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## THE FROG



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

## **A Note From Your CEO**



Happy September!

It has been a remarkable summer for Newman Memorial Hospital and Newman Healthcare Associates. July marked an all-time record month of performance, a true testament to our community's commitment to strengthening local healthcare and the passionate, bedside-to-boardroom dedication of our Newman staff.

A special recognition goes to Woodward resident Kaylee Gale, who generously donated 980 ounces of breast milk. Through the leadership of Amy Calhoun-Vasko, Newman's Certified Nurse Midwife, Newman partnered with the Oklahoma Mothers' Milk Bank (OMMB) to improve the health of Oklahoma babies through safe donor milk. OMMB collects, screens, processes, and distributes donated human milk to meet specific medical needs, with the primary beneficiaries being preterm or medically fragile infants in our state's largest NICUs.

This is a powerful example of building access to healthcare through community. We are proud of Amy's leadership, proud of OMMB's mission, and deeply proud of Kaylee for her generosity in bringing vital resources to infants across Oklahoma. As rural citizens, it is in our nature to share what we have to strengthen the health of others. Let's keep setting the example. Way to go, Kaylee!

Finally, this morning I had the honor of welcoming our first cohort of BSN students from Northwestern Oklahoma University. Reflecting on my own journey through nursing school, I was reminded how those early lessons shaped Newman's philosophies of care today. Having worked in hospitals around the globe, I can say with confidence that I have never seen a nursing team embody the art of nursing as well as our Newman nurses.

We are honored to contribute to the educational journey of the next generation of nursing professionals. To the Northwestern Nursing students, wishing you a great and productive semester ahead!

Together in health, Tom Vasko, CEO

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Brady Bowles - September 01 Yolanda Montoya – September 02 Debbie Clark - September 07

Dylan Hunter - September 07

Mattaley King - September 11

Malea Venosdel - September 12

Emily Ross - September 12

Lynda Allen - September 15 Kodi Crow - September 15

Brian Clark - September 15

Vickie Landess – September 16

Ma Remy Tisha Penaflor - September 17

Kyle Birch - September 18

Nyki Long – September 19

Heather Sibley - September 21

Niki Foster - September 22

Elizabeth Ocampo – September 23

Heather Watson - September 23

Clyndon Hutson - September 25

Manda Wheeler - September 28 Chelsea File - September 29

Courtney Scott - September 29

Michelle Woods - September 29

Carla How - September 30

Lizbeth Avalos-Izquierdo - Hired on September 01, 2024 Jessenia Avalos - Hired on September 02, 2024 Christina Kleuser - Hired on September 02, 2025 Vickie Landess - Hired on September 03, 2024 Megan Morland - Hired on September 03, 2017 Lynda Allen - Hired on September 06, 2011 Yesenia Rojas - Hired on September 12, 2022 Kendra Nichols - Hired on September 15, 2022 Iver Brunson - Hired on September 16, 2024 Joanna Burgtorf - Hired on September 19, 2016 Chelsea File - Hired on September 20, 2022 Jessica McGuire-Jackson - Hired on September 20, 2022 Shannon Thompson - Hired on September 20, 2021

Wesley Harbour - Hired on September 23, 2024 Mayra Estrada - Hired on September 30, 2011





## A Gift of Nourishment for Oklahoma's Most Fragile Babies

In August, Newman celebrated a remarkable milestone! Kaylee Neer of Woodward became our very first breastmilk donor, generously providing nearly 1,000 ounces of life-saving nourishment. Her incredible gift will help feed 15–20 NICU babies across Oklahoma, giving them the best possible start in life. Through the leadership of our Women's Health team and in partnership with the Oklahoma Mother's Milk Bank, Kaylee's donation was safely collected (pictured below). This collaboration ensures that medically fragile infants have access to the critical nutrition they need to thrive. Kaylee's generosity is more than a donation — it's a true act of love that strengthens families and embodies the spirit of our community.

Let's celebrate Kaylee and continue building access to health and healing together!

## **Welcome!**

To the Newman Family!

Malea Venosdel Kayle Phillips Lisa Calvillo Hailey Bowers



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