

**May Rising Star Shares Praise  
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The Rising Star for May at Muenster Memorial Hospital finds it difficult to talk about his accomplishments.

Instead, award recipient Steve Peckham's praise immediately shifts to his co-workers. "I believe we all do a great job and we all deserve a pat on the back, he says. "The hospital does not run by itself; it runs because of the great staff we have here."



The tall, quiet man, who is seen with a broom or mop in his hands almost constantly, joined the Housekeeping staff at Muenster Memorial as a part-time employee in November 2013. He went on to be full time by October 2014.

"I love the hospital and am so grateful that the Housekeeping manager Johnny Bohannon and HR manager Tiffany Reed gave me the opportunity."

Peckham was born in Des Moines, Iowa. His family consisted of his parents, four brothers and one sister. The family moved to California when Steve was a teen, but he found it difficult to adjust. So, on the road he went, hitchhiking and riding the rails.

After sewing those wild oats, Steve returned to California, where he met his wife of nearly 26 years (July 1), Linda, and settled into a job with the California State Parks. Linda worked for Walmart for 18 years.

After a change in the parks system ended his job, Steve and his wife decided to move to Texas with their son and grandchildren. The couple resides in Saint Jo. In his spare time, Steve enjoys fishing, camping and hunting.

Steve received 3 separate nominations for the Rising Star Award – the most special being from a patient – “You have an excellent worker in Housekeeping. He sweeps and mops my room every day. Also, he never complains and is always helpful and nice. It’s good to know there is still caring and compassionate people like him to do the work he does.”

Others commented: “Steve in Housekeeping is a gem! He works around people quietly and never complains. Always a ‘Good Morning’ or ‘Good Day’! Such a positive person.”

Steve also believes in teamwork and never misses a chance to help when needed. “Steve from Housekeeping had a huge load of laundry to do. We were almost completely out of linens. He jumped right on it and never complained. We appreciate his help and caring nature for our patients.”

“I am very proud to receive the Rising Star Award; it’s an honor and a privilege,” Steve noted. “Every single person that works here are the best at what they do – they are friendly, outgoing and courteous.”

Steve seems to possess a special feel for people – he knows when someone needs a listening ear or a good story. He also knows when to be quiet.

“Our patients come first and we all try to do a great job in making their stay as comfortable as possible.”

The Rising Star Award recipient is chosen from nominations from patients, families and staff. The next Rising Star will be presented June 25.