

FOUNDATION FORWARD

SUMMER 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM CEO

The dedicated and passionate staff at WNH have been working tirelessly to ensure that our community will continue to have exceptional healthcare available right here in Winfield. Staffing shortages and rising costs have not made this task any easier. I'm proud and grateful to work alongside a team of such strong and devoted individuals. We have lots of great events coming up, including the annual William Newton Healthcare Foundation Gala on October 15. Previous attendees should have received an invitation in the mail with all the details, but we'd like to invite all that are interested in attending this celebration whether they had previously attended or not.



Brian Barta
Interim WNH CEO

I also would like to express my sincere appreciation to all of the providers, staff, volunteers and community members that have been so compassionate and supportive towards all individuals connected to WNH over the last several weeks. Their acts, both small and large, have had a significant positive impact for countless individuals, and for that I would like to say "thank you."

Brian Barta

IN THIS EDITION

- + An intro to the Beats Go On program, a new community outreach/ wellness education effort, with committee co-chair Mel Burnett
- + Recognizing Tom Herlocker and Gary Brewer
- + Christmas in July - how a Douglass teen is paying it forward
- + Opportunities to support the foundation and our hospital through tote bag purchases and help finding a new truck
- + Photo recaps of what's been going on at WNH this summer
- + Join us at our upcoming physician meet & greet to get to know Dr. Rebekah Ross, our newest OB/GYN, Dr. Miller, and Dr. Bloedel
- + Meet the team at our new family care clinic in Udall during the Udall Fall Fest on September 30

REMEMBERING DR. ELLIOTT

Dr. Anthony Elliott passed away on Sunday, July 10, 2022. His sudden loss continues to be felt by everyone in the WNH family.

Dr. Elliott joined the William Newton Hospital medical staff in 2016. In addition to his podiatry practice, William Newton Foot & Ankle, Dr. Elliott worked closely with the wound care and surgery teams at WNH. He also held a weekly outreach clinic at Ascension Medical Group Via Christi Wellington. Our heartfelt condolences, thoughts, and prayers go out to Dr. Elliott's family and friends.



COMMENT CORNER

Our in-house volunteers are a tremendous asset to our hospital's daily operation. Not only do they ensure our patients are taken care of at all times, they also have the unique opportunity to interact with patients and family members in a way some caregivers are not able to do during their visits. In this new section, our volunteers share some of the comments they hear from our patients and what they think makes WNH such a great place to receive care.

"The paintings in the surgery hallway are so wonderful to see and really brighten up the area!" - submitted by Ethel Gates, surgery waiting room

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NEWS & UPDATES

BEATS WITH MEL

Along with Paula Radcliff, I am the co-chair of our new committee for outreach education as part of Phase 2 of our Second Century Campaign. The committee is in charge of the new Beats Go On initiative, which came to fruition after searching for ideas to increase our quality and education in the community and outlying areas. The Million Hearts “Live to the Beat” program was the first that caught my eye. It is designed to provide adults with a steady beat of heart healthy habits, tips, and routines. The Million Hearts program adjusts its focus every 5 years. The current focus, through 2027, is:

- + **Building Healthy Communities** (increase physical activity, etc.)
- + **Optimizing Care** (improve blood pressure/cholesterol control, increase use of cardiac rehab)
- + **Focusing on Health Equity** (Maternal health, racial and ethnic groups, rural health “access deserts”)

The Beats Go On program is our way of adapting the Million Hearts initiative to reflect the needs of our community. When asked what it is, I always describe it as an extension of our emergency department. Whenever we work in the ED, we always think about how we can improve the health equity in the community. We look for ways to help people learn to be more proactive rather than reactive to their health care. In rural America, which we are smack dab in the middle of, this is a huge issue! We have picked some of the most prevalent problems in our area according to the Cowley County Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). Programs we’ve identified that will help address these issues include Stop the Bleed (injury prevention), stroke recognition, Project Adam (sudden cardiac death), and cardiac education. We have found that along with our network of healthcare providers at WNH, there are many other partners that we are looking forward to working with in this process including KDHE, CDC (Million Hearts), and Heartland Cardiology. The expected outcomes will be far reaching. The brick and mortar ED is much needed for our increase in patient numbers, but community health improvement is just as important! Let’s get moving! Will you join us in establishing the Beats Go On program in our community?

