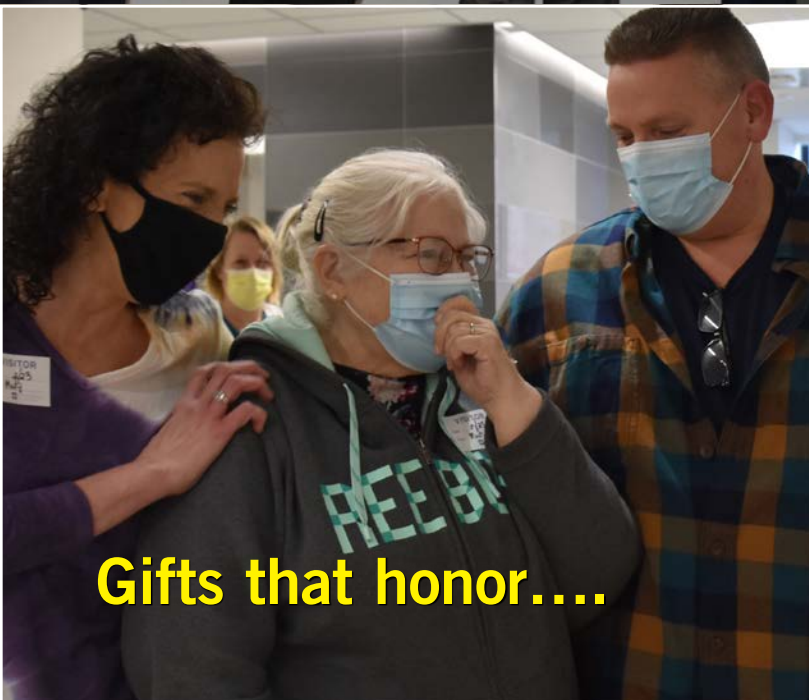




# Insight

**Meet the  
New Team  
at the Top**



**Gifts that honor....**



**Gifts that remember....**

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## Ushering In New Ideas at WMH

**THE FACES ARE** familiar, but some have new roles in the hospital's executive team structure. Jim Pettinato, BSN, MHSA, CCRN, formerly Director of Patient Care Services, is now the CEO at Wayne Memorial, and Chandra Roberts, RN, MHSA, stepped into Jim's prior position from Inpatient Nurse Manager II. Timothy Huber moved up from Bio-Med to assume the role of Director of Facilities & Real Estate, formerly held by John Conte, who retired. Patty Dunsinger, CFO, replaced Mike Clifford in 2019, and Bethany Fine, became HR Director in October 2018. Only Jim Hockenbury director of Ancillary Services, and Fred Jackson, executive director Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers, have been in their roles more than five years. The Health Centers are an independent affiliate, but Jackson works closely with the hospital team.

The new configuration of hospital administrators launched the new year with major changes, including a restructuring of top tier levels of leadership and wage increases for all employees. In a pre-recorded zoom session for staff, Pettinato told employees the raises would reflect market rates, so WMH remains competitive. Fine said there would be a new "minimum wage of \$13 per hour for all current and new employees going forward."

### Recruitment Initiatives, Retention Incentives, Employee Perks

Wayne Memorial has not been exempt from the healthcare staffing shortages sweeping the country. Both WMH and Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers are offering educational incentives, such as LPN (licensed practical nurse) tuition and Medical Assistant training opportunities. WMH is also offering substantial sign-on bonuses, from \$3,000 for a dietary aide to up to \$25,000 for a registered nurse. *(LPN info session, photo bottom)*

The hospital also set up an employee fitness center on 3East, which opened with a ribbon cutting *(photo left)* and a wellness challenge. Physical therapist Brandon Stone, DPT, helped acquaint employees with how to best utilize the stepper, the treadmill and other equipment. Employees

embraced the new center as a "good way to de-stress and boost healthy lifestyle practices in a convenient setting."

While Wayne Memorial continues to search actively for qualified health professionals, in at least one way WMH has been fortunate. The COVID vaccine mandate issued by the federal government for facilities that received Medicare/Medicaid funds did not negatively impact the hospital. Fine reported that about 80% of employees were vaccinated, some had left their jobs and about 10% had received medical or religious exemptions. According to CEO Pettinato, "The hospital saw no interruption of services, and for that we are grateful."

### Thanking Employees Who Stayed On During COVID

During his zoom pre-recorded "town hall meeting," Pettinato enthusiastically and warmly thanked employees for being "all in" the past two years, being present and ready to do the work needed during an unprecedented time of medical and social upheaval. "At no time did our staff waver in their responsibilities to our patients and our community."

*Cover photo, l. to r.: James Hockenbury, Patricia Dunsinger, Chandra Roberts, Timothy Huber, James Pettinato, Fred Jackson/Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers, and Bethany Fine.*



## Legacy Gift from a Former WMH Staffer

**THE ESTATE OF** Margot Schueler bequeathed a substantial, very generous gift to the Wayne Memorial Health Foundation. Schueler, who was profiled in the Summer 2010 issue of Insight, had worked in the hospital's Medical Records Department for 10 years before retiring in 1999. She had previously also given a sum of money to benefit the Wayne Memorial School of Nursing, a partnership with Luzerne County Community College. While no longer extant, the School graduated many fine registered nurses who still work at Wayne Memorial today.

