## Newman Memorial Hospital Extends Free Community Appreciation Lunches Through the End of the Year

The holiday season is in full swing! Thanksgiving is now behind us and many of us are looking forward to the Christmas and New Year holidays. We here at Newman Memorial have counted our blessings and one of those that especially stands out is the phenomenal community that we serve. After last Thanksgiving, we decided to offer Free Community Appreciation Lunch on Tuesdays through the end of 2016. This was met with so much gratitude that it was decided we would do it for a full year.

That year has passed quickly and in the last several months, we have started taking volunteer donations for the Shattuck Meals on Wheels program during our free lunch days. Not only have we been able to provide free meals for the community, but also a way to give back to our own community through the generosity of those who chose to donate. Because this program has been such a success, we are extending it one more time.

Newman Memorial will continue its Free Community Appreciation lunches through the end of 2017. We will also continue taking donations for Meals on Wheels during those lunches. Just like every rural hospital in the nation Newman Memorial has struggled with changing healthcare requirements and the challenge of driving volume. But we have a key advantage on our side. We have a community that supports us and recognizes the necessity of keeping a Critical Access Hospital in their region. So please join us in the coming month as we extend our appreciation back to you! Come join us on Tuesdays for a free lunch....and bring a friend!