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Tealridge DON named Administrator of the Year



Cheryl Bales, DON, Administrator Executive Director was presented with the title Administrator of the Year award at the OKALA Conference in Tulsa, OK on May 18, 2018.

by Vickie Jenkins, Staff Writer

Do you like surprises? You know, those happy surprises when you least expect it? On May 2, 2018, Cheryl Bales, DON, Administrator Executive Director attended the annual OKALA conference in Tulsa, OK. Cheryl got one of those happy surprises when she heard her name being called for Administrator of the Year! She was presented the award by local television News Anchor Kelly Ogle. "I was moved to tears and very excited because of all of the nominations that were read from the presenter. Afterwards, I understood from my peers that it was a very hard secret to keep due to the fact that I serve on the board of directors for the Oklahoma Assisted

Living Association," Cheryl said. "It was something that I never expected," she added.

Cheryl grew up in the small town of Schulter, just south of Tulsa, OK and graduated with a total of 15 seniors in her graduating class. She attended nursing school in Okmulgee at Green Country Vocational Technical School, graduating in December 1998. I started working as a CNA and Medical Technician at Henryetta Medical Center on the med/surg floor right after nursing school," she

Cheryl currently works for Tealridge Assisted Living and Memory Care as the Administrator/ DON/E.D. where she has been for 2 years. She has

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Family inspires nurse to work in oncology



Although his mom was a nurse, Patrick Nobles, RN, didn't grow up thinking he would be one too. He was originally interested in communications and even graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma University with a bachelor's degree in communications. However, after working in retail for a few years, he decided he wanted something more.

"My mother inspired me to look into nursing," says Patrick. "I say that nursing found me. I started classes because nursing was a stable career, and along the way, I fell in love with the work. During nursing school, my first patient care experience was on an oncology floor, which I found intriguing. And then later in my nursing program, both my uncle and grandfather died of cancer, which is ultimately what led me to want to work in oncology."

Patrick went on to graduate from the University of Texas in Tyler with his Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. After graduation, he moved to Tulsa and worked on the oncology floor at Saint Francis Hospital where he was a charge nurse and then worked in the stem cell unit. He then joined Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) in Tulsa in

CTCA is a hospital-partner with the international See NOBLES Page 2

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DAISY Award program, which highlights and rewards one nurse quarter for extraordinary. per compassionate and skillful care demonstrated in their everyday work. Recently, Patrick was recognized with a DAISY Award because of his stellar work as a nurse. A CTCA patient's caregiver nominated Patrick saying he was "very caring to my mother after her 17-hour surgery. He allowed my family, especially my 14-year-old son, to be a part of the caring process. Patrick gave him step-by-step lessons on which medications would be given and what the medications were for, as well as explained what every machine did and what they were used for. The information was very empowering for our family, even with one of my sisters being a nurse. The level of care made us all the more comfortable with being able to provide care for my mother when we returned home."

Patrick has worked in oncology his entire career, and feels that it is a "calling." He adds, "It's not an area you just get into."

While at CTCA in Tulsa, Patrick has worked in several areas, including

the inpatient department, stem cell unit and has also helped with infusion and medical support, all at night! "If it's a nightly nurse duty, I've just about done it all," says Patrick.

those For interested nursing career. Patrick advises, "Be prepared to have your mind expanded. thought Your will be processes changed, and your expectations will be challenged. Know that your heart will be filled, and that it may hurt a little, but it is all worth it. Also, make sure that you go in with your sense of humor firmly intact. Laughing in the darkness will save you, and helping a patient laugh in

the middle of all they go through is priceless." Although nursing tends to be a female-dominated field, Patrick



Patrick Nobles, registered nurse at Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) in Tulsa, received a DAISY Award last month. Pictured from left are Tammi Holden, VP of Oncology Patient Services; Maloree Hamel, Nursing Administration Manager; Nobles; Glinda Huitt, Senior Director of Nursing; and Jay Foley, president and CEO of CTCA in Tulsa.

says it has a place for everyone. "If you like action and adventure, then the emergency room is the place to be. If you like logic and critical thinking, then the Intensive Care Unit is a great place. If you

like travel and something new daily, travel or flight nursing is an option. If you feel called to give great care, then the whole world is open to you. I think that nursing can be for everyone, regardless of gender."

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The exhibit showcases all forms of art including fiber, graphics, oil, watercolor, mixed media, photography, pottery, sculpture, writing and poetry. Register art by Monday, July 9, 2018. Deliver art by Friday, July 20. Pieces will be displayed from July 26 through Sept. 7, 2018.

Artists of all ages wishing to express how their lives have been affected by cancer will have their work on display. The pieces may be by individuals or collaborative, done by professionals as well as first-time artists. This will be our biggest show yet, with more than 200 pieces of art.