A Legacy Circle recognizes supporters who include Wayne Memorial Health Foundation (WMHF) in a will or estate plan. WMHF launched the Paul M. and Sandra Meagher Legacy Circle with close to 20 members in 2004.

Donors might also consider an annuity which leaves a charitable legacy. An annuity provides its owner with income during retirement while also gifting funds to a designated charity after the owner passes.

For more information, email [wmhf@wmh.org](mailto:wmhf@wmh.org) or phone (570) 253-8631.

*Photo: Margot Schueler in 2010 with her "cloud" plate on the WMHF Giving Tree, flanked by G. Richard Garman (left), former WMHF executive director and former WMH CEO David Hoff.*

## "Good Experiences, Excellent Care" Results in Donation to WMHF & Food Program

**WAYNE MEMORIAL'S FOOD** Prescription Program—WMFRxP—received a generous donation of \$15,000 from the Dimmitt Family and their Northstar Family Foundation for a long history of "good experiences and excellent care" at WMH for their family, who inherited property in the area. WMFRxP Coordinator and Community Health Manager Carol Kneier, MS, RD, LDN, CDCES, was delighted.

"This money will help us continue the program and possibly expand it," said Kneier, who noted that the program was launched two years ago with a three-year \$299,400 grant from the AllOne Foundation.

WMFRxP is designed to help people with certain diagnoses—diabetes, congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder or specific types of uncontrolled hypertension—who have also expressed difficulty purchasing healthy food options. They receive nutritious, non-perishable foods, vouchers to buy fresh foods, recipes to prepare at least one healthy meal a day, as well as education and guidance to support good nutritional habits.

"We now count more than 100 participants," said Kneier, "and we've seen really positive results, including lower A1C (blood glucose) levels, weight changes and decreases in blood pressure."

Community Health Assistant Jean Tuttle added, "participants can see a direct correlation between eating healthy and making a difference in their medical condition. And, financially, it gives them healthy options they otherwise might not have."

The WMFRxP is a coordinated effort between Wayne Memorial Hospital (WMH), Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers (WMCHC), and Wayne County. For information, call Carol at 570-253-8422 or email [Kneier@wmh.org](mailto:Kneier@wmh.org).

*Photo: Tuttle, left, with a WMFRxP participant, Stacy Kann, Hawley.*



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## Meditation Course Offered to WMH Employees

### A Tool to De-stress!

**T**HANKS TO A generous donation from the Chatlos Foundation, hospital employees were offered an opportunity to take a “Heal the Healers” Transcendental Meditation (TM) course offered by the David Lynch Foundation. Close to 30 staffers, including many clinical providers, signed up for the 4-day intensive course. One-on-one training with TM instructors Jim and Nina Meade (inset photo) was followed by three days of group meditation. “TM has been found to help many healthcare workers,” said Nina Meade. “In fact, it’s offered today in medical schools around the country. It’s really an effortless way to find calm in the midst of chaos. And it can be done anywhere.” Meade added that the course has become even more popular among healthcare workers and organizations seeking to mitigate high stress levels caused by COVID. Idesha Rixford/Home Health and Anastasia K. Harcum, RN/Home Health both said just one day into the course—“We were able to relax and take things as they came even on a rough day.”

*Group photo, l. to r.: Lisa Champeau/PR; Lisa Grassullo, LPN; Idesha Rixford/Home Health; Sarah Canfield, CNA; TM Instructor Jim Meade; Anastasia K. Harcum, RN/Home Health; Cindy Lazorack, RN/Employee Health; Melissa Stephens, RN/Home Health; Katie Waldrep, RN.*



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### NEW RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN!

Wayne Memorial Hospital and Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers are launching a significant outdoor and digital advertising campaign—featuring real Wayne Memorial employees like Toni Orallo, RN pictured—to recruit healthcare workers. Staff shortages in the industry are a national problem, and the competition is fierce. But Wayne Memorial offers some unique opportunities. If you know someone who’s looking to start or change a job in healthcare, please invite them to visit our website or give us a call at (570) 251-6539.



## Wayne Memorial Hospital Appoints New Chief of Medical Staff

**I**N OCTOBER OF 2021, William R. Dewar III, MD, stepped down as Wayne Memorial Hospital’s (WMH) Medical Chief of Staff and handed the reins over to Sean McVeigh, MD, FCCP, FACP. Dr. Dewar, an internal medicine specialist at Highland Physicians Family Health Center, had been the Chief from 2012–2021.

Dr. McVeigh, a board-certified pulmonologist and also the head of Wayne Memorial Hospital’s COVID Medical Task Force, had been acclaimed by many staffers as a “calming, informed, skilled presence” since the pandemic began. He is also the medical director of Intensive Care Services, Respiratory Care, and Sleep Medicine Services at the hospital.

Dr. McVeigh joined the WMH Administration in thanking Dr. Dewar for his years of service and said he looked forward to carrying on the traditions of his predecessor and those before him. “I’ve been at Wayne Memorial since 2005,” said Dr. McVeigh, who from 2008-2010 was president of the medical staff, “I’ve worked with many providers here over the years and my hope is that we will continue to work as a team, offering the best quality of care possible to our community.”

