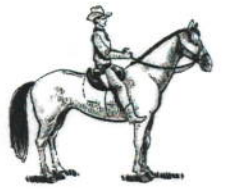




THE FROG



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

Congratulations Dalinda Hix!

Dalinda has been awarded PMC's "Therapist of the Year" for her outstanding performance and dedication to patient care. She was selected out of more than 120 other therapists for this honor.



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Employee Birthdays

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

- Shandy Baggs - March 4
- Shannon Thompson - March 6
- Tiffany Fluitt - March 6
- Robert Bunch - March 7
- Hether Roberts - March 8
- Edgar Morales - March 14
- Brandon Wheelock - March 14
- Jennifer Hix - March 15
- Jerson Penaflor - March 15
- Delanley Millikan - March 28
- Amy Vasko - March 28
- Gloria Sawyer - March 30

Employee Anniversaries

Michelle Batman	Registration	3-20-2023
Matt Budig	Director of Operations	3-24-2022
Joey Burgtorf	Chief Operating Officer	3-28-2021
Danelle Devore	LPN	3-15-2015
Niki Foster	RN	3-13-2023
Adora Hall	Registration	3-03-2022
Christel Hansen	LPN	3-20-2022
Ryan Havel	Revenue Cycle	3-10-2023
Jennifer Hix	CNA	3-03-2022
Beatriz Moreno	Clinic Registration	3-28-2022
Donna Poppe	Medical Records	3-26-2013
Anthony Salgado	CNA	3-03-2022
Mary Schultz	LPN	3-19-2022
Gina Smith	Phlebotomist	3-21-2022
Lois Starbuck	RN	3-16-2009
Brandon Wheelock	Director of Surgery	3-14-2023

Congratulations to Newman's Lab Staff!

Newman's Laboratory staff have earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for their exceptional Laboratory program. This accreditation was given by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal is a symbol of quality that reflects a health care organization's commitment to providing safe and quality patient care.

Newman Memorial Hospital to Partner with Oklahoma State Department of Health

Newman will host Community Health Worker, Karla Ortiz, twice monthly to assist any community member in accessing state and local resources such as Sooner Care, WIC, medication assistance, food insecurity and/or housing assistance.



Community Health Worker
Resource & Service Assistance Event



1st & 3rd Wednesday Each Month

11 am to 3 pm
Newman Memorial Hospital
905 S. Main St.
Shattuck, OK 73858

For more information: 572-568-1880

Congratulations Senior Life Solutions!

Honored in Becker Healthcare's list for 2023 as one of "36 hospitals and health systems with great psychiatry and mental health programs."

Job Opportunities with Newman

Newman Memorial is hiring the
the following positions:

- Clinic LPN
- LPNs
- RNs
- Surgery Scrub Tech
- Surgery LPN or RN
- PRN Radiology / CT Tech
- Swing Bed Coordinator
- Accountant

Please contact HR Robyn Monday
by phone 580-938-5527

Meet Our Newest Employee's

Newman Memorial Hospital would
like to welcome our newest hires.

Edgar Morales - Nurse Tech
Cheryl Simco - RN
Alyssa Frame - RN

A Note From Your CEO

Newman History

The Open House of the Newman Memorial Hospital and the Newman Clinic was the fulfillment of a dream that began in 1907 when the late Dr. O.C. Newman opened his first institution for the care of the sick "The Shattuck Sanitorium" shortly after he arrived in Shattuck.

The Shattuck Sanitorium existed until 1909 when it was reorganized and continued in operation until 1917 when it was closed for the duration of World War I while Dr. O.C. Newman was serving in the Army. Upon his return it was re-established in 1918 and existed until 1927. In 1927 Newman Memorial Hospital was established with 24 beds. In 1929 sixteen beds were added and the Medical Staff was increased by the addition of specialists.

On September 9, 1963 a devastating fire destroyed the Clinic building and one wing of the hospital, reducing the patient beds to 41 and 5 bassinets.

With the opening of the new hospital and clinic facilities, there were 74 patient beds and 5 bassinets. In the Clinic, there were 10 four room doctors' suites and two laboratories. In the Hospital, there was a surgery suite which included three operating rooms, a cast room, a sigmoid and cystoscopy room as well as a recovery room. The X-ray department had the most modern equipment for diagnostic and therapeutic treatments including isotopes and cobalt. A blood bank was added to the modern laboratory facility and an inhalation department to the physical therapy department.

The new facilities were a living memorial to the principles for which Dr. O.C. Newman and Dr. Floyd S. Newman lived and worked.

Happy March! We are entering my favorite time of the year as we get back to baseball. Watching our kids around the county and contiguous states compete and learn how to become contributing athletes and prospering young adults is one of my favorite experiences in Northwest Oklahoma.

The hospital had a very impressive January with record setting revenues and doubling our cash collection from last January. However, we are getting ready to battle legislative changes that will impact rural health in a negative manner, so we are preparing to counter with growth, revenue optimization and lobbying to our state representatives.

Medicare and Medicaid Managed Care is one of those challenges. Privatization of our tax dollars in government programs such as Medicaid is most likely going to present the same results of other states who elected previously to give this a try with catastrophic results. While these programs work to cover more ground with respect to head count, they decrease reimbursement to hospitals, decrease patient services and increase administrative costs which currently average less than 5%. When our state shifts Medicaid administration to for-profit insurance companies in April, the administration cost will escalate to as much as 15%. Meaning 15% of our Medicaid tax dollars will flow outside Oklahoma and compensate billion-dollar insurance companies. It's important as a rural community we let our political leaders know our stance and lobby hard against these types of legislative changes. Currently, over 50% of U.S. rural hospitals are operating with negative margins and Oklahoma is number four in the nation for highest rate of hospital closures. We are grateful and blessed Newman is not one of them, but that is because we are choosing to utilize our local hospital and Providers who understand the importance and existence of an independent rural hospital such as Newman. Thank you for those who choose Newman and Newman Healthcare Associates for your care provider. It truly matters to the health of our community.

Lastly, congratulations to our FFA on your achievements during the Ellis County Livestock Show. It is always a reminder of how important these events are to recognize the hard work and commitment of our youth. I'm always amazed at the level of stewardship these students bring to something we all love dearly.

- Tom Vasko