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A Note From Your CEO

I hope everyone enjoyed the rodeo in Arnett this weekend. It seems to grow each year and it's always great to see everyone enjoying the founding elements of our heritage. Laverne band is working hard to gather funding to travel to Washington, DC to perform. I had the pleasure of watching them during a Friday night football game and wow they are a talented group of students. The best part for me was watching some of the athletes in uniform join the halftime show. We wish them luck in Washington!

On the hospital front, we continue to lobby against Medicare Advantage as our community members are seeing the negative effects of these plans. These Advantage plans typically do not cover many of the preventive services that are needed and prevalent to our community. Pulmonary Rehabilitation is an example, which we are seeing the denial for coverage. I highly recommend those who have signed up for Advantage plans to reconsider. I'm happy to meet with anyone who would like to discuss the pitfalls of these coverage programs.

It was another great month for Newman. Our census, patient population and clinical presence continues to grow. The hospital thanks the community and we hope you are seeing an increased presence of community support from the hospital across Northwest Oklahoma. We are as committed to you as you are to ensuring "Little Mayo of the West" continues to serve and be the healthcare provider of choice. Thank you for your support!

- Tom Vasko, CEO



Business Trick-Or-Treat & Halloween Costume Contest October 25th, 4pm-6pm

Start @ Newman Memorial Hospital to enter the contest for a chance to win a prize and grab the list of participating businesses.

Employee Anniversaries

Amber Bates ~ Surgery-Nurse ~ Woodward, OK ~ 10/30/2023 Phillip Cavazos ~ Radiology ~ Woodward, OK ~ 10/30/2023 Debbie Clark ~ Pharmacy ~ Shattuck, OK ~ 10/19/2015 Amy Fulcher ~ Med Surg-Nurse ~ Ashland, KS ~ 10/17/2022 Janice Gabrang ~ Lab Tech ~ Perryton, TX ~ 10/17/2022 Cheri Gossett ~ Business Office ~ Gage, OK ~ 10/15/2013 Doran Hammett ~ Chief Financial Officer ~ Okarche, OK ~ 10/16/2023 Austin Herod ~ Maintenance ~ Gage, OK ~ 10/2/2023 Mattaley King ~ Swing Bed-Nurse ~ Shattuck, OK ~ 10/9/2023 Kaleb Maggard ~ IT ~ Gage, OK ~ 10/11/2023 Jamie McNeely ~ RN ~ Darrouzett, TX ~ 10/23/2022 Gloria Sawyer ~ Medical Records ~ Shattuck, OK ~ 10/30/2023 Kiersten Tye ~ Purchasing ~ Follett, TX ~ 10/12/2023 Margaret Wiederstein ~ Registration ~ Shattuck, OK ~ 10/9/2022

Newman over the years!

Meet Our Newest Employees Newman Memorial Hospital would like to welcome our newest hires!

Iver Brunson, RN - Woodward, OK - Med Surg Carissa Cook, CNA - Mutual, OK - Med Surg Wesley Harbour - Gage, OK - Maintenance Jennifer Brewer, RN - May, OK - Med Surg Kelly Jeanneret - Camargo, OK - MLT Lacy Chapman, CNA - Vici, OK - Med Surg Carmon Choate-Wood, LPN - Woodward, OK- Med Surg

Employee Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following NMH employees!

Amber Bates - Woodward, OK - Oct. 14 Lianne Covalt - Shattuck, OK - Oct. 23 Austin Herod - Gage, OK - Oct. 12 Kyla Murlin - Woodward, OK - Oct. 29 Donna Poppe - Shattuck, OK - Oct. 19 Yesenia Rojas - Woodward, OK - Oct. 3 Kylie Whetstone - Chester, OK - Oct. 3

Newman History – Past and Present

THEN: In 1907, Pioneer Physician Dr. O.C. Newman moved to Shattuck and established the original hospital. Shattuck's hospital quickly became a hub for both doctors and dentists, and by 1935, it attracted specialists in Internal Medicine; Ear, Nose, and Throat; and Surgery. Obstetrics and Gynecology services were introduced in 1946. As medicine advanced, so did Shattuck Hospital, leading to the establishment of Newman Memorial Hospital in 1967, named in honor of the visionary physician who laid its foundation.

NOW: More than 100 years later, Dr. Newman's legacy of innovation thrives. Newman Memorial Hospital now offers a wide array of services, including 24 hour emergency care, swing bed placements, orthopedics, ophthalmology, cardiology, general surgeries, radiology, urology, respiratory therapy, outpatient infusion therapy, physical therapy, nutritional counseling with a registered dietitian, geriatric counseling, primary care and many more. Through telemedicine, we provide access to specialists across the country, delivering top-quality care without the need to travel. Constantly growing and adding new service lines, we are committed to better serving our community. From all of us at Newman Memorial Hospital, we wish you good health and are honored to serve you.