*Photo, left to right: former CEO of Wayne Memorial Hospital (retired in December, 2021) David Hoff; Dr. Dewar, Dr. McVeigh, and WMH & Health System Board Chair Hugh Rechner.*



## Meet Chandra Roberts, RN, Wayne Memorial’s New Director of Patient Care Services

**C**HANDRA ROBERTS, BSN, RN, MHA, was promoted to Director of Patient Care Services for Wayne Memorial Hospital (WMH), replacing Jim Pettinato, BSN, MHSA, CCRN when he took over as the hospital’s CEO in January, 2022. Roberts, most recently Nurse Manager II – Inpatient, brings two decades of experience and skill to her new position. The Milanville resident and mother of four was thrilled to have been tapped for the position.

“I am grateful to be asked to assume this position,” said Roberts. “It allows me to continue to focus my energies on patient safety, employee development and service excellence, all key to the success of Wayne Memorial Hospital and, just as importantly, to the betterment of the community—my community—in general. Wayne Memorial has always been like a second home to me.”

A Wayne County native, Roberts first came to work at WMH in 1996 as a nurse’s aide, the same year she started at Indiana University of Pennsylvania to pursue her Bachelor’s in the Science of Nursing. She has been employed fulltime as an RN at WMH since 2006. After working in the Emergency Department, Roberts became the Education Manager and eventually Nurse Manager II. She received her Master’s in Healthcare Administration from Southern New Hampshire University in 2021.

## Community Health Needs Assessment Underway

**W**AYNE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (WMH) will soon be seeking public input as a vital component of its 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). As a non-profit hospital, WMH is required to conduct a CHNA every three years. The last needs assessment, completed in 2019, revealed the need for continued emphasis on the treatment of heart disease and cancer related conditions. This type of feedback allows the health system to align its priorities with those of the community.

WMH has enlisted East Stroudsburg University to facilitate the 2022 CHNA. Under the leadership of Clare M. Lenhart, PhD, team members of the University’s Institute for Public Health Research & Innovation will conduct focus groups and community level interviews as well as distribute an electronic community member survey. Data from these primary and secondary sources will allow WMH to hear directly from the community it serves.

Look for information on how to access and complete the community survey soon. All are encouraged to participate and have your voice heard!



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WMH Program  
Awarded More  
Funding to Help  
Addicted Moms & Babies

WHEN KAITLIN WHITE, 32, sought help with her substance use disorder, particularly for her soon-to-be-born baby boy, she reached out to the Women’s Health Center in Honesdale and found Wayne Memorial Licensed Social Worker Nicole Hartung.

“I was in active addiction when I was arrested and found out I was pregnant in jail,” says Kaitlin, “and as I started going through withdrawal I knew I had to kick this once and for all—for him, my son Colton. Nicole was there for me, and I am so grateful.”

Nicole and staff at the Women’s Health Center and Wayne Memorial Hospital’s New Beginnings Birthing Suites, where Colton was born last October 24th, are part of a team dedicated to helping addicted moms and babies connect to services that can help them. For the second straight year, this team has received a \$15,000 grant to support their work from the Pennsylvania Perinatal Quality Collaborative (PA PQC) and its administrator, the Jewish Healthcare Foundation. The monies come from the state Department of Drug and Alcohol’s Opioid Response program.

“This past year alone, with the help of these funds, we have referred eight women to Wayne County Drug and Alcohol for help,” said Nicole. “It’s been really uplifting to see women like Kaitlin reaching out for help and taking advantage of what’s available to promote the best, most positive, outcomes for themselves and their infants.”

The Milford mom, who has two other children, said she couldn’t succeed without Wayne Memorial. “Especially Nicole,” said Kaitlin, “She gives me the support I need to stay clean.”

*Photo: Kaitlin White, left, and son Colton with Nicole Hartung, LSW.*

*Photo, group: In addition to the PA PQC funding, The New Beginnings Perinatal Team also won a Center of Excellence certificate in “Education and Training for Infants and Families Affected by Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome” from the Vermont Oxford Network. L. to right: New Beginnings Clinical Co-Coordinator Mary Beth Dastalfo, RN; Eric Rittenhouse, MD; Kara Poremba, RN/Women’s Health; New Beginnings Clinical Co-coordinator Janice Pettinato, RN; and Nicole Hartung, LSW.*



COVID-19: Status Report

COMMUNITY LEVELS OF COVID-19 in northeast Pennsylvania soared in January, but subsided significantly as spring approached. COVID’s grip on the region appeared to be ebbing. Wayne Memorial shut down its dedicated COVID unit in mid-February, and shortly thereafter the Centers for Disease Control declared masks optional in places where hospitals were not under strain. Some hospitals such as St. Luke’s in the Lehigh Valley lifted mask restrictions, making them optional for visitors and vaccinated staff; others, including Wayne Memorial Hospital, still required masks as of mid-April. Administrators suggested that unless another surge appeared on the horizon, the mask mandate might be lifted here soon as well.

