New Cancer Care Center brings world-class cancer facilities to our community

If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with cancer, take heart. At Wood County Hospital (WCH) we’re putting the “can” in cancer by bringing world-class cancer care to our community. WCH’s new Cancer Care Center opens this March 2014, in a facility adjacent to the hospital providing compassion, expertise and the best possible results closer to home for residents of Wood County and the surrounding area.

The Cancer Care Center features experienced, board-certified cancer specialists, the most technologically advanced diagnostic and therapeutic equipment available anywhere, and a warm, comforting environment. The new Center eliminates the need for patients to travel outside their community to receive the highest quality radiation and chemotherapy treatments and clinical trials.

The new Cancer Care Center provides:

• Board-certified physician cancer specialists including your radiation oncologist, medical oncologist, surgeon, pain medicine specialist, diagnostic radiologist, interventional radiologists, and pathologist all on site.
At the time of this publication, I will guarantee that most members of our community will label 2014 as the year that came in with a “Roar.” But I think that at year end we will look at the “roar” as being far more than a rugged winter. 2014 will mark the year we expand oncology care in our community adding a state-of-the-art radiation therapy program to an already excellent medical oncology practice.

The Cancer Care Center at Wood County Hospital brings to life a dream we have had for many years. That is, bringing to our community a robust, technologically advanced and well rounded cancer service right here in Wood County. In this issue of Outlook you will learn a great deal about the components of the service and the clinical team led by Drs. Robert Lavey and David Brown in place to provide it. It is truly an exciting time for us all.

While the health care landscape nationally continues to evolve and change with the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (“ACA”), WCH is constantly striving to assemble and deliver the services our community needs. In addition to Cancer Care, we are also expanding the Wood County Urology Center with the addition of Dr. Eric Todd who will be practicing Urology full time in our community.

Our other centers for Child Development, Orthopedic Surgery, Weight Loss Surgery, and Wound Care continue to provide high quality, locally accessible care in our community at reasonable cost.

There are many changes occurring in health care right now. At WCH we are trying to respond to these keeping our eye on the needs of you as a member of the community. With the implementation of the new law we find many people confused, particularly about insurance coverage. Indeed there are some new plans and more changes seemingly on a daily basis. If you have a question about whether WCH or your doctor is on the panel of providers for your plan please do not hesitate to contact us. We do want to be accessible for you and your family.

Again, thank you for your support and interest in Wood County Hospital!

Sincerely,

Stanley R. Korducki
President
that makes the patient feel secure in their treatment,” said David Brown, MD, medical oncologist at the Cancer Care Center.

The Cancer Care Center, located in the medical office building adjacent to the hospital, has its own exterior entrance and a dedicated parking area. At 7,000-square-feet, the facility has a gleaming glass exterior and a comforting, nature-themed interior. The radiation therapy treatment room is enhanced by a virtual skylight and four virtual windows surrounding the patient in a tranquil, tropical environment. Wood-grained flooring and a patient-controlled stereo music system expand the comforting atmosphere of the radiation therapy suite.

The medical oncology infusion center is equipped with a reclining lounge chair and charging station for a laptop or tablet for each patient. Two full walls of windows bring in natural light and pleasant outdoor scenery for patient relaxation and enjoyment during chemotherapy and supportive treatments.

The Cancer Care Center utilizes technology that is second to none, including the first Varian TrueBeam System 2.0 Linear Accelerator and the first Toshiba Aquilion large-bore CT scanner in Ohio. This multimillion dollar investment in the finest technology available provides our dedicated radiation oncologist, radiation physicist, and radiation dosimetrist team the unsurpassed power to design and deliver the optimum customized treatment to each patient.

“We take advantage of the utmost 4-dimensional capabilities of the Aquilion LB and TrueBeam 2.0 to create individualized radiation therapy schemes that most precisely concentrate our radiation dose within the patient’s tumors and spare their healthy tissue from damage. This combination goes beyond anything I’ve seen in 25 years of practicing in major university cancer centers throughout the country,” said Dr. Lavey. “The new scanner gives the patient more space and the physician better opportunity to optimally position the patient than any other facility in Ohio. It also creates videos showing the exact movement of the tumor and vital organs as the patient breathes instead of just the frozen images standard CT scanners produce, allowing us to focus radiation on the entire tumor and only the tumor. This increases the probability of eliminating the tumor and avoiding side effects.”