Stay tuned! We’ll be sharing about upcoming events and opportunities to bring these educational programs to your area, your workplace, or your schools.



Melanie Burnett
Education

THANK YOU, TOM & WELCOME, GARY!

Please join us in thanking past William Newton Hospital Trustee Tom Herlocker and welcoming new trustee Gary Brewer.



In June, Tom Herlocker stepped down from the Board of Trustees after 26 years of service. Herlocker was appointed in May of 1996 and served as chair in 2018 and 2013 and as vice chair in 2005, 2010, and 2022. During his tenure, he was also a loyal William Newton Healthcare Foundation supporter, serving on the Board of Directors for 10 years. In 2018, Tom was named the Union State Bank Healthcare Hero honoring community leaders in healthcare. Throughout Phase 1 of the Second Century Campaign, he served as a Campaign Sage along with Dorothy Flottman. Everyone at WNH is profoundly grateful for his service to the healthcare community and

the guidance he offered spanning decades.

Gary Brewer has been tapped by the Winfield City Commission to fill Herlocker’s remaining term and started his appointment as a WNH Trustee at the June 2022 meeting. Brewer is a Winfield native who returned to his hometown in 1997. He has been a long-time supporter of both the hospital and the foundation. The Gary and Mary Brewer Interfaith Chapel in the new H. L. Snyder Medical Foundation Surgery Center is named in honor of the couple’s support for the Second Century Campaign to expand William Newton Hospital facilities and services. Brewer’s vast business experience, which includes marketing for Johnson & Johnson, as well as his generous community service, will be great assets to the hospital.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY - DOUGLASS TEEN PAYS IT FORWARD

We'd like to give a big thank you to Jaytin Cathey. Jaytin is a sophomore at Douglass High School who visited the hospital this week to donate toys to our youngest patients.

Jaytin's sister battled leukemia when she was 2 years old (she is now 10!). She was treated at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. Jaytin said during her treatment "they had closets full of toys for pediatric patients." One day while walking around Walmart he realized that some of the smaller hospitals like ours wouldn't have that kind of volume of toys for their patients. He made it his mission to save money to buy toys for that very reason. He has been working on a farm and doing odd jobs all summer to save money, and ended up purchasing around \$400 worth of toys for our patients. He personally delivered boxes full of coloring books, legos, hot wheels, barbies, nerf guns, crayons, and much more and was able to visit with the areas his donation will impact the most. WNH was the first hospital he visited, but he plans to donate to other hospitals in the area as well. He also plans to make it an annual donation to help keep our toy supply in good shape. Thank you, Jaytin, for connecting with us this week. You're sure to brighten the days of

hundreds of kiddos here at WNH and our surrounding communities!

Stay tuned! Jaytin was interviewed by Avery Osen for Good Day Kansas. The segment is scheduled to air in September.



TOTE BAGS FOR SALE!

Do you need a large utility tote for your late-summer trips, or hauling kids back and forth to school & activities, or maybe just a junk bag? The foundation is selling purple utility totes with funds benefitting the Putting the HeART Back into Healthcare program and scholarships for the WNHF and Winfield Arts & Humanities Council. **Bags are \$20.**

Contact the foundation office to purchase yours - pickups can be arranged at your convenience. Bags will also be available at Art in the Park in October.

Need more convincing? The marketing and foundation office have both been using these bags for recent events. Not only are they very durable, they have a ton of space and are easy to manage. They're not too clunky, they fold flat for easy storage, and can withstand flooded offices and being thrown into tubs/cars. Don't wait! Order yours today and support a good cause!



ISO: A WORKING TRUCK

Our hardworking maintenance team is in need of a used truck, in running order. Garret Randel, director of maintenance, says their current truck is a liability for the employees to drive. The air bags don't work, the ABS brakes don't work, the speedometer doesn't work, the tailgate is broken and falls off going down the road, etc. The maintenance truck is used daily for jobs around the campus and off-campus locations and is also used to deliver lab samples to the American Red Cross when other couriers are not available. While our maintenance guys do a great job of making do with what they have, we cannot continue putting them at risk every time they drive.