The Wayne Memorial family—the hospital, its long term care home, Wayne Woodlands Manor, and Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers (WMCHC)—reacted swiftly with each up and down of the virus, from its arrival in our area in March of 2020 to the current Omicron variants and sub-variants popping up.

WMCHC took the lead in providing vaccines (and boosters) to staff and the community at large—close to 50,000 to date. They received 29,495 self-test kits and almost the same number of N-95 masks, both provided by the federal government to be offered free to the public.

On April 1st, Wayne Memorial Hospital shuttered its drive-through COVID test- ing facility at the Stourbridge Professional Complex, due to low volumes.

When a new round of COVID-19 boosters was approved, WMCHC reported not enough interest to hold mass clinics as had been done with the first batches. James Cruse, MD, medical director of WMCHC, recommended the second booster (fourth dose) of Moderna or Pfizer or the next shot of Johnson & Johnson for “patients with significant underlying risk factors such as diabetes, cancer, heart or lung disease, age over 80 or on immune suppressing meds, as well as eligible patients who have a high risk of expo- sure.”

However, Dr. Cruse went on to say, “with case levels at their lowest point since last summer, I am also recommending my patients who are not at high risk of exposure or severe outcome wait to get this booster until cases are rising again.”

On the treatment front, various monoclonal antibody infusions were deliv- ered when appropriate but they changed with the variants. WMCHC does offer two oral anti-viral COVID treatments, Paxlovid and Molnupiravir. Both have very specific eligibility criteria and are available only by prescription.

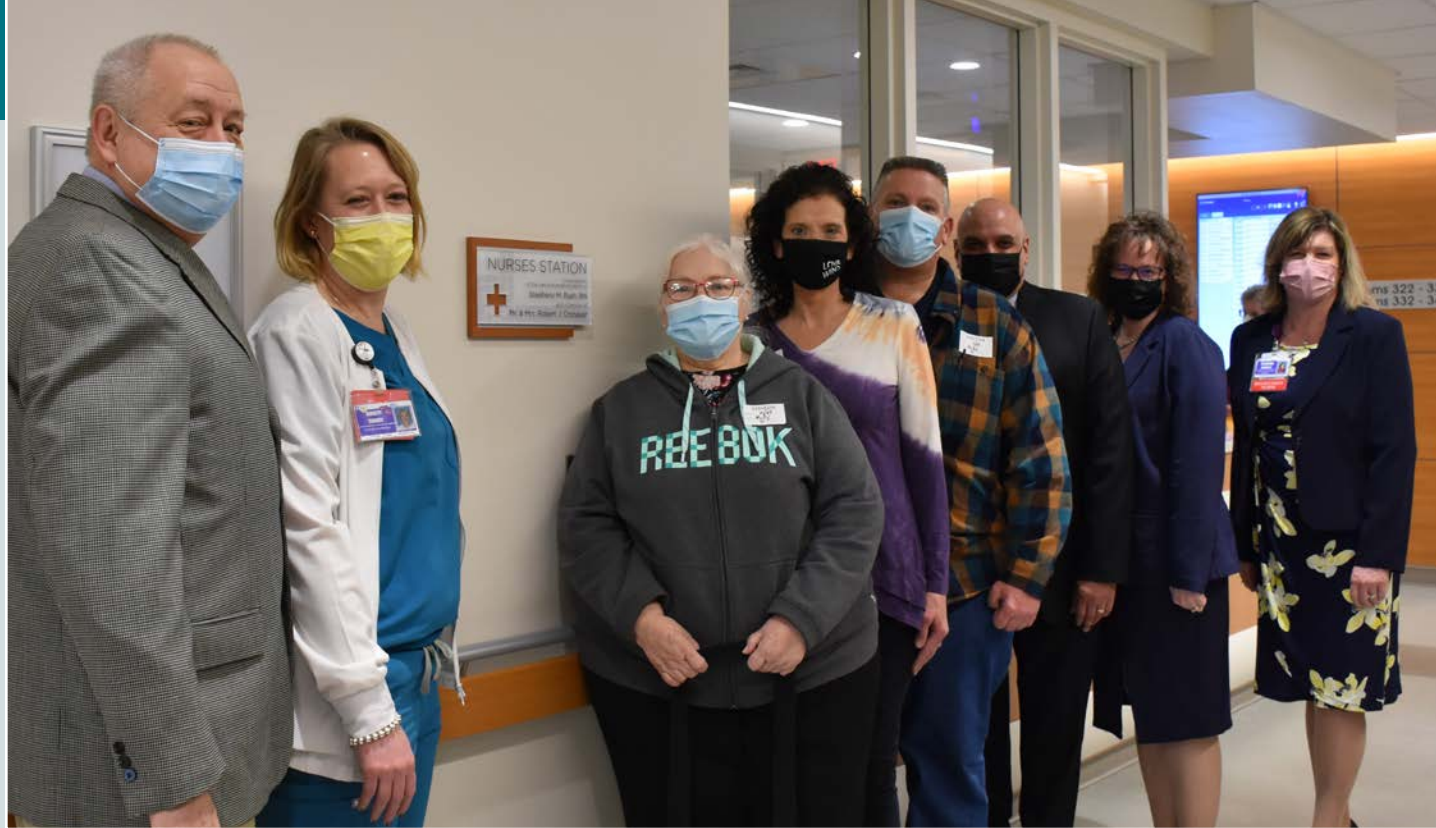
Wayne Memorial Hospital is still admitting COVID patients but the num- bers are few and the cases are less severe. The patients are isolated and, where needed, placed in negative-pressure rooms to protect others from infection.