Registration of art is available at integrisok.com/celebration-of-life or by calling 405-773-6600.

OPENING RECEPTION

Artists, cancer survivors, families and friends will be recognized at the 24th annual Celebration of Life Art Show and Opening Reception on Thursday, July 26, 2018, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the INTEGRIS Cancer Institute, 5911 W. Memorial Road, Oklahoma City, OK 73142. To RSVP for the event, please call 405-951-2277.

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been in the Assisted Living industry for 17 years. "I have always enjoyed helping others and I guess that is why I became a nurse. It is something that I was meant to do," she said.

Asking Cheryl what qualities make good nurse, she replied, "Good quality nursing comes from within and you must have empathy. You must work as a TEAM player. You must treat each resident/patient as if they were your own family members and give them excellent care. You must demand excellence, without micromanaging your team mates, "she replied.

Did anyone influence you to become a nurse? I ask Cheryl. "I think I was influenced by a number of RN's whom I worked with as a CNA. There was Darlene Baker, Carolyn Parker, Vicki Deturk, Dana Hirsch and many more. They all had an influence on my life. They were very patient and took the time to teach me and so I obtained a lot of on-the-job experience hands on."

I asked Cheryl if she would describe herself in 3 words. "I would describe myself as fair, honest and dependable. I always listen to both sides (and then the middle) before coming to a conclusion. I try to always be at work and not call in unless absolutely necessary. Residents deserve continuity and to feel safe and secure and you can do that by being there," she said.

Cheryl's favorite thing about her job is working to make a difference in the lives of her patients and her staff every day. "I like helping family members to have peace of mind in order to feel secure about their loved ones. Not to be confused with my greatest reward. My greatest reward as a nurse is the humbling response from a family whom I have made a difference in the lives of their loved ones. That is my greatest reward. Just knowing that I was able to make it easier makes it all worth it," she answered with a smile on her face.

Cheryl is married to her best friend, Calven Bales of Davenport, OK. They have 5 children. Chervl's hobbies are a little different from most nurses and unique in a good way. "I love to hunt and fish and when I am not working, you can find me in our boat or fishing at a pond. During deer season, you can find me in a tree stand," she said.

Leaving words of advice if anyone is thinking about becoming a nurse and making a career in the medical field, Cheryl has some words of encouragement for you; never give up! Always be real! Be open-minded and never get on a power trip! Lead by

After learning a little about Cheryl and her outstanding work at Tealridge Assisted Living and Memory Care, it is easy to see how she became, Administrator of the Year, 2018. Congratulations Cheryl!

THE BRAIN AND TEAM BUILDING TOPIC OF JUNE'S NEURO NIGHT

"The Brain and Team Building" is the topic for June's Neuro Night forum, scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 19. Complimentary light dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. The event, located at 1404 N.W. 122nd St., is held in collaboration with The Fountains at Canterbury.

During the event, members of the community will have an opportunity to speak directly with specialists on the topic presented and discover the cutting edges of research and related clinical practice. The forum is part of the Neuro Night series sponsored by the Oklahoma Center for Neuroscience, a consortium of neuroscientists from across the state that serves as a research center and information resource at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. The series is aimed at improving neurological health through education and the sharing of information about research and access to care.

The forum will include a panel of three invited speakers:

· Michelle Staudt, Ph.D., assistant professor, Graduate College, Office of the Dean, OU Health Sciences Center · J. Quyen Wickham, strategic research coordinator, Office of the Vice President for Research, OU · Michelle Zalles, graduate student, Oklahoma Center for Neuroscience, OU Health Sciences Center

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CAREERS IN NURSING NURSING AND FAITH: VOLUNTEERS REACH OUT IN MOORE

by Bobby Anderson - staff writer/photographer

Dave Evans' Thursday evening prayer floats down the hallway at Moore Faith Clinic.

Heads bowed in a circle for those who have gathered on this warm, late-May evening are taking a moment to remember why they're here.

For Cristen Hartman, R.N., there's no doubt.

"It was just meant to be," says Hartman, who has been with the clinic since the beginning.

By day, Hartman works at the Oklahoma State Department of Health. She's worked med-surg, oncology and ER in her career.

But on Thursday nights, she and scores of others volunteer their time at the free clinic.

"It was a perfect fit. Me and my family have always been into service and what are things we can do for the community," Hartman says of her volunteer status. "Me and my husband grew up in Moore and met at Moore High School. Moore has always been our place."

Three years ago Evans, a pastor at Moore's Highland Baptist Church, and others had an idea.

Through his 25 years of ministry, he's tended to his fair share of disaster relief in Moore. His kids grew up in in the city and have eight grand kids.

Five still go to Moore schools. "I've done a lot of relief with

"I've done a lot of relief with other churches and ministry," he said.

Through outreach Evans and other pastors identified a gaping need in their community.