If you have a used truck you'd be willing to donate to the hospital, or know of one that can be purchased or donated, please contact the foundation office. If you don't have connections to a used truck, but would like to donate towards the maintenance truck fund, please contact the foundation office to learn more. Garret and our maintenance crew say thank you in advance!



PHOTO RECAPS

SILENT AUCTION

The annual summer silent auction in June raised \$1,475 for the foundation. There were 15 baskets donated for the auction, ranging from family game night & movie night packs to lottery tickets to self-care packages and more. Departments participating included Administration, the Basement Belles (marketing, education, volunteers), Business Office, Cardiology, Central Supply/Purchasing, Environmental Services, Foundation, Moline RHC, OB, Orthopedics, Pharmacy, Foot & Ankle, and Wound Care. Thank you to all who donated items and bid on packages to make this year's silent auction a success!



BAND-AID DONATION FROM LOWELL ELEMENTARY

Thank you to this group of summer school students at Lowell Elementary School for visiting William Newton Hospital in June! Their community service project inspired them to collect fun band-aids as part of Noah's Bandage Project, an initiative focused on donating cool, colorful, and exciting bandages to healthcare facilities so their patients don't have to settle for 'boring brown ones.'

These kiddos were able to personally deliver 100 boxes of the cutest band-aids to our nursing units, and got a personal tour of the hospital and learned what each unit does while they were here. Thanks for spending your last day of summer school with us! Our team was so happy to see you all around the building!



10TH ANNUAL TRAIL RUN RAISES \$8K FOR WNH

Wheat State Wine Co. presented William Newton Healthcare Foundation with a check for \$8,000 following the 10th annual Wine-O Trail Run in May. Wheat State Wine Co. hosts the run each year and donates a portion of the proceeds to William Newton Hospital.

"We are privileged to have WSWCo. host this event for a decade now—their belief in and support for their local community hospital is impressive. It is a fun event too!" William Newton Healthcare Foundation Director Annika Morris said, "Plus, it's a great excuse for a little fitness and a little indulgence. The event promotes health while also allowing people to be together and enjoy their local grapes."



PLAY FOR PARAMEDICS

The inaugural Play for Paramedics Cornhole Tournament benefitting a new paramedic scholarship at Cowley College was held on Saturday, June 25 at the Broadway Sports Complex. Sixteen teams played in the tournament, raising \$1,011.50 for the new scholarship fund. The fundraiser was hosted by EagleMed LLC Winfield in collaboration with William Newton Hospital, William Newton Healthcare Foundation, Cowley College EMS, Cowley College Foundation, Winfield Fire/EMS, the Midwest Moos collegiate baseball team, and Winfield Recreation Commission.



According to the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, there is a critical nationwide shortage of paramedics. EagleMed's goal for the event was to help bridge the gap by creating educational opportunities through a scholarship fund for future paramedics at Cowley College. Players had the opportunity to donate more towards the fund through silent auction packages donated by EagleMed, WNHF, Cowley College EMS Education, City of Winfield, and Graves Drug Winfield. The silent auction packages raised \$335 altogether. The EagleMed helicopter and ground ambulance and Winfield Fire/EMS unit were also onsite for tours.

The 2022 winners were Blake Maxwell and William Bazer from Team BBC, winning a \$200 cash prize.

Thank you to all involved in creating this event and making the first year a success. We look forward to making this an annual tradition and supporting the future of quality local healthcare right here in Cowley County!

MINI GRANTS



The foundation awarded annual mini grants to 34 WNH departments this week, totaling over \$13,000 to help purchase equipment that will improve patient care and operation at WNH. Thank you to our board members and hospital administration for their role in reviewing and approving mini grant applications. Keep your eyes peeled, you might see new equipment purchased with these mini grants on your next visit!

All photos, including a description of what each department will receive, are posted on our Facebook page.

