

## SMH gift shop gets a makeover



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Barbara Niner, gift shop manager at Sheridan Memorial Hospital, stands next to a wall of purses inside the newly remodeled gift shop Wednesday afternoon. Remodeling allowed more space for sections of purses, jewelry and baby items.

### • Kozy Korner has new paint, lighting, shelving, point-of-sale system

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Barbara Niner encourages everyone to come shop at the Kozy Korner gift shop in Sheridan Memorial Hospital, and now there is even more reason to choose a gift there.

The shop recently underwent a face-lift with a new coat of paint, new lighting and enhanced display capabilities. It also upgraded its point-of-sale system.

"First of all we want people to know this is a great little gift shop," said Niner, who is a member of the Sheridan Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Board and is a past president of the auxiliary. "We want everyone to come up and shop."

Cosmetic changes at the gift shop include a fresh coat of paint on the walls to blue and "stone"

(a tannish gray) that Niner said better matches the color scheme for the rest of the hospital.

There is improved lighting, which Niner said better catches the eye of the customer.

The upgrade also includes more shelving units, which allowed the shop to increase its selection of jewelry, purses and baby items.

All profits from the gift shop go to the auxiliary, which then gives them to the Sheridan Memorial Hospital Foundation. Niner said in its February meeting, the auxiliary often designates a specific project for the funds.

All staffing of the store is by volunteers.

The remodeling cost was \$500 for paint, \$2,000 for lighting, and \$1,000 for new shelving. Funding came from the hospital's facilities budget. The upgrades were begun Aug. 27 and the store reopened Sept. 7.

Perhaps the biggest change, however, came

with the point-of-sale system. The shop now has a computer system to ring up an item or keep track of inventory — a big upgrade from the cash box previously used.

Patty Forister, volunteer services coordinator at the hospital, said receipts previously had to be written by hand and tax had to be calculated manually.

"It's been a lifesaver for us, it really has," Niner said. "As we learn to operate it, it will be even better."

It cost \$15,000 and funding came from the hospital's general fund

Niner said that shop customers have enjoyed the upgrades thus far, and no further changes are planned for the immediate future.

"We just want to keep a steady line of items passing through," she said. "Christmas promises to be fun."