The COVID pandemic is, however, “far from over,” according to the World Health Organization which monitors statistics from around the globe. Be assured that Wayne Memorial will remain vigilant—for our staff, our patients, and our community!

*Photos: Top right, Erica Brown/WMCHC Development Manager (left) and Wynter Newman/WMCHC Administrative Director distributing test kits; middle, patient at Honesdale Family Health Center picking up two free test kits; and bottom right, Holly Miszler (left) and Nancy O’Connell at the COVID drive-through testing site.*







## A Surprise Honor for Retired Nurse

**STEPHENY RUSH**, a retired registered nurse from Wayne Memorial Hospital (WMH), was overcome with emotion when she got out of the 3West elevator at the hospital in late February and discovered her son, his wife and a plaque honoring herself. Stan and Libby Rush had donated the plaque but wanted to surprise his mother—and surprise her they did! Public Relations Manager Lisa Champeau had concocted a story to get her up to the floor, and her astonishment was palpable.

Humbled, taken aback and grateful, Stepheny was almost speechless. “This is so nice, just, well, wow!”

CEO Jim Pettinato and other staff, including nurses Stepheny had worked with at WMH, shared her joy and thanked her for her many years of care and professionalism.

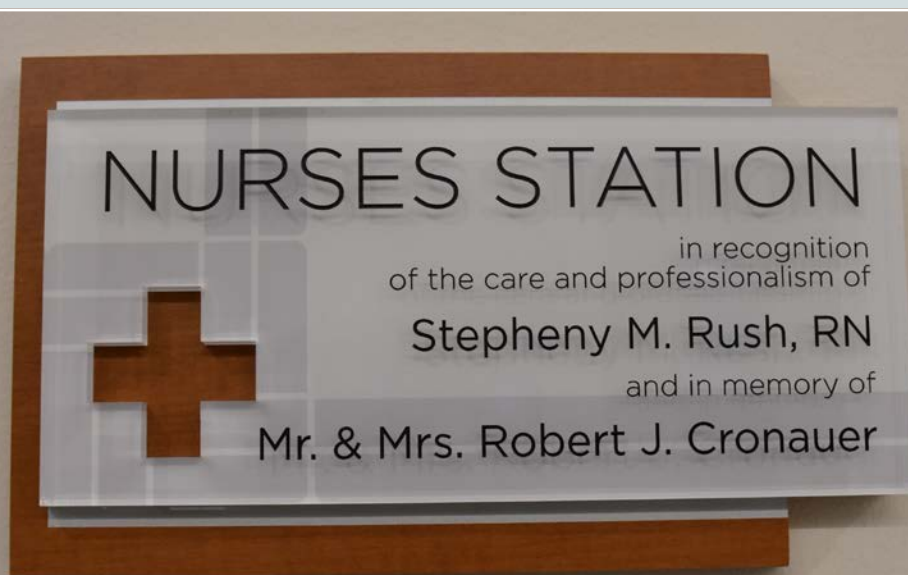
“We sincerely appreciate you agreeing to ‘hoodwink’ Mom,” Stan wrote later, “the plan went off flawlessly!”

“She was truly surprised and overwhelmed by the plaque and the turnout. Her emotional reaction is a side she rarely shows and one that we will never forget!”

The plaque also honors the memory of Libby’s parents, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cronauer.

WMH has many donor opportunities through the Wayne Memorial Health Foundation. Find out more at Ways To Give | Annual and Memorial Gifts | Wayne Memorial Hospital ([wmh.org](http://wmh.org)) or email [wmhf@wmh.org](mailto:wmhf@wmh.org).

*Group photo, l. to r.: James Hockenbury director of Ancillary Services, Kristy Tirney RN, Nurse Manager II, Stepheny Rush, Libby Rush, Stan Rush, James Pettinato CEO WMH, Patricia Dunsinger CFO WMH, Chandra Roberts RN, director of Patient Care Services*



## Remembering Camp Owners Fred & Minna—with Love

**ROSS MOSKOWITZ’ STORIES** about his parents, Fred and Minna, the late founders of Camp Westmont, bring them vividly to life—instantly. Fred, said Ross, had a “boisterous personality” and both parents truly cared about children, not just the kids at their camp, but all children. When Fred was a high school basketball coach in an inner-city school, to keep his boys out of trouble post-season, he mandated they join the tennis team—“keep them off the streets!” Some of the boys had never held a racket or seen a tennis game.

Minna had her own projects, including “Backpacks for Success,” a program where her camper girls filled backpacks with school supplies for young students at the nearby rural elementary school, Preston School in Lakewood. Ross, who runs the camp today, continues the program in memory of his mother and also, because, well, it’s a great project!

Minna, 78, and Fred, 79, passed away in 2021, just ten months apart, but their memory lives on in many ways, including at Wayne Memorial. A plate called a cloud on the Foundation’s Giving Tree, was donated in their names by more than 20 “Friends of Camp Westmont” (names listed on page 12).

