

## **Scott Memorial Treats Local Pharmacist**

Ron West, a Pharmacist and Co-Owner of Hancock's Drugstore, has been taking care of patients for over thirty-five years. When this Scottsburg native needed some care of his own, he turned to Scott Memorial Hospital. On November 21<sup>st</sup>, while putting up Christmas lights on the roof of his home, West slipped and fell to the ground.

After being admitted into the Scott Memorial Emergency Department, it was confirmed that he had broken his leg in three places. After considering his options, West decided to stay at Scott Memorial and have Orthopedic Surgeon Dr. Suresh Kasaraneni perform his surgery.

Ron explained, "I have been a patient here several times. This hospital is a very important part of the community. I knew I would be in good hands."

On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, Dr. Kasaraneni performed the two and a half hour surgery with the help of Anesthesiologist, Dr. Wayne Pretila. After only a couple of hours, West was ready to leave the hospital to rest at home.

"I have been to Dr. Kasaraneni's office for several post operation visits. I was blown away when I first met him, and the last time I was there, we sat and talked about our families for a long time," explained West. "I don't know if I would have received the same kind of service if I had gone to another facility."

Even though Dr. Kasaraneni has a busy schedule, he believes that it is important to take the time to connect with every patient, "I have always liked working in smaller hospitals because it allows for more personal interaction with each patient. I remember a lot of my patients and enjoy seeing them out in the community."

"Our nurses and physicians provide exceptional care in a friendly environment. It is our goal to exceed our patient's expectations in both quality and service," explained Lisa Watts, Director of Surgical Services.

Ron is now back to work and looking forward to traveling to Puerto Vallarta with his wife of thirty-six years, Mary Jo. West is also looking forward to quality time with his daughter Allyson, son Evan and daughter-in-law Christa. The youngest member of the West family came just six months ago when grandson Mason Charles was born.

"Now that I am feeling better, I can't wait to spoil my grandson," West said with a smile.