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

A Note From Your CEO



A Message from Leadership: Expanding Access, Strengthening Community Care

Each day, I have the privilege of watching a nationally recognized healthcare organization grow, thrive, and deepen its impact across our communities. From the small, quiet acts of compassion to the bold commitments made by our team, I am continually reminded why expanding access to care in Northwest Oklahoma is not just important — it's essential.

Throughout my career, I've worked within some of the most prestigious hospitals in the country, including Mayo Clinic, Cleveland Clinic, UMASS, and Michigan Medicine. And yet, I would match Newman Memorial Hospital's commitment to patient care with any of them — because here, our mission is personal. This is where *our* families and loved ones are cared for. Quality and patient experience are at the heart of everything we do.

Many of you have shared your frustrations about traveling long distances — to Enid, Oklahoma City, or Elk City — to receive specialty care. I understand that frustration because I've felt it too. That's why Newman Memorial Hospital is taking action.

We're proud to announce that beginning **this July**, we will open **two new clinics in Woodward** to enhance access to high-quality care and expand patient choice in alignment with national standards.

Introducing: Newman Healthcare Associates - Woodward

Our new clinics will bring a fresh, community-driven approach to care, staffed by experienced healthcare professionals — many of whom are proud to call Northwest Oklahoma home.

Specialty services will include:

- Advanced Orthopedics
- Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT)
- Podiatry
- Women's Health, including Prenatal Care
- Radiology Services
- Anesthesiology with Dr. Eric Neller and Dr. Zachary Zanowiak
- Coming soon: Urology and Cardiology

Our second location will focus on Primary Care, ensuring that routine healthcare is more accessible for local families.

This launch represents more than just new buildings — it's a commitment to truly listen to our community's needs and deliver a level of care and investment that Woodward has long deserved. We aim to stimulate the local economy, keep healthcare dollars in our region, and most importantly, earn your trust as a long-term partner in care.

We're honored by the warm welcome and support we've already received, and we're excited for what's ahead. Over the coming weeks, you'll see announcements about clinic locations, provider introductions, and patient scheduling options. I encourage you to follow **Newman Memorial Hospital's social media pages** to stay informed about this exciting new chapter.

Thank you to everyone who has worked tirelessly to make this vision a reality — and to our healthcare teams who keep us all healthy every day.

Together, we are building something special for Northwest Oklahoma.

Warm regards,

Tom Vasko, CEO

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Employee Anniversaries

Alnita Barnard - Dietary - Woodward, OK - 6/15/2022 Shane Clem - Facility Manager - Shattuck, OK - 6/16/2014 Rebecca Hahn - LPN - Camargo, OK - 6/10/2024 Bianca Hernandez - LPN - Mooreland, OK - 6/10/2024 Teresa Murlin - Registration - Woodward, OK - 6/10/2024 Josh Oats - Information Technology- Vici, OK - 6/10/2024 Cheyenne Pilger - CNA - Shattuck, OK - 6/10/2024 Jennifer Pilger - CNA - Shattuck, OK 6/10/2024 Emily Ross - RHC-CNA - Arnett, OK - 6/10/2024 Jeannie Rumley - CNA - Gage, OK - 6/10/2024 Amy Vasko - APRN-CNM - Gage, OK - 6/19/2023

Meet Our Newest Employees!

Adele Callaway - LPN - Shattuck, OK

Julie Schneberger - RHC-RN - Minco, OK

June Word Search

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Word Bank

Campfire Cookout Fargo Gage Hospital

Sandals Shattuck Summertime Sunscreen Swimming

Swimsuit Vacation Watermelon Woodward Laverne Newman Orthopedics



Lizbeth Avalos-Izquierdo - CNA - June 25th Khloe Gillispie - Purchasing - June 19th Charli Johnson - Swing Bed Coordinator - June 7th Selah Jones - Registration - June 11th Trysta Miller - Administrative Assistant - June 12th Megan Moreland - CNO - June 23rd



Watermelon Mint Cooler

Ingredients:

- 4 cups seedless watermelon (cubed)
- 1 tbsp fresh lime juice (about 1/2 a lime) 1 tsp honey or agave syrup (optional)
- 1/2 cup cold water or sparkling water
- 6-8 fresh mint leaves
- Ice cubes
- Mint sprigs and lime slices for garnish

Instructions:

- 1 Blend it: In a blender, combine the watermelon, lime juice, mint leaves, and honey/agave (if using). Blend until smooth.
- 2. **Strain (optional)**: If you prefer a smoother drink, strain the mixture through a fine mesh sieve into a pitcher.
- 3. Add sparkle: Stir in cold water or sparkling water to your taste.
- 4. Serve: Fill glasses with ice, pour in the cooler, and garnish with a mint sprig and a slice of lime.





A NEW KIND OF **KNEE REPLACEMENT**





Zane Uhland

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