"If you don't have health insurance - and this is not a political statement it's just a statement of fact - or if you're underinsured and you've got a (large) deductible it's of no value," Evans said. "Two years ago the

average ER visit was \$1,900. People can't do that. Then it snowballs and their family is in crisis."

Time and again Evans has seen injuries create financial hardship, leading to stress and strain on families and marriages.

So what could be done?

"The Lord said to me 'Why don't you do something about it," Evans said. "We prayed about it for a few months and everybody said let's go for it."

The clinic is housed in the Serve Moore Community Renewal Center, 224 S. Chestnut Ave.

Each Thursday from 5:30-8 p.m. Moore Faith Clinic opens its doors.

Once a month a women's clinic is offered.

Last year, the clinic served 900 patients and handed out approximately \$1 million in medication.

"All free," Evans said. "It's kind of a big deal that's not very well known. This is the only totally free clinic in Cleveland County."

Hartman's church made an announcement one Sunday that caught her ear. Nurses were needed to get this idea off the ground.

"It's a huge difference," said Hartman, who coordinates the nurses. "I think you just don't really know the magnitude of who really needs you. You don't really see the magnitude of those that don't have care that I totally take for granted."

Evans sees it.

"I think a lot of families are in crisis or would be in a much bigger crisis if they didn't have health care or access to medicine and the ability to treat something treatable," Evans said. "So many people have diabetes or strep throat

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or high blood pressure or whatever. Those things left untreated are bad."

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It indeed takes a village to make the clinic run.

"We don't want to burn anybody out. Cristen is here every week and she doesn't have to be," Evans said. "She's here because she wants to make sure we have continuity of care and we're doing things the same way consistently."

"We can always use nurses," Hartman continued. "A lot of times we'll have nurses that are really gung-ho and say they'll come every Thursday. No, please don't because it's not going to work for most people. Volunteering even though it's one night a week is a huge commitment so we do see a lot of turnover."

Moore Faith Clinic operates extremely lean.

The annual budget runs around \$16,000 which Evans says largely goes to wholesale pharmaceutical purchases.



Nurses, physicians, pharmacists, pastors and case workers donate their time to help those in Cleveland County with nowhere else to go.

Medication samples from companies are accepted for the group's regulated pharmacy.

To make an appointment you can call 405-759-0853 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

You can also contact Evans or Hartman at the same number to find out about volunteering.

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A. A. of Nursing Statement of Support for World No Tobacco Day 2018

The American Academy of Nursing today expressed its support for the World Health Organization's (WHO) celebration of World No Tobacco Day on May 31, 2018. With a theme focused on the direct impact that tobacco use has on the development of coronary heart disease, stroke, and peripheral vascular disease, World No Tobacco Day 2018 is aligned with the Academy's mission to serve the public by advancing health policy, practice and science, as well as its goal to influence the development and implementation of policy that improves the health of populations.

"The Academy stands ready to assist policy makers in actions and measures that governments and the public can take to reduce the risks to heart health posed by tobacco use," said Academy President Karen Cox, PhD, RN, FAAN. "Moreover, the Academy supports the WHO's call for increased efforts to 'choose health, not tobacco." Academy Fellows Linda Sarna, PhD, RN, FAAN; Janie Heath, PhD, APRN-BC, FAAN; and Bernadette Melnyk, PhD, RN, CPNP/PMHNP, FAAN, leading experts on research addressing the harmful effects of tobacco use on cardiovascular health, urged nurses worldwide to raise awareness about the linkage of tobacco use and heart health. "From applying evidence in their daily practice to help prevent tobacco use, to utilizing tobacco cessation interventions, to advocating for stronger tobacco control legislation, nurses must use their power to curb the leading cause of preventable death in the world."

In 2017 the Academy recognized Dr. Sarna and her colleague, Stella Aguinaga Bialous, DrPH, RN, FAAN, as Academy Edge Runners for Tobacco Free Nurses, their intervention that support nurses in assisting patients with tobacco dependence treatment, translating evidence into practice, and enhancing nurses' involvement in tobacco control efforts nationally and internationally,



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OMRF secures \$2.6 | INTEGRIS Offers Air million flu grant

Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation scientist Jose Alberola-Ila, M.D., Ph.D., has received a five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health to study a novel population of cells that appear to be protective against influenza.

The grant, awarded by the National Institute Allergy and Infectious Diseases, will provide Alberola-Ila with \$2.69 million to investigate the role a type of white blood cell plays in mounting the body's response against flu infection.

preliminary In experiments, Alberola-Ila found that laboratory with greater numbers of these cells (known as NKT cells) were better protected from the

"All the mice we looked at had the flu, but the ones with more of these cells lost less weight, got less sick and recovered faster," said Alberola-Ila. "We don't yet know exactly why the mice responded the way they did, and that is exactly what this new grant will allow us to find out."

