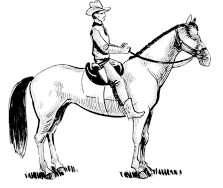




# THE FROG



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

## A Note From Your CEO

It's November and time to vote! This November we will be voting for the continuation of the Shattuck town tax that supports the expansion and growth of our community hospital for a period of two years. Over the past 20 months I've had the pleasure of working with our leaders to reinstate surgical services such as orthopedics, launch clinical services such as infusion, pulmonary rehabilitation, and women's health; due to the support of our community contributions through this vital tax. For the first time in decades our hospital is thriving, leading the way in health, and returning the local economic impact tenfold. Adding these services has grown our local workforce by **63%** within the hospital and clinic. We are on the verge of launching novel verticals such as daycare at a highly reduced cost for our citizens bringing the focal point of our community around our hospital. Many of you have seen this impact intimately through patient care, your businesses and/or community benefits driven by the hospital. Our housing market needs to speed up. Many of you are challenged in getting properties sold or frustrated with property values. A strong healthcare platform such as Newman, will continue to add jobs and draw millions of dollars into our local economy stimulating growth and increased property value. Some of you now work and support your families within the walls of Newman as an effect of this investment and growth.

We need access to care. Many times the topic of healthcare access is mute until we are in need of emergent and/or preventive care. We simply cannot live a productive and healthy lifestyle without the presence of our hospital. Newman is defining rural health. We are a well-known and respected entity across the state. Most recently, I was asked to represent all of Oklahoma's rural hospitals in special sessions at our state Capitol amongst State Representatives. Our voice is heard and respected due to our commitment to our community hospital and our success. Newman is the core of our town, county, and northwest Oklahoma. Our orthopedic surgeon travels to Shattuck three out of the four weeks a month to practice in Shattuck from Oklahoma City. Dr. Uhland can choose his hospital of practice but because of our newly, state of the art, updated operating suites and the level of skill among our surgical team, he calls Newman home.

As your hospital administrator, I can't express the importance of the continuation of this tax for a period of two years to keep the momentum going, keep our independence of governance, and invest in the gift Dr. O.C. Newman handed us as a rural community. It is our responsibility as a community to keep this legacy intact and independent for generations to come.

~ Tom Vasko, CEO

### *Employee of the Quarter!*

I am so excited to announce that we have selected Newman's Employee of the Quarter! Congratulations **Debbie Clark!** Her dedication and hard work over the past years hasn't gone unnoticed. She has proven to be a dedicated and valuable asset to our facility as well as a great teammate! Her selection will enter her into the pool for Employee of the Year, which will be selected in December! Great job Debbie!

I would also like to recognize the additional nominees that were entered for this quarter below! You should all be proud and know that what you do every day is having an impact and impression on those around you! Congratulations!

Michelle Batman, Gina Smith, Caitlyn Haas, Shannon Thompson, Clyndon Hutson, Mattaley King, and Carl Word.

~ Robyn Monday, Director of HR and Administration

### Perioperative Nurses Celebrated for Dedication to Safe Patient Care

If you or someone you love has had a surgical procedure, a perioperative nurse was responsible for you or your loved one's well-being throughout the operation. Perioperative nurses provide specialized nursing care to surgical patients before, during, and after surgery in every hospital and ambulatory surgery setting in the United States and around the world.

November 10-16, 2024, is Perioperative Nurses Week, an annual celebration of perioperative nurses and their commitment to safe patient care. The Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) is the national association representing the interests of over 160,000 perioperative nurses in hospitals and outpatient surgery centers. AORN's 43,000 members manage, teach and practice perioperative nursing.

We, as perioperative nurses want our community to know we are working hard to protect you – our patients – when you are most vulnerable. Please join us in celebrating perioperative nurses and our dedication to safe patient care during 2024 Perioperative Nurses Week.

## Employee Anniversaries

Edie Patrick - Quality/Infection Control Manager - 11/11/2020

Heather Sibley - Housekeeping - 11/3/2022

Sara Waite - Purchasing Manager - 11/19/2020

Amy Woods - RHC Clerical - 11/20/2020

**Thank you all for your dedication and hard work  
at Newman over the years!**

## Meet Our Newest Employees

**Newman Memorial Hospital  
would like to welcome our  
newest hires!**

Michael Gilbert - Woodward, OK - RN

Natasha Holloway - Follett, TX - LPN

## Employee Birthdays

**Happy Birthday to the following NMH  
employees!**

Philip Cavazos - Woodward, OK - Nov. 15

Christy Cheek - McCloud, OK - Nov. 20

Noelia Cruz - Woodward, OK - Nov. 10

Heather Longhofer - Shattuck, OK - Nov. 21

Beatriz Moreno - Follett, TX - Nov. 6

Ashlan Thompson - Woodward, OK - Nov. 17

Ariana White - Woodward, OK - Nov. 2

*WE ARE HIRING!*

### Positions Currently Available:

Business Development & Marketing Manager

PRN Radiology/CT Tech - Weekends

PRN Speech Language Pathologist

Director of Nursing

Purchasing Clerk

**Please Contact**

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## Celebrating 60 Years of the Newman Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

On November 2, 1964, the Newman Memorial Hospital Auxiliary held its first meeting in the Community Room of the Shattuck National Bank. Thirty-two ladies from surrounding towns gathered with a shared mission: to support the hospital in providing excellent patient care and to serve the community. Today, the Auxiliary is still driven by this same purpose, working tirelessly to make a difference at Newman Memorial Hospital.



The current Auxiliary consists of twelve dedicated members and one honorary member. Known around the hospital as “The Pink Ladies,” they are a cherished presence in the hospital, easily recognized by their bright pink shirts and friendly smiles. The Auxiliary runs the hospital’s gift shop on the first floor, where visitors can enjoy a tasty chicken salad sandwich, buy snacks, candy, toys, and other goodies. They also play an important role in running the blood drives at the hospital, and even raised funds to purchase new beds for the Emergency Room. Whether greeting patients, helping them find their way around, or simply being there to listen, the Pink Ladies are always ready to lend a helping hand.

Mr. Elwood Riley, the hospital administrator at the Auxiliary’s first meeting 60 years ago, was pleased to see people from Gage, Follett, Arnett, Higgins, and Darrouzett, stating that since the hospital served multiple communities, he welcomed volunteers from all surrounding areas. This mission remains true to this day, and the Auxiliary is always eager to welcome new volunteers who share their passion for service. If you or someone you know would be a great fit, they are always looking for more helping hands and smiling faces to join their dedicated crew! Call (580) 938-5546 for more information.