WNH AUXILIARY GOLF SCRAMBLE

The WNH Auxiliary hosted their annual golf scramble on August 26, raising just over \$9,000 for William Newton Hospital. This year, 20 four-person teams participated (2 more than last year), including 11 WNH employees. Thank you to our corporate sponsors, **Basis Consulting Engineers, BCS, City-Cowley County Health Department, Community National Bank, and Hutton**, and all of our beverage cart, breakfast, and hole sponsors for supporting our tournament each year. We'd also like to give a huge thank you to **Boss Hogs BBQ** for lunch and **Quail Ridge Golf Course & Brad Sexson** for all their help preparing this year's event. Photos will be posted soon on the Auxiliary Facebook page!

Our biggest thank you goes to our amazing crew of volunteers who helped with all aspects of the tournament, including serving breakfast, selling raffle tickets, manning the course (and shooting down bribes on the hole-in-one), delivering beverages, serving lunch, and much more. **Scott Schoon, Joan Bair, Pat King, Pat Bliss, Tom and Judy Jewers, John Bredehoft, Georgia Larson, Bernie Thompson, Judy Learned, Carla Tuttle, & Katrina Tamsen**

And finally, we'd like to recognize all of the WNH employees who spent their day on the course supporting our hospital - **Micah Norris, Dr. Todd Peters, Chris Graham, Anthony Hann, Tad Parsons, Brian Barta, Dr. Ryan Beard, Kara Goff, Garret Randel, Patrick Fromm, and Dr. Daniel Miller.**



parking lot update

One anonymous donors' philanthropic donation of \$375,000 to WNH will help improve the experience of our patients, visitors, and employees. The upgrade includes new **lighting, signage, and a concrete surface** for our south parking lot at 6th & Cherry. This area is mainly used for employee parking, but also provides additional space for patient parking. The hospital and foundation have been working with the City of Winfield, KS, Conco Construction, and Agora Architecture to complete the project. **Construction crews are hard at work, with an expected completion date of early October.**



physician MEET & GREET

featuring
DR. REBEKAH ROSS
DR. K. DANIEL MILLER
DR. PATRICK BLOEDEL

WELCOME, DR. REBEKAH ROSS

SERVING THE GREATER COWLEY COUNTY AREA AS THE ONLY FEMALE BOARD-CERTIFIED OB/GYN, REBEKAH ROSS, MD STARTED PRACTICING AT SUNFLOWER OB/GYN IN EARLY JUNE AT THE PHYSICIANS PAVILION IN WINFIELD.

DR. ROSS HAS BEEN PRACTICING OVERSEAS AND SPEAKS THREE LANGUAGES. SHE NOW SEES PATIENTS IN THE CLINIC ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY AFTERNOONS AND FRIDAY MORNINGS AND WILL ALSO BE PROVIDING SURGICAL SERVICES AT WILLIAM NEWTON HOSPITAL ON MONDAY AND THURSDAY MORNINGS.

COME HELP US WELCOME DR. ROSS TO OUR COMMUNITY AND GET TO KNOW A FEW OF OUR PHYSICIANS.



DR. REBEKAH ROSS

THURSDAY, SEPT. 22 | 5:30PM – 7PM
WHEAT STATE WINE CO.

5:30 SOCIAL 6:00 INTRODUCTIONS

- + PRIZE RAFFLE – WIN A PIONEER WOMAN COOKBOOK OR A WSWCO. WINE GIFT BOX
- + LIGHT HORS D'OEUVRES AND WINE (FIRST GLASS IS FREE)
- + RECOGNITION OF CURRENT & RETIRED WNH EMPLOYEES
- + PLAY NURSE CHERRY'S HOSPITAL JEOPARDY