What does this mean for Cancer Care Center patients? Our expert team of compassionate providers combining their skill sets, utilizing the most technologically advanced equipment and software to care for patients in the healthful, supportive environment close to home means you get the best possible results.

For more information about The Cancer Care Center at Wood County Hospital, call 419-354-3185 or visit us online at woodcountyhospital.org.

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—Dr. Robert Lavey, Cancer Care Center radiation oncologist and medical director
Experienced, compassionate physicians provide expert care at new Cancer Care Center

Facing a cancer diagnosis, you certainly want advanced technology. You also want experts using that technology. At Wood County Hospital, patients have experienced, oncology board-certified, compassionate and knowledgeable physicians with outstanding communication skills providing their cancer care and treatment. Together, Dr. David Brown and Dr. Robert Lavey bring over nearly 50 years of medical and radiologic oncology experience to the community.

David W. Brown, MD
Medical Oncologist

Dr. Brown has practiced medical oncology in Northwest Ohio for over 20 years. He graduated from Miami University of Ohio and received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the Medical School at The Ohio State University where he also completed both his internship and residency. He is board-certified in Hematology/Medical Oncology.

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Brown has held many high posts in Northwest Ohio hospitals medical staffs. He is currently the Section Head of Hematology/Medical Oncology at Wood County Hospital.

Robert S. Lavey, MD, MPH
Radiation Oncologist

Dr. Lavey, medical director of the Cancer Care Center at Wood County Hospital, is a board-certified Radiation Oncologist. He graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University and earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from Stanford University. He completed his residency in radiation oncology at Duke University and was awarded National Institutes of Health Postdoctoral Fellowships at the University of California, Berkeley School of Public Health and the Stanford University Department of Medicine.

Dr. Lavey has held both academic and clinical positions in radiation oncology at leading medical centers throughout the country. Over a 24 year academic career, Dr. Lavey was an Assistant Professor at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Associate Professor at the University of Southern California (USC), and full professor at the University of South Florida (USF), and a Senior Member of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute.

Dr. Lavey has been the Principal Investigator or Radiation Oncology Coordinator of 12 internationally conducted clinical trials sponsored by the Unites States National Cancer Institute. He has written over 40 scientific articles in medical journals and over 20 chapters in oncology textbooks. He has served as Committee Chairman in the American Society for Radiation Oncology and President and Chairman of the Board of the Los Angeles Radiological Society. He has been an invited lecturer at international oncology meetings and/or guest professor at renowned universities in the United States, Canada, Europe, South America, and Asia.

The Cancer Care Center Community Open House
Sunday, April 13, 2014 • Noon – 2 pm
960 W. Wooster St., Suite 118
Bowling Green
Tours
Meet the Cancer Care Center Team
Refreshments
Wood County Hospital recently added the following new physician to our Medical Staff of more than 190 primary care and specialist physicians:

**David Barnes, MD**, board-certified family medicine physician, is joining Tom Wojciechowski, MD and the Wood County Medical Associates practice through which he will provide family medicine services to people of all ages. He will be joining the practice in June, 2014.

Dr. Barnes obtained his Doctor of Medicine degree from Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine in Rootstown, Ohio. He completed his family medicine residency at The Toledo Hospital Family Medicine Residency, and has practiced medicine in hospice and family practice settings for the past four years. Wood County Medical Associates is located at 970 W. Wooster, Suite 130, Bowling Green. Appointments with Dr. Barnes can be made by calling (419) 353-5081.

**Dr. Eric Todd, Urologist**

**Eric Todd, MD**, a diplomate with the American Board of Urology, has joined the Wood County Hospital Medical Staff. He joined Manuel de la Serna, MD, and Salvador Peron, MD, in the Wood County Urology Center in March. Dr. Todd provides a full range of general urology services to everyone from children to adults.

Dr. Todd obtained his Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of Michigan Medical School in 1992, completed an urology residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals in 1997, and practiced medicine in Michigan for the past 17 years. Wood County Urology Center is located at 960 W. Wooster, Suite 101. Appointments can be made by calling 419-352-1404.

**Peter Lalor, MD**, completed his 1,000 bariatric surgical procedure on October 22, 2013 since coming to Wood County Hospital in July, 2008. A party commemorating the historic procedure was held for Dr. Lalor, at which WCH President Stan Korducki presented him with a Certificate of Achievement for this significant milestone.