“Minna and Fred created Camp Westmont on a dream,” said Marc Honigfeld, co-owner of Trails End Camp and one of the donors. “They dedicated their lives to making a home for countless campers and staff, and along the way, they became one of the leading families in the Wayne County Camp Alliance.”

Ross said the camp was originally Minna’s idea. “My mom was like the ‘brains’ of the operation. She suggested she and my father start a camp of their own after working summers at someone else’s camp in New York.”

Fred and Minna bought an old dormant camp in Poyntelle in 1981 and named it Camp Westmont, “meaning ‘west of Monticello,’” Ross explained, conjuring up a direct line between the Catskills and the Poconos.

Both Minna and Fred were educators. Minna, a speech pathologist, was a Language Coordinator for the New York State Department of Education. Fred, following military service in the U.S. Army, became the Dean of Boys at William Grady High School in Brooklyn, a vocational school. Ross said his father got the job just days into subbing at the school because “they knew right away that Dad had a commanding presence that the kids respected—and not just because he was 6’5” tall! He was a good disciplinarian, and that’s what they needed. They offered him the job on the spot.”

Ross said his parents’ deaths were unexpected. Minna had lung cancer, but it was COVID diagnoses for both that accelerated the demise of each, according to Ross. “Dad fell and Mom just spiraled downward after he died.”

Minna and Fred are greatly missed,” said Honigfeld, “but surely they are looking down on Camp Westmont with great pride knowing that their loving son, Ross, has taken the camp to even greater heights.”

The Moskowitz family has supported Wayne Memorial with donations in the past and now their names on the Giving Tree inspire others.

“This donation will serve as a constant reminder of Minna and Fred’s generosity,” said Honigfeld, “in supporting the efforts of Wayne Memorial Hospital and the Honesdale community.”

*Photo at Giving Tree, l. to r.: WMH CEO James Pettinato, BSN, MHSA, CCRN, Ross Moskowitz, Lisa Champeau, WMH PR Manager.*

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### JOSEPH UNGVARSKY, PMHNP

**Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Honesdale Behavioral Health Center.** Ungvarsky earned both his Master's and Bachelor's degrees in Nursing from Wilkes University with his Master's having a concentration in Mental Health. He is board certified in Psychiatric Mental Health by the American Nurse Credentialing Center. Prior to joining Honesdale Behavioral Health, he was employed as a registered nurse at First Hospital in Kingston, PA. He treats patients age 18 and older who suffer from conditions such as depression, anxiety disorders, bipolar disorder, PTSD, schizophrenia and addiction.



### TARA MCGRAW, DO

**General Surgery, Honesdale Surgical Associates.** Hailing from northeastern Pennsylvania, Dr. McGraw is a graduate of Forest City Regional High School. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of Scranton and went on to attend the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine where she earned her medical degree. Dr. McGraw completed a general surgery residency through Geisinger Health System in Wilkes-Barre, PA during which time she served as Geisinger Wyoming Valley Administrative Chief Resident.



### CARLEY NEINAS, PA-C

**Physician Assistant, Lake Region Urgent Care.** Neinas graduated from Damascus Christian Academy then traveled to Pensacola Christian College in Florida where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in pre-medical studies. She subsequently returned to northeast PA to pursue a Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies from Marywood University in Scranton. Prior to joining the staff at Lake Region, she was employed by Garnet Health Doctors in Middletown, NY.



### MAGDALENA "MAGGIE" ORCHARD, DNP, CRNP, FNP

**Family Medicine Nurse Practitioner, Honesdale Family Health Center.** Orchard earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Marywood University, Scranton, PA, as well as both her Master's and Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees from Misericordia University, Dallas, PA. She is well acquainted with the Wayne Memorial Health System, beginning her employment as a nurse aide at Wayne Woodlands followed by 12 years as a Registered Nurse at Wayne Memorial Hospital. She worked in various departments throughout her tenure at the hospital ultimately specializing in intensive care for the past eight years. Orchard emigrated from Poland to the U.S. in 1991 and is fluent in both Polish and English.



### POOJA CHUGH, DDS

**Dentist, Together for Health Dental Center and Pike Dental Center.** Dr. Chugh received a Doctor of Dental Surgery from Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry in Richmond and a Bachelor of Dental Surgery from M.M. College of Dental Sciences & Research in Ambala, India. She also holds a Master's in Public Health from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, KY. She offered her professional expertise as a volunteer to the Virginia Commonwealth University's MOM (Mission of Mercy) Dental Project in Grundy, VA, for three consecutive years as well as served as part of the university's team for its Jamaica Dental Mission Project. Prior to practicing at WMCHC, Dr. Chugh was the Managing Dentist at Affordable Dentures & Implants in Exton, PA and Managing Clinical Director of Aspen Dental in Belle Vernon, PA. She also served as an Assistant Professor for West Virginia University's School of Dentistry's Clinical Track in Restorative Dentistry.



