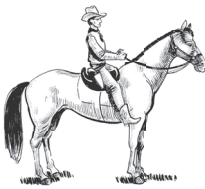




# THE FROG



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

## A Note From Your CEO



Community,

The summer months have been action-packed for Northwest Oklahoma’s community hospital, Newman Memorial. Thanks to the dedication of our team and the incredible support from our community, we’ve successfully launched two new clinics in Woodward and have begun our exciting expansion into Mooreland. Personally, it has been humbling to witness the commitment from local leaders, businesses, and partners in care—each playing a vital role in making this shared vision a reality. Thank you for your trust and your partnership.

This past week, my family and I took some time to explore one of the country’s most scenic routes—California’s Highway 1. Winding along the Pacific coastline, it offers breathtaking views of mountains and ocean, and reminded us of the incredible beauty God has created. Along our journey, we visited Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park, home to some of the oldest and tallest trees in the world.

As we approached the forest, my wife Amy—who’s become quite the ChatGPT enthusiast—shared insights into the rich history and resilience of these iconic redwoods. Many are over 4,800 years old, standing more than 350 feet tall and 17 feet in diameter. Despite drought, fire, pollution, and human impact, they thrive. Why? Because of how they’re built: thick bark to resist flames, needle-like leaves that collect fog for water, natural tannins that ward off pests, and, most notably, roots that intertwine with those of neighboring trees, allowing them to support one another—literally.

As Amy and I stood beneath those giants, we couldn’t help but draw a parallel to the people of rural Oklahoma. Like the redwoods, our communities are strong, rooted in faith and fellowship, and built to withstand life’s challenges by leaning on one another. I thought of my team at Newman—steadfast, selfless, and united. Their drive, compassion, and refusal to settle inspire me every single day.

This month is for them. To the entire Newman team: thank you for your relentless dedication to keeping care close to home, for serving Northwest Oklahoma, Northeast Texas, and Southern Kansas with heart, soul, and sacrifice. I’m honored to walk this path with you.

With gratitude,  
Tom Vasko, CEO  
Newman Memorial





# Happy Anniversary

- Melissa Bancroft - RN - 8/7/2024
- Robyn Girton - CAO - 8/21/2023
- Gloria Flores - Housekeeping - 8/21/2023
- Kari Cox - LPN - 8/1/2024
- Stacey Crissup - RN - 8/15/2024
- Tiffany Elliott - Housekeeping - 8/5/2024
- Kyla Murlin - Business Office - 8/12/2024
- Noelia Cruz - LPN - 8/14/2024
- Ma Remy Tisha Penaflor - Laboratory - 8/19/2024
- Bianca Sanchez - CNA - 8/27/2024
- Dexter Breshears - LPN - 8/26/2024
- Ashlan Thompson - Business Office - 8/26/2024
- Trysta Miller - Administrative Assistant - 8/19/2024
- DeLyn Cummings - Business Office - 8/14/2023
- Nyki Long - RN - 8/21/2023
- Ashley Byers - Laboratory - 8/6/2018
- Vanessa Vanzee - RN - 8/2/2020
- Yolanda Montoya - Housekeeping - 8/16/2021

# Happy Birthday

- Margaret Wiederstein - Business Office- August 16th
- Tonya McCandless - RN - August 24th
- Kelly Jeanneret - Laboratory - August 12th
- Shane Clem - Facility Director - August 14th
- Joanna Burgtorf - COO - August 22nd
- Rhonda Jackson - Housekeeping - August 23rd
- Michelle Batman - Business Office- August 20th
- Shayla Kies - RN - August 27th
- Julie Schneberger - RN - August 5th
- Dexter Breshears - CNA- August 25th
- Kaleb Maggard - IT - August 27th
- Iver Brunson - RN - August 1st
- Jessenia Avalos - CNA - August 30th

## WELCOME TO THE TEAM

- Sylvia Flores - Shattuck, OK - CNA
- Lynne Cody - Fort Supply - LPN
- Elle Stevens - Woodward, OK - Sonographer

## Congratulations Employee of the Quarter SHANE CLEM!



## August Word Search

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## Word Bank

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| AUGUST   | JUNE     | SHORTS     |
| BASEBALL | OCEAN    | SNORKEL    |
| BEACH    | OUTDOORS | SUNSHINE   |
| CAMPING  | PARK     | SWIM       |
| FRISBEE  | PICNIC   | THUNDER    |
| GAMES    | PLAY     | VACATION   |
| GARDEN   | SANDALS  | WATERMELON |