*If you need help in finding a doctor, you’ll find it at our website, woodcountyhospital.org/find, where more than 190 primary care and specialists physicians are profiled. You also have the rare opportunity to learn more about members of the Wood County Hospital Medical Staff in their own words through a series of video interviews that can be viewed on this same website. In their three-minute videos entitled, “A Conversation With,” the physicians discuss their special professional interests, why they chose their medical specialty, and what patients can expect during their professional relationship. If you prefer, we can also help you find the right doctor on our Physician Referral Line at 419-373-4195.*

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**THE WOOD COUNTY HOSPITAL GUILD CELEBRATES 60 YEARS OF SERVICE**

An organization of more than 600 men and women committed to the mission of Wood County Hospital and the patients it serves marked its remarkable 60th anniversary.

Since its formation the Guild has donated more than $1 million dollars to the hospital through equipment purchases, room and department renovations, material acquisitions to help establish new programs and many other items that enhance the overall patient experience.

At the recent “Get Your Green On” event at the hospital that celebrated the Guild’s founding, past Guild presidents were recognized along with Norma Barr and Mary Myers Fuelber, two members who helped establish the organization six decades ago.

Departments shared their stories of how the Guild has enriched their area. For example, the Obstetrics showed the gift bags each new mother takes home with her baby, while the Wellness Department bragged about its van that supports education to school children, and visits area businesses for wellness screenings.

The special celebratory evening culminated with the announcement by Guild president Scotty Huntington that the Guild has committed $100,000 to the new Cancer Care Center at Wood County Hospital, proving that they are as generous and committed as ever to the health of the community.
The war on cancer at the Wood County Hospital Cancer Care Center is poised to advance to a new level with the acquisition of breakthrough technology being made possible by the Wood County Hospital Foundation.

The Foundation’s Board of Trustees approved a significant $535,000 to purchase the Toshiba Aquilion Large Bore CT Scanner, the first of its kind in Ohio. The new CT Scanner will be used by the radiation oncology team for mapping out radiation therapy treatments as well as for interventional procedures.

“The CT Scanner, used in tandem with the Varian TruBeam Linear Accelerator, will provide our dedicated radiation oncologist, radiation physicist, and radiation dosimetrist team unsurpassed power to design and deliver the optimum customized treatments to each patient,” said Dr. Robert Lavey, medical director of the Cancer Care Center.

The large bore CT Scanner offers greater precision in oncology planning through improved CT simulation positioning, every time for every patient, without compromise, and covering more anatomy with greater accuracy.

To make this powerful new tool available to benefit Wood County and other NW Ohio residents, the WCH Foundation has embarked on a $1 million Cancer Care Center campaign, for which $300,000 in pledges have already been secured.

The new Wood County Hospital Cancer Care Center opened in March, 2014 in a facility adjacent to the hospital, providing compassion, expertise and results close to home for many Northwest Ohio residents.

“The commitment of the Wood County Hospital Foundation to the acquisition of this important and powerful new CT Scanner is reflective of the Foundation’s ongoing support of the critical mission of the hospital,” noted Dean King, Foundation Chairman.

“We are privileged to stand with the doctors, nurses, technicians and all the members of the Wood County Hospital healthcare team in continuously improving the varied and quality health services we provide to residents of this community,” he added. “At times our support is manifested in securing the funds to acquire the highest levels of technology, such as this new CT Scanner, which is why we are completely dedicated to the success of the current million dollar Cancer Care Center campaign.”

Significant support for the Cancer Center campaign is already coming from an internal hospital campaign.

“Our employees, board members, physicians and community members were extremely supportive in our last campaign,” noted Cristy Gray, the Foundation’s Vice President of Development. “We are extremely fortunate to have the support of our WCH family for this effort as we bring radiation oncology back to Wood County. With the continued changes of health care reform, philanthropy continues to be a high priority for hospitals, and we always welcome those who want to join us in having a positive impact on the health and well being of area residents. There will be a beautiful giving tree displayed in the lobby with etched leaves with donors names.”

To support the campaign for the Wood County Hospital Cancer Care Center, call 419-373-7626, or email grayc@woodcountyhospital.org.
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Some of the gifts recognize those
who recently passed:
Robert Ebersole
Lois Wilson Bright
A typical day repairing antique tractors on his Rudolph, Ohio farm changed dramatically for Tay Yarger in 2013 when a 700 pound axle fell, crushing his right foot.