### KATHRYN PLOTKIN, PMHNP

**Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Honesdale Behavioral Health Center.** Plotkin sees adult patients for a range of emotional and mental health. She holds a Master of Science in Nursing from Wilkes University's Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program and is PMHNP board-certified. She has over eight years of nursing experience. Prior to joining Honesdale Behavioral Health, Plotkin served as a registered nurse at New Story, a private academic licensed school in Throop, PA, for six years.



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## A First at Wayne Memorial to Save a Leg

**HERBERT BAKER PUT** his faith in a titanium implant in his leg to help him walk again—and today, seven months and two surgeries later, he’s on his feet again.

The 64-year-old Shohola man underwent both surgeries at Wayne Memorial Hospital to battle a raging infection in his distal tibia—part of the bony structure of his ankle. Glenn Woodley, DPM, FACFAS, DABPM, FASPS, FACPM, who performed this first-ever 3D-custom implant surgery at Wayne Memorial said it was Baker’s “best hope to keep his leg and have it be functional again.”

Sometime after Baker broke his left leg and ankle in the 1990s, a wound developed and an insidious infection set in. The bone began to deteriorate and over the years, it got progressively worse. Antibiotics helped, but not enough.

In October of 2021, Baker and Dr. Woodley agreed to move ahead with the implant. The alternatives were to prescribe another intense course of antibiotics, which may or may not have worked, or amputate the leg below the knee.

During the first surgery in October, Dr. Woodley removed all the infected bone, inserted antibiotic “spacers” to clear out any remaining infection and placed a large metal “fixator” around Baker’s leg to stabilize it in place of the missing bone. Then, Baker had to wait two months to be certain the infection had been vanquished and for the implant to be produced. CT scans of his leg and both ankles were performed to be assured of an anatomical match.

In December, Baker’s fixator was removed and, back in the OR at Wayne Memorial, Dr. Woodley placed the implant. The tibia, which is the long bone of the lower leg, below the knee, has three parts: the proximal, shaft and distal part. Baker’s distal tibia was replaced by the implant.

“The implant is very light-weight and porous enough to allow for bony ingrowth,” said Dr. Woodley, “which will help stabilize the leg further.”

Baker is now able to put weight on his foot and, while he still has a boot and uses a walker, he expects to dispense with both in the next few months. “All good!” he says.

*Photo: Dr. Glenn Woodley, standing, with his implant patient Herbert Baker, Shohola. Fixator is to the left on the exam table.*

*Photo: An X-ray of the implant in Baker’s ankle.*

*Photo: A titanium distal tibia implant.*



## School Donates Emergency Communication Board to Wayne Memorial

**A TOOL DESIGNED** to help non-verbal individuals communicate, referred to as an Emergency Communications Board, developed by Wallenpaupack Area School District (WASD) speech therapists and special education teachers was presented to Wayne Memorial Hospital (WMH) on March 14th. The board contains icons that can be utilized in a variety of ways and is a great communication device for stroke patients or anyone who is unable to verbally communicate their wants and needs at any given time. It also includes a QR code to access a video. “They did an exceptional job. I commend them,” said Judy Eisenhauer RN, manager of the Wayne Memorial-Good Shepherd Inpatient Rehabilitation Department, which offers physical-occupational-and speech therapy to stroke, neurological and trauma patients. Noting how critical communication is to care, Eisenhauer added, “It can serve so many people in the hospital and the community.”

*Photo l to r: Cheryl Alford MS CCC-SLP, high school speech therapist, WASD; Sarah Heinly MS CCC-SLP, middle school speech therapist, WASD; Rebecca Bozym MS CCC-SLP, north intermediate school speech therapist, WASD; Carol Kneier MS, RD, LDN, CDCES, manager, Community Health Department, WMH; Judy Eisenhauer RN, unit manager, Good Shepherd Inpatient Rehabilitation; Len Spoor, high school special education teacher, WASD; Megan Trainor MS CCC-SLP, north primary speech language pathologist, WASD. Not pictured Kelly Vanston MS CCC-SLP, south elementary school speech therapist, WASD.*

