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**Richard Barker,  
Administrator**

**Ambulance Emergency  
911**

**Clinic Appointments  
276-2400**

**Hospital Information  
276-3347**

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276-1542**

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211**

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276-2042  
Hotline - 226-6424**

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# **Emergency Department Staff Dedicated from Youth**

## **Jordan "Kelsi" Buckaloo, CNA**

From age 16, Kelsi Buckaloo has made a beeline to the nursing profession. She capitalized during her junior and senior years of high school in Marietta by completing the nursing assistant curriculum at Southern Technology Center. Upon graduating in 2015, she went to work as a CNA in the emergency room and on the nursing floor. Last fall she was admitted to Murray State College's RN program, a two-year degree. Eventually she hopes to move on to a four-year, bachelor's degree in nursing.

"I want to help people," Buckaloo said. "When I was young, I had pneumonia and had to be transferred to OU Children's Hospital. While I was getting well, I became intrigued by seeing the different medical people at the hospital and what they do. They knew me and wanted me to feel better. What they did for me is what I want to do for other people."



## **Mercedes Heath, First Responder**

Mercedes Heath is the second generation of her family in the medical field. Her mother, Tammy Heath, her father, Obie Heath, and her uncle, Kenneth Heath, all served in the hospital, and Obie is still affiliated as a Chief of the EMS (ambulance) service.

Heath has children of her own now, two boys, ages 7 and 5. She started work for Mercy Health/Love County in 2014 as a first aid attendant at WinStar Casino. Later that year, she transferred to the emergency room where she registers patients and begins the care process.

An important part of her work is supporting the next of kin in the waiting room. "You have to be sure the family is OK. You reassure them that everyone here is doing everything they can do to help. I give the family directions to the next hospital, and focus with them on the next steps. You never know what is going to come through the doors of the ER. Sometimes the family needs you more. I am learning every day."



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# **Mercy Health/Love County**

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