Rushed to Wood County Hospital, orthopedic surgeon Dr. Scott Deering surgically repaired his wounds, but believed Yarger would lose his toes.

Dr. Deering referred Yarger to WCH’s Wound Healing Center for hyperbaric oxygen treatment (HBO). “I thought that increasing the delivery of oxygen to his injured foot would help the healing process and possibly salvage his toes...and it worked great.”

Dr. Todd Tamlyn, medical director of the Wound Healing Center, said, “We don’t usually see crush injuries in our outpatient setting, and Mr. Yarger’s case was as significant as we have seen.”

Yarger received 40 treatments at the WCH Wound Healing Center over five months, along with physical therapy treatments in WCH Rehabilitation Services, conveniently located in the same building. He is now able to walk normally on his previously severely injured foot.

“It’s unbelievable how HBO healed my foot,” Yarger said. “It was great to receive all my treatment and therapy locally. The staff at Wood County Hospital are terrific. They bent over backwards to help me, and we became like family.”

Yarger’s story is just one example of the life-changing successes generated within the Wound Healing Center, which marked its fifth anniversary this January.

The WCH Wound Healing Center has a healing success rate of 98% of wounds treated in 14 weeks or less, which far exceeds national standards. Furthermore, patient satisfaction scores were at 96% last year.

“The majority of wounds have a big impact on the patient’s lifestyle. Our goal is to bring them back to a normal lifestyle so they can pursue their prior activities,” Dr. Tamlyn said. “Patients come to the WCH Wound Healing Center for a variety of reasons, such as diabetic wounds, vascular problems, burns, post-surgical wounds as well as wounds secondary to chemotherapy and radiation treatment.”

Treatment of a wound following surgery and radiation therapy is exactly what brought Sharon Keller of Defiance to the Wound Healing Center.
Healing Center. Mrs. Keller had a lumpectomy and radiotherapy for breast cancer, and her surgical site would not heal because of deep tissue injury.

Her wound treatment consisted of HBO, a special dressing and Wound VAC Therapy, a device which provided negative pressure to help draw the edges of her wound together, removing fluids and infectious materials, enhancing circulation while promoting tissue formation.

Ms. Keller, who made the 100 mile trip five days a week for 13 weeks to receive a total of 60 treatments. Following treatment she only had a small impression at the site of the wound.

“I couldn’t have wished for a better staff at the Wound Healing Center. The wound would never have healed without HBO and Wound VAC Treatment,” she said, adding that following her treatments she intended to resume her water aerobics class.

Another Wound Healing Center patient pleased with his treatment is 81-year-old Bill Copley of Lindsay.

Mr. Copley had second degree burns over 78% of his body from a 1975 fire. Although his legs between his knees and ankles did not require skin grafts, he had scar tissue and developed ulcers there, resulting in several unsuccessful treatments for his wounds over a seven-year period.

He came to the Wound Healing Center in 2012 and saw improvement in his injuries over the course of debridements, compression and 60 HBO treatments administered five times a week for 2.5 hours a day.

“We had done everything else without good results,” Mr. Copley said. “If you have been going to the same place for any length of time, pursue a change. The WHC staff are a wonderful bunch of people.”

“We use a wide variety of treatment modalities, ranging from dressings and debridement to hyperbaric oxygen treatment therapy,” Dr. Tamlyn said. “Our physicians and staff are trained and certified in wound care, and most of the equipment we use would not be found in a primary care physician’s office.”

People needing the services of the Wound Healing Center can be referred by their primary care doctor, by a hospital, or they can schedule their own appointment. Treatment is covered by health insurance companies, and Medicare and Medicaid. The Center’s phone number is 419-373-7680.
For a convenient and secure way to access your health information, Wood County Hospital is now offering patients My HealthRecord.

My HealthRecord is your view into the electronic medical record WCH doctors and nurses use to manage and document your health care information in a secure (password protected), HIPPA compliant and easy-to-use manner.

My HealthRecord users can:

- check on upcoming Wood County Hospital appointments for services in Radiology, Surgery, Rehabilitation Services, Nutrition Services, Cardiovascular Services and more.
- view lab reports for tests performed at WCH within 36 hours after the test is resulted.
- find appointment instructions, medications, allergies, immunization records, and discharge summaries of any procedures or hospital visits that you have had at Wood County Hospital since December, 2012. Your record will be continuously updated as you receive additional services.