## HHS Basketball Games Benefit WMH Patients

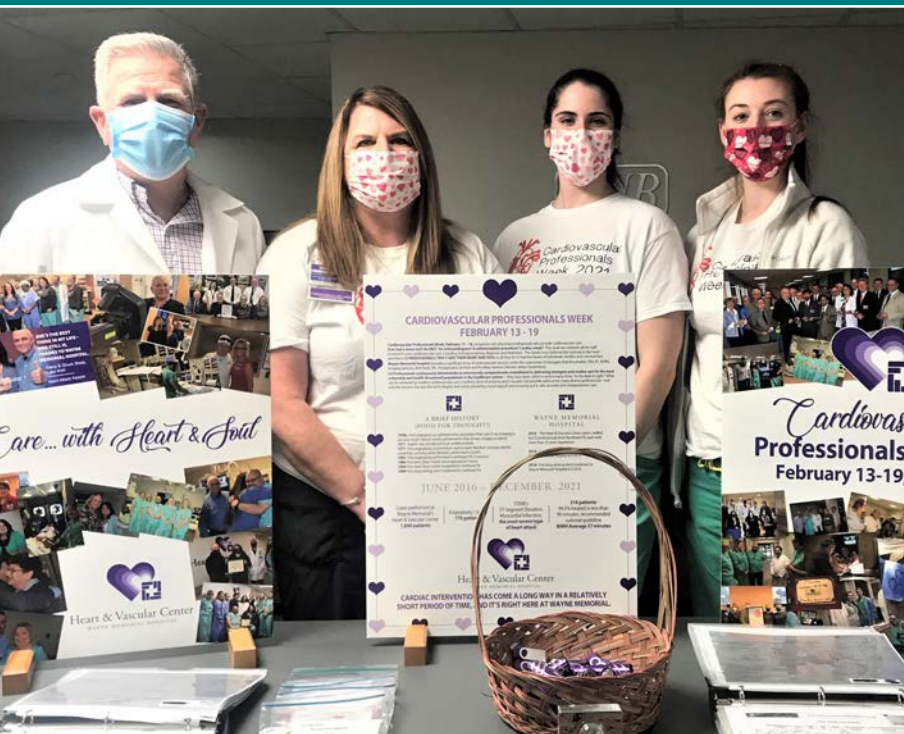
**THE HONESDALE HIGH** School Hornets boys and girls basketball teams came together once again to help others in the community diagnosed with cancer. The “Shooting for a Cure” games this winter raised money to purchase six Fire HD tablet computers with customized covers for patients at Wayne Memorial Hospital’s (WMH) Chemotherapy and Infusion Clinic. With the electronic devices they can listen to music, play games, read, and more while receiving treatments.

The athletes organized basket raffles to buy the hand-held computers and covers and donated an additional \$50 to the clinic. “It’s a wonderful thing,” said oncology nurse Karen Quigley, RN. “We really appreciate it and so do the patients. This has been on the wish list for Wayne Memorial’s oncology team.”

*Photo l to r: Wayne Memorial Hospital Community Health Manager Carol Kneier MS, RD, LDN, CDCES; student athletes Emma Modrovsky, Paige Fuime, Austin Borsdam, Chloe Lyle, Rowan Murray, Katie Ludwig; Karen Quigley, RN.*







## Celebrating the “Heart & Soul” of Cardiovascular Professionals

**I**F YOU HAVE ever had an EKG, echocardiogram, stress test, cardiac catheterization or cardiac rehabilitation at Wayne Memorial Hospital (WMH) you were treated by a cardiovascular professional.

Cardiovascular Professionals Week, observed February 13th—19th, recognizes non-physician professionals who provide cardiovascular care, including testing/screening, diagnosis and treatment. The 2022 theme “Heart & Soul” spoke to the passion and commitment these professionals provide, sometimes in the “dark of night” when called in for an emergency.

WMH offers an array of cardiovascular services for both emergent and routine care. Its cardiac catheterization laboratory, the Heart & Vascular Center, which launched in 2016 has seen close to 2,000 patients come through its doors. More information about all of Wayne Memorial Hospital’s Cardiology Services can be found at [www.wmh.org](http://www.wmh.org).

*Pictured l. to r.: WMH Imaging Services Manager Rob Brzuchalski CRA, RT, RDMS; Cardiovascular Care Coordinator Sandi Skrobiszewski, RT, RCIS; Kristen Schmale, RT and Cassidy Cohen RT, RCIS.*



## Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week

### 10th Anniversary at WMH

**W**AYNE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (WMH) celebrated National Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week from March 13–19. During this annual observance, the hospital marked two milestones—the 10 year anniversary of the Pulmonary Rehabilitation Center and the 30-year career of Rehabilitation Therapist and Clinical Coordinator Valerie Stout, as an RT, respiratory therapist. The Center has been helping patients living with lung disease acquire increased endurance, strength, and a better quality of life for a decade. Stout has been an integral part of its success.

The Pulmonary Rehab program at Wayne Memorial utilizes a multidisciplinary team approach where patients attend 36 sessions of exercise tailored to their abilities and level of shortness of breath. Each patient is educated on proper oxygen use and medication. For more information, call 570-253-8364.

*Photo, l. to r.: Valerie Stout RT; Pulmonologist and Chief of Medical Staff Sean McVeigh, MD, FCCP, FACP; Tina Cobb, CRNP, Wayne Memorial Physician Specialty Clinic.*



## Accolades for Healthcare Personnel on Grim Anniversary

**W**AYNE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers and Cottage Hose Ambulance got a standing ovation from Honesdale Borough Council members and a proclamation from Mayor Derek Williams on February 28th, the eve of the 2nd year anniversary of COVID in our community. Borough Council also prolonged the lighting of the Irving Cliff star for seven weeks in thanks for healthcare personnel and in memory of victims.

*Photo, front, l. to r.: Jim Pettinato, Tara Korb, LPN/ED, Danielle Hazimof, NA/COVID unit, Dr. James Cruse/WMCHC Medical Director, WMCHC Executive Director Fred Jackson, Honesdale Mayor Williams, Chandra Roberts, RN, director Patient Care Services. Back, l. to. R.: Council members Bill McAllister, Jared Newbon, Jason Newbon, President James Hamill, Mike Augello, Jim Jennings, David Nillsen.*

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## Monday, August 15 16th Annual Harry Kiesendahl Memorial Golf Tournament at Woodloch Springs

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