meet the
providers



DR. BLOEDEL
SURGERY



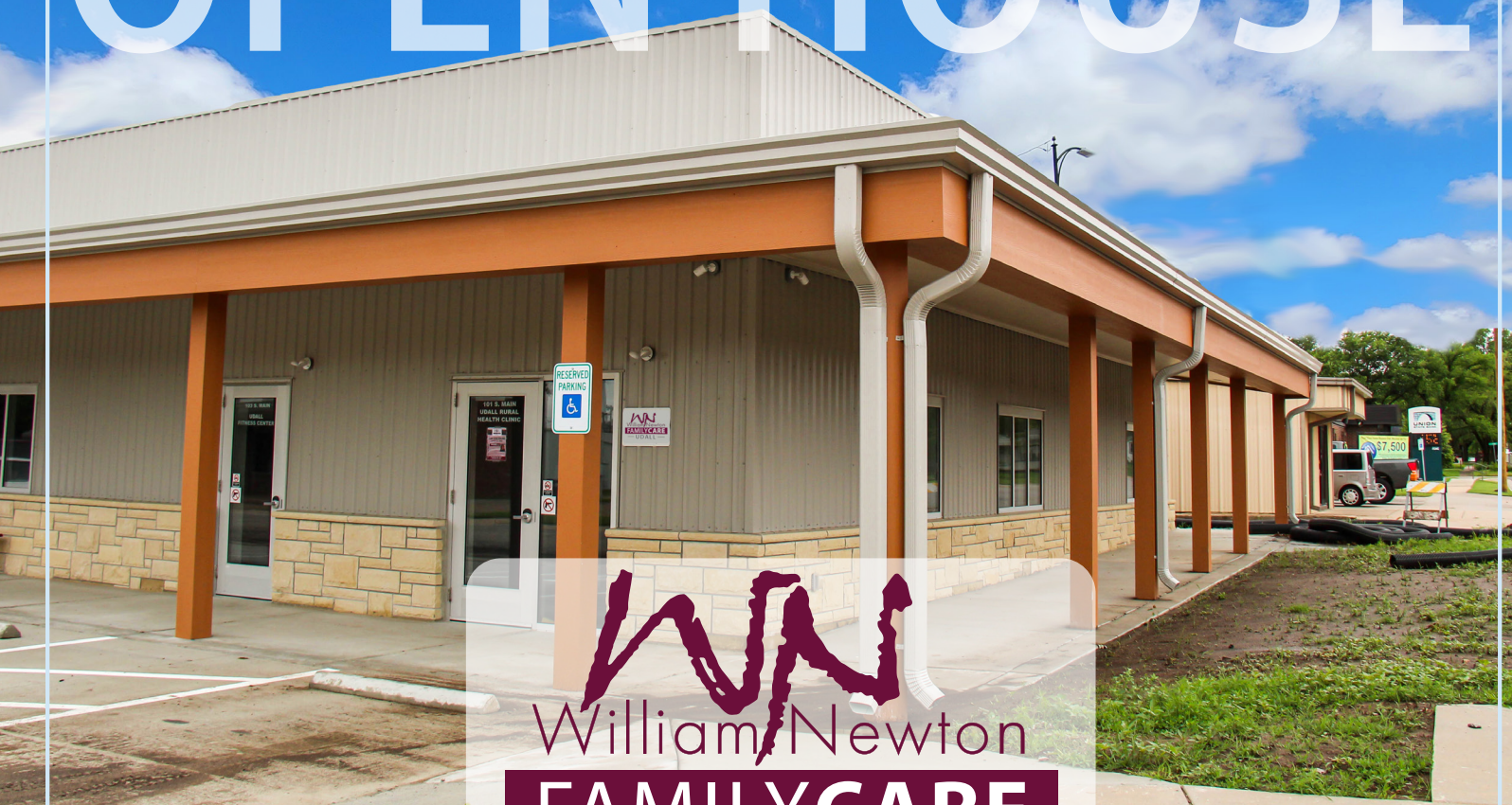
DR. MILLER
OB/GYN



DR. ROSS
OB/GYN



OPEN HOUSE



William Newton
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— UDALL —

FRIDAY, SEPT. 30

11:00A - 1:00P

101 S Main | Udall, KS

Stop by during the Udall Fall Festival!

- ▶ *Greet the staff*
- ▶ *Take a tour*
- ▶ *Enjoy seasonal treats*
- ▶ *Enter to win a door prize*



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BIRD, DO**



**SARAH
MURET, APRN**

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Monday 8:00am - Noon
Wednesday 1:00pm - 5:00pm

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