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Terry Ehrman, nursing manager, Level IV trauma coordinator, in black, poses with members of the RLMC Auxiliary and the Glidescope Video Laryngoscope with new attachment.

Donations from the Auxiliary helps RLMC buy new equipment

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Rainy Lake Medical Center Auxiliary's recent donation has made for easier breathing for children. The Auxiliary donated \$5,000 to the RLMC earlier this year to be used on necessary equipment. RLMC purchased an attachment for its GlideScope Video Laryngoscope, which provides a clear, real-time view of the airway and tube placement, making for quicker intubation. The attachment, designed for infants and pediatric patients, will allow efficient, quick, and safe intubation

when a child is having respiratory problems. Infants and pediatric patients are more prone to respiratory problems than heart trouble, Terry Ehrman, Nurse Manager, Level IV trauma coordinator, said. "The Auxiliary heard the need and wanted every child protected to the best of our capabilities," he said. "It is through their efforts we now have this additional advanced technology in our ER."

The Glidescope is an important piece of equipment in the ER setting, according to a release. It provides a

safety net for patients having breathing difficulty or a foreign body in the throat. It is ideal for difficult and unpredictable airways, as well as convenient for routine intubations. It can be used in many settings for airway management such as: difficult airways, trauma airways, airway management in morbidly obese patients, preterm and neonatal intubations, and video-guided foreign body removal. The Auxiliary raises money each year for RLMC through their gift shop, annual bake sale, and other fundraising efforts.

Unemployment rates equal 2007 levels

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Minnesota's unemployment rate fell in October to the same rate as when the recession started in 2007, according to data released by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 4.8 percent in October was down 0.2 percent from September's rate of five percent. The September rates weren't calculated earlier because data were unavailable due to the 16-day partial federal government shutdown in October. The U.S. unemployment rate was 7.2 percent in September and 7.3 percent in October. "Minnesota's unemployment rate has fallen to the lowest level in nearly six years, which highlights the continued strength of the la-



Katie Clark Sieben

bor market," DEED Commissioner Katie Clark Sieben said in a release. "Not only does the state have one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country, but we're also adding jobs – an indicator of a growing economy on the right track." In Koochiching County, the unemployment rate for September was 7.1 percent, and increased to 7.7 percent in October. There were 469 unemployed members of the labor force in the county in September, and 500 in October. State employers cut 8,700 jobs in September and added 9,900 jobs in October for a net gain of 1,200 jobs over the

two-month period. The state has added nearly 50,000 jobs over the past year, a growth rate of 1.8 percent compared with a U.S. growth rate of 1.7 percent. Education and health services led all sectors during the two-month period, adding 6,700 jobs. During that period, manufacturing added 5,300 jobs, construction added 300 jobs, and logging and mining added 200 jobs. Nine of the state's eleven industrial sectors have added jobs in the past year, led by education and health services, which added 14,200 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities added 13,600 jobs, professional and business services added 7,300 jobs, leisure and hospitality added 6,200 jobs, and construction added 3,500 jobs. Manufacturing lost 800 jobs in the past year.

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