1915

Founding Board of Directors and Officers of Bonne Terre Hospital Association – 1911
Roscoe R.S. Parsons, President (deceased in 1915 during his tenure as president)
O.M. Bilharz, Vice-President
Robert Sellors, Secretary
F.H. Dearing, Treasurer (deceased in 1935 or 1936 during his tenure on the board)
Dr. Harry P. Poston, Surgeon in charge
G.S. Parsons
F.J. Thomure
Miss Myrtle Burford, Superintendent

Minutes from February 12, 1912 state: *“On motion it was unanimously carried ‘that the medical gentlemen who had expressed their willingness to become members of the Medical Staff of the Hospital, be elected to membership thereon, and that the Secretary notify them of their election.’”* The following names were thus added to the staff viz:

- Dr. C.P. Poston
- Dr. A.L. Evans
- Dr. R. Appleberry
- Dr. F.L. Keith
- Dr. G.B. Williams
- Dr. O.A. Smith
- Dr. J.S. Donnell
- Dr. E.T. Brand
- Dr. R.B. Downing

Additional research shows these doctors on the staff in 1912:

- Dr. J.B. Robinson
- C.R. Fleming
- W.C. Reece
- N.R. Donnell
- F.L. Long
- A. Lucky

Board Members and Medical Staff, 1936 (25th Anniversary)

Board Members, 1936:

- C.H. Barker
- V.M. Johnston
- A.C. Malone
- L.T. Sicka
- Parkhurst Sleeth
- Dr. D.E. Smith

Note: Documentation of the Medical Staff names in 1936 was not found, but records show the following near that time frame:

Active Medical Staff, 1931:

- Dr. C. Homer Appleberry, Rivermines
- Dr. D. Appleberry, Rivermines
- Dr. R. Appleberry, Farmington
- Dr. W.F. Aubuchon, Leadwood
- Dr. W.H. Barron, Fredericktown
- Dr. W.J. Bryan, Flat River
- Dr. W.P. Duckworth, Desloge
- Dr. A.L. Evans, Bonne Terre
- Dr. N.M. Fuller, Desloge
- Dr. H.C. Gaebe, Desloge
- Dr. N.W. Hawkins, Bonne Terre
- Dr. O.E. Hensley, Herculanum
- Dr. P.L. Jones, Elvins
- Dr. R.C. Kitchell, Bismarck
- Dr. R.B. Lester, Desloge
- Dr. E.H. Matkin, Bonne Terre
- Dr. H.M. Roebber, Bonne Terre
- Dr. S.C. Slaughter, Fredericktown
- Dr. D.E. Smith, Bonne Terre
- Dr. O.E. Smith, Farmington
- Dr. V. Taylor, Leadwood
- Dr. G.L. Watkins, Farmington
- Dr. J.P. Yeargin, Irondale

Added to the medical staff in 1934:

- Dr. F.G. Creswell





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AUXILIARY GIFT \$4,000.



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EVERYBODY DOES NOT necessarily have long holidays, for example, the second floor nursing station at Bonne Terre Hospital looked like this Christmas morning. From the left are Juanita Sander, Faye Marshall as ward secretary, Dolores Yount, Irene Rosener and Augusta Carrow and seated is Margaret Hornsey who is superintendent of nursing. This same situation was repeated at all area hospitals as doctors, nurses, technicians, and hospital staff went about caring for those hospitalized over the holiday. At Bonne Terre, the emergency room was full as patients waited for examinations or medicines from doctors who combined hospital calls and emergency sicknesses of their patients.



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1. Francis Covington, LPN, in the new emergency room, c. late 60s
2. Auxiliary member Margaret Faenger presents a check to hospital administrator Charles Roberts, c. 1980.
3. Shown working on Christmas Day, left to right, c. 1970s are Juanita Sander, Faye Marshall, Dolores Yount, Irene Rosener, and Augusta Carrow. Seated is Margaret Hornsey.
4. Thomas G. Walther served as administrator from 1984 to 1986.
5. Melissa (Rawson) Clauser, RN, working in the medication room, c. 1980.
6. Bill Huff and Fred Brown of Christian Health Services, along with board president George Bangert, and administrator Charles Roberts, stop to capture the moment when Bonne Terre Hospital became affiliated with Christian Health Services in 1984.
7. Board Member George Bangert shakes hands with Fred Brown of Christian Health Services.



Added to the medical staff in 1939:

- Dr. N.W. Hawkins, Bonne Terre
- Dr. Van W. Taylor, Bonne Terre
- Dr. F. Richard Crouch, Farmington

Board Members and Medical Staff, 1961 (50th Anniversary)

Board Members, 1961:

- F. M. Kleppsattel
- Elmer A. Jones
- Lawrence W. Casteel
- W. Oliver Rasch
- J.A. Thomure

Active Medical Staff, 1961

- Dr. C.H. Appleberry, Flat River
- Dr. C.E. Carleton, Jr., Farmington
- Dr. C.W. Chastain, Farmington
- Dr. F.R. Crouch, Head, Dept. of Obstetrics, Farmington
- Dr. W. Paul Dennis, Flat River
- Dr. J.L. Foster, Desloge
- Dr. Marvin T. Haw, Bonne Terre
- Dr. R.A. Huckstep, Farmington
- Dr. J.W. Hunt, Leadwood
- Dr. A.G. Karraker, Farmington
- Dr. Jack Mullen, Head, Dept. of Internal Medicine, Bonne Terre
- Dr. George A. Oliver, Farmington
- Dr. H.M. Roebber, Bonne Terre
- Dr. Van W. Taylor, Head, Dept. of Surgery, Bonne Terre
- Dr. G. L. Watkins, Farmington