To get started, discuss the enrollment process with a registration representative at your next visit to Wood County Hospital, or visit woodcountyhospital.org/myhealthrecord.
Wood County Hospital is committed to improving the health and wellness of community members of all ages by providing health education, health screenings, weight loss and aquatics programs. Listed below are some of the programs we offer. For a more detailed information and to register, visit us online at, www.woodcountyhospital.org/classes or follow us on Facebook. You can also call us at (419) 354-8887.

**Presentations and Events**

**Sexuality and the Aging Male**
Thursday, April 17  6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
In this Barbershop Talks Men’s Health program, family medicine physicians Nicholas Espinoza, DO and Jeffrey Noftz, PT, MD, will discuss issues related to an aging male’s sexual activity and how fitness can be adapted for men after age 40.

**Prescription Drug Take Back**
Saturday, April 26  10 am – 2 pm
Prevent pill abuse and theft by disposing of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your tablets, caplets, and all other solid dosage forms of medication for disposal to the WCH main entrance, 950 W. Wooster. The program is organized by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency in collaboration with the Bowling Green Police Department, Wood County Sheriff’s Office and Wood County Hospital. Call (419) 352-2571 for more information.

**Kids Health & Safety Fair**
Saturday, May 3  8:00 – 11:00 am
Activities and information for the whole family designed to introduce kids to wellness and safety concepts. Location: Wood County Fairgrounds.

**Sleep Disorders: Breaking the Myths and Finding the Solutions**
Tuesday, May 6  5:30 – 6:30 pm
In this HealthMatters program, Kristal Eichenlaub, registered sleep specialist from the WCH Sleep Disorders Center will discuss sleep apnea and other sleep disorders and how they can be treated.

**Personalized Knee Replacement Surgery**
Wednesday, May 14  6 – 7:30 pm
Orthopedic surgeon Carlos Gomez, MD will discuss the latest technology used for personalized knee replacement surgery at Wood County Hospital. Call 419-373-4164 for more information.

**Diabetes Interest Group**
Thursday, April 10  noon – 1 pm
Penny Atkinson from Roche Diagnostics will discuss how to look at blood sugar numbers and compare them with daily activities and eating patterns. Registration is not required. Location: WCH Meeting Rooms.

**Battling the Middle Age Spread**
Thursday, May 15  6:30 – 9:00 pm
In this Positively Pink Women’s Health program, Licensed Dietitian Carolyn Tienarend and Family Practice physician, Nicholas Espinoza, DO, will discuss weight-gain issues that affect women after age 40.

**Health Screenings**
As part of its “Know Your Numbers” series, the WCH Wellness Center is offering free health screenings to help you take charge of your health. Pre-registration is required. Call 419-354-8887.

**Dermascan – Sun Exposure Screening**
Tuesday, April 22  10 am – noon
Location: WCH front lobby.

**Low Impact Arthritis Aquatics**
Mondays, April 7 – May 12  10:00-11:00 am
Six-week class will blend Yoga, Pilates, and Ai Chi in the warm water therapy pool at WCH Rehabilitation Services. Cost is $48. To register call 419-419-373-7626.

**Weight Loss Programs**

**Weight Loss Surgery Information Session**
Peter Lalor, MD, bariatric surgeon will discuss the weight loss surgery options available at Wood County Hospital. Call 419-373-7699 for more information.

- **Tuesday, April 8**  6:30 – 8:30 pm
- **Saturday, April 19**  9 – 11 am
- **Tuesday, May 13**  6:30 – 8:30 pm
- **Saturday, May 17**  9 – 11 am

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**Wellness Programs**

A 20-foot photo mural featuring a joint timeline of significant Wood County Hospital and Bowling Green State University events is now featured at the Stroh Center. The mural, located across from The Anderson Club, highlights events from the 1950s to present day.
We treat you with the most advanced technology.

"Can," it’s a word we use a lot around here. Because we believe world-class cancer care can—and should—be accessible no matter where you live. Our new Cancer Care Center, which opens in March, features the very latest technology. And it’s staffed by a team of experienced, board-certified specialists, led by radiation oncologist Robert Lavey, M.D. and medical oncologist David Brown, M.D. We provide integrated care, including diagnostics, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, rehabilitation, psychological and nutritional services, in a warm comforting environment that is close to home. When you’re committed to the people in your community, it’s amazing what you can do.

Join us Sunday, April 13 from noon to 2 p.m. for the Cancer Care Center community open house.