



# THE FROG



A dedication to O.C. Newman's sprightly bronco (so named for his wild leaps).

Newman Memorial Hospital  
905 Main St. Shattuck, OK 73858  
580-938-2551

## Employee Birthdays



Newman would like to wish the following employee's Happy Birthday!

- Vanessa Vanzee - Mooreland, OK - April 3
- Alyssa Frame - Follett, TX - April 4
- Mariah Goggins - Luther, OK - April 5
- Tamara Noble - Woodward, OK - April 6
- Gloria Flores - Shattuck, OK - April 7
- Doran Hammett - Okarche, OK - April 14
- Jamie McNeely - Darrouzett, TX - April 27
- Ashton Tomlinson - Shattuck, OK - April 27
- Kendra Nichols - Follett, TX - April 30



Tax Day-April 15th

## Employee Anniversaries

- Kylie Whetstone - LPN - Chester, OK - 4-14-2022
- Kyle Birch - RN - Laverne, OK - 4-20-2023
- Camryn Covarrubis - LPN - Arnett, OK - 4-21-2022
- Christy Cheek - RN - McLoud, OK - 4-24-2023
- Brian Clark - Radiology - Woodward, OK - 4-29-2022

## Meet Our Newest Employee's

Newman Memorial Hospital would like to welcome our newest hires!

- McKenzie Pshigoda - Shattuck, OK - Marketing
- Calli Lewis - Edmond, OK - RN
- Katelyn Pratt - Gage, OK - CNA
- Ali Crouse - Gage, OK - ER Registration

# A Note From Your CEO

Wow...the first quarter of 2024 just flew by! It's definitely great to see NW Oklahoma "greening up" and warm weather returning. We had an impressive first quarter of revitalization and growth.

This morning I was invited to participate in a podcast for Becker's Healthcare. One of the questions was, "How are you thinking about growth in the next 12-24 months?" I thought hard before responding, but this was my response. An organization can analyze qualitative and quantitative data of their patient population, disease states, competitors and wage the pressures of healthcare economics to formulate an enterprise level strategic plan. However, it's not the mechanics or even the structure of the plan that creates sustainability. It's Culture. It's what drives us to push ourselves to be better, collaborate, care, contribute to the well-being of the hospital and over-achieve autonomously in our work. It cultivates positivity and energy that is contagious to our communities and those we serve. It's what Dr. Newman understood so well. It's his legacy. Looking back at old photos of the hospital and reading the book I can see and feel the positivity, excitement and contagious culture that was prevalent in the hospital during the early days.

As Northwest Oklahoma is greening up and blossoming so are we as an organization. The new sign and the greenery are both a visible sign of us catching wind and displaying our positivity and fortitude to be successful against all odds.

I know everyone is busy, but take time each day to reflect on our progress, dream big and achieve humbly. I'm proud to work alongside each of you every day and look forward to tackling the most challenging quarter of the year. Remember we never need to be status quo. We define rural health on our terms. Break the barriers to sustainable health for our community and its future. The Newman Way!

Patients First!

-Tom Vasko

## Job Opportunities with Newman

Newman Memorial is hiring the  
the following positions:

- Clinic LPN - Day Shift
- LPNs - Night Shift
- RNs - Night Shift
- Surgery Scrub Tech - Day Shift
- Surgery LPN or RN - Day Shift
- PRN Radiology / CT Tech - Weekends
- Swing Bed Coordinator - Day Shift

Please contact HR, Robyn Monday

by phone 580-938-5527

## Newman's Cafeteria

is open to the public

**Breakfast is served Monday-Friday**

**7am-9am for \$5.00.**

**Lunch is served Sunday-Thursday**

**11:30 am-1:00 pm**

**\$8.00 Monday-Thursday**

**\$10.00 Sunday**

**FREE popcorn during lunch every  
Thursday & Sunday!**

**NOW offering FREE ICE CREAM!**

## April Lunch & Learn

April 25th, 2024 12:00 PM-12:30 PM  
Newman Memorial Hospital  
905 S. Main St. Shattuck, OK 73858

### Education About Dental Care Hygiene for Aging Teeth

with Guest Speaker  
Amy Haley,  
Dental Hygienist  
at Shattuck Dentistry & Braces

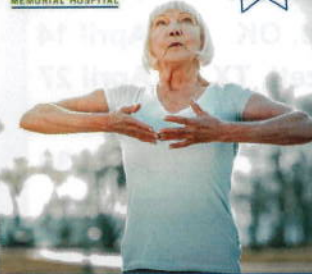
Join us as Amy Haley, Dental Hygienist with Shattuck Dentistry & Braces discusses Xerostomia; ways to help combat dryness, what's the best toothbrush or waterpik options, why they are beneficial & the importance of your regular check ups.

Arrive early to get your lunch before the presentation!

SHATTUCK  
**DENTISTRY**  
& BRACES

RSVP to Chelsea File at  
580-938-5528 or  
cfile@newmanmemorialhospital.org

**You're Invited!** The Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting for the new Pulmonary Rehab Center will be held on Monday, April 8th, at 10:30 am, located inside Newman Memorial Hospital on the first floor. Open to the Public!



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Contact your provider for a referral today!

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## Newman History

As early as 1935, the late Dr. O.C. Newman "a well trained specialist in many areas of general practice," recognized that, neither he, his physician sons, nor his nephew could give the maximum in skilled services to the people of their service area in the various specialties of medicine and surgery.

With that in mind and Mrs. Della Smith Newman, an Oklahoma pioneer known in the vicinity of Shattuck as the "mother of doctors," by their side, each member of the then existing Newman Clinic directed special attention and interest toward a specialty of medical and surgical practice and set about obtaining new physicians to help provide more complete specialty coverage.

Dr. O.C. Newman continued a highly skilled general medical and surgical practice. Dr. M.H. Newman directed his attention and interest to General Surgery and Urology. Dr. F.S. Newman to Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, and Dr. J.J. Smith to Obstetrics and Gynecology.

In 1951, Dr. Walter H. Dersch Jr. joined the clinic after completing three years of specialty training in Internal Medicine and Heart Disease at the the University Hospital.

In 1952, Dr. Richard H. Burgtorf completed his specialty training in Bone and Joint Surgery and joined the clinic specializing in Bone and Joint Surgery and the treatment of Rheumatic Diseases.

In 1960, Elwood Riley became the Administrator of the flourishing Newman Memorial Hospital. Mr. Riley later became the recipient of the Oklahoma Hospital Association's Distinguished Service Award for his involvement and support aiding in the development of a progressive concept of sharing and cooperative joint ventures among Oklahoma hospitals.

Coincident with the completion of the new Annex to the hospital came Dr. Howard B. Keith specializing in Thoracic and Vascular Surgery, Dr. Jack T. Dancer specializing in General Surgery, and Dr. L.A. Myers practicing Family Medicine and Anesthesia.

The Newman team continued to develop with the additions of Gwenn Stafford - Director of Nurses, Robert E. Rodriguez - Physical Therapist, L.R. Sidders - Clinic Manager, Gary J. Beeby - Speech and Hearing Therapist, Evans Brown - Inhalation Therapy, Pem T. Grace - Chief Medical Technologist, William C. Hopson - Chief X-Ray Technologist, and Esther Bowles - Operating Room Supervisor.

As Newman continues to flourish, it is important to remember our predecessors and their leadership. In the next issues of the "Frog". we will be highlighting these Newman Pioneers and their contributions to the success of Newman Memorial and its growth.