Dental Staff:

- Dr. C.H. Berry, Bonne Terre
- Dr. Paul D. Newman, Farmington
- Dr. F.E. Norwine, Flat River
- Dr. R.F. Paul, Bonne Terre
- Dr. J.W. Rhodes, Farmington

Board Members and Medical Staff, 1986 (75th Anniversary)

Board Members, 1986:

- George Bangert
- Dr. C. W. Chastain
- Suzanne Kohn
- Mildred Lee
- Dr. Jack Mullen
- Frank Richardson
- William Robards
- Robert Thomas
- Paul G. Williams III

Parkland Health Center Board Members and Medical Staff, 2011 (100th Anniversary)

Board Members, 2011:

- Mary E. "Beth" Baker
- Richard L. Conklin
- Kevin L. Cook
- John R. Crouch
- Brett M. Dickinson, MD
- Edward H. DuMontier, MD
- Gary J. Grix, MD
- Steven R. Jones
- Thomas P. Karl
- Steven J. Kurtz
- Jill Mackay
- Catherine (Katie) Chastain Rhodes
- Larry Williams Skaggs
- Sandra Van Trease
- Pairat Vibulakaopun, MD
- Joyce F. Wood, Chair





Parkland North Ribbon Cutting
Bill Blair officially opened the Parkland Health Center North July 21 during ceremonies held at the facility
Photo by Sara Heimbarger



1. Auxiliary members Margaret Faenger, Carrol VanRonzelen and Eleanor Murphy take part in the 75th anniversary celebration.
2. Employees and community members gather to celebrate Bonne Terre Hospital's 75th anniversary in 1986.
3. Anne Denman and Wilma Ketcherside at the first floor nurses station, c. 1980.
4. Parkland Health Center-Bonne Terre, located on Raider Road, officially opened July 21, 1995. Members of the community joined together with administrators and staff for a ribbon cutting.
5. Hospital Picnic, 1989
6. Parkland Health Center-Bonne Terre today.
7. Carol Coulter, RN, has worked at Bonne Terre Hospital/Parkland Health Center for 32 years. Carol has served as administrator of Parkland-Bonne Terre since 2003 when the hospital received a separate license as a critical access hospital.
8. Tom Karl, President of Parkland Health Center, began as CFO of Farmington Community Hospital in 1985, then served as Assistant Administrator before becoming President in 2008. Mr. Karl was directly involved in several key events in Parkland's history including the merger of Farmington Community Hospital and Bonne Terre Hospital that formed Parkland Health Center in 1992.
9. Parkland Health Center-Farmington today.
10. Wanda Stumbo, RN working in the ER, late 70s or early 80s.





Active Medical Staff, 2011:

Maria P. Ambalong, MD
 Sujatha R. Ayyagar, MD
 Raul A. Borrego, MD
 Danielle N. Carron, MD
 Nilima P. Chand, MD
 Sunil G. Chand, MD
 Fernando J. deCastro, MD
 Abegaile Santiago Denison, MD
 Andrew J. Denison, MD
 Brett M. Dickinson, MD
 Edward H. DuMontier, MD
 Brian J. Gallagher, DO
 George M. Gasser III, DO
 John J. Grechus, MD
 John D. Griffin, MD
 Gary J. Grix, MD
 Sunil Gurung, MD
 Kimberly L. Hartel, MD
 William D. Johnson, DO
 Karl D. Killion, DO
 Scott D. Kirkley, MD
 Jeanne M. Kornhardt, MD
 Vikrant Mittal, MD
 Darlene A. Moore, MD
 Patrick W. O'Hara, MD
 Rustico A. Ramos, Jr., MD
 Sumia Rashid, MD
 Justin W. Roberts, DO
 Raad R. Roubey, MD
 Jamesy C. Smith, DO
 Jeffrey M. Swinarski, MD
 Scott A. VanNess, DO
 Pairat Vibulakaopun, MD
 Evan G. Williams, MD
 Jamal A. Zereik, MD

Farmington Community Hospital Historical Facts

Original board members of Farmington Community Hospital Corporation, Inc. in 1964

Stuart Landrum
 Robert Boswell
 Harry L. Denman
 Jack Hirsch
 Lacy B. Coghill
 J.B. Reinhart
 George A. Oliver, M.D.

Founding Board Members of Farmington Community Hospital, 1969

Stuart Landrum, President
 Robert A. Huckstep, M.D.
 Jack Hirsch
 Lacey B. Coghill
 David L. Colson
 Don R. Mell
 Vernon K. Giessing
 George A. Oliver, M.D.
 William "Bill" Blair – first administrator

Active Medical Staff (from a newspaper clipping in 1972):

James A. Armantrout, D.O.
 Tom R. Burcham, M.D.
 Juan Cancelada, M.D.
 C.E. Carleton, M.D.
 William Chastain, M.D.
 F.R. Crouch, M.D.
 George W. Dent, M.D.
 R.A. Fraser, M.D.
 Robert A. Huckstep, M.D.
 Alvan G. Karraker, M.D.
 George A. Oliver, M.D.
 Kirby Turner, M.D. (Associate)
 George L. Watkins, M.D.





Journal of the Board of Trustees of the Parkland Health Center

Resolved: That the Board of Trustees of the Parkland Health Center do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Parkland Health Center, held on the 15th day of June, 1954.

Attest: My Commission Expires: 10/15/54

W. H. [Signature]

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