Alberola-Ila said if he and his OMRF research team are able to determine how these cells behave during an influenza infection, this could provide new leads on ways to improve flu vaccines. "A stronger and more protective response means a better vaccine, and that's something our world needs."

This year's flu season proved to be one of the worst in decades, and the flu shot proved relatively ineffective against the primary strain, H3N2. Since the beginning of the flu season in September, the Oklahoma State Department of Health has reported 285 deaths and



OMRF scientist Jose Alberola-Ila, M.D., Ph.D.

more than 4,700 hospitalizations.

Alberola-Ila, who joined OMRF's scientific staff in 2005, said developing a universal flu vaccine is one of the highest public health priorities in the world, and anything researchers can learn about better protective methods is a step in that direction.

"The flu virus is deadly, and the fact that we need a new vaccine every single year is a huge and expensive process that can be very inefficient," he said. "What we are learning could be a very real way of improving vaccination strategies in the long term, and that is an exciting opportunity."

The grant, R01 AI129458-01A1, is funded through NIAID, a part of the NIH.



Medical Transport Using Sikorsky Helicopter



Sikorsky has been the world's leading helicopter manufacturer since 1939, producing every presidential helicopter in the modern era, as well as the highly celebrated military grade Black Hawk helicopter.

INTEGRIS is now using a Sikorsky SK-76 as an integral part of the health care system's critical air medical transport efforts.

The unique aircraft, which is the most advanced multi-role helicopter of its kind, is being housed at INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center and is owned and operated by Survival Flight.

This particular helicopter is specifically designed to transport injured and critically ill patients from hospitals across the state and region to INTEGRIS to receive specialized care. It will also be used in rescue operations and organ transplant procurements.

"The Sikorsky SK-76 is ideal for transporting the sickest of the sick patients, who demand the highest level of medical care," says Tim Johnsen, president of INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center. Before becoming an administrator, Johnsen was a cardiac intensive care nurse and director of an air medical transport program. He was also a director of emergency services at a trauma center. He was instrumental in bringing the Sikorsky to INTEGRIS.

"At 52 feet long, it is considerably

larger than the average medical helicopter, making it possible to carry not only additional medical equipment and supplies, but also entire teams of medical professionals. These highly trained individuals can then deploy life-saving therapies while en route back to INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center. It truly is a mobile intensive care unit in the sky."

Aly El Banayosy, M.D., is executive director of critical care and circulatory support at the INTEGRIS Nazih Zuhdi Transplant Institute. He says the Sikorsky helicopter will allow more people access to sophisticated and specialized therapies like cutting edge heart pump technologies such as the LVAD and Total Artificial Heart and extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, known as ECMO.

"ECMO is a last resort lifesaving technique for patients facing imminent death caused by heart or respiratory failure. In many cases it really is a person's only hope for survival. While there are other ECMO programs in the state, INTEGRIS has the only mobile ECMO team where we physically travel to other facilities to retrieve these patients. Now thanks to the superiority of the Sikorsky helicopter, our team is able to travel farther and faster to stabilize dying patients and give them one last chance at life.'

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The Sikorsky helicopter is one of the fastest medical helicopters in

in need of air transport are typically in a very vulnerable state. Having a helicopter like the SK-76 allows the smooth and safe transport not only of the patient, but also the team of



existence and is capable of traveling 300 miles without refueling.

Douglas Horstmanshof, M.D., is a heart failure cardiologist with the Advanced Cardiac Care program at INTEGRIS. He says maintaining the highest quality continuity of care during transport is crucial. "Patients

physicians and nurses necessary to provide the best possible care during that critical time."

The helicopter went into service on May 5. INTEGRIS is the only health care system in the region utilizing a Survival Flight Sikorsky SK-76 for air medical transport.





Vicki L Mayfield, M.Ed., R.N., LMFT Marriage and Family Therapy Oklahoma City If you would like to send a question to Vicki, email us at

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Q. I recently heard the phrase, "lets commit more random acts of kindness." I think kindness has a special impact on people, it can literally turn their day and sometimes life, around. So how can we get the word out for more kindness?

-- Lisa

A. There can never to too much kindness!! Think about the last time someone smiled at you, gave you a compliment, held the door open for you. I have a person who offices in my building who surprises me with flowers that she grows in her garden. It is a special moment to open the door and see the beautiful flowers on the table.

Kindness and concern for others is superb medicine, better than anything big pharma sells. As our lives get busier and schedules tighter, there is less time to make time for others. But just like we clean out our closets, maybe taking that same "kindness" inventory would be useful and healthy.

Kindness doesn't need to take a lot of time. It can happen spontaneously. It can be a smile as you pass in the hall or calling the Target cashier by their name and thanking them for checking you out. Did you know that saying the person's name also adds kindness to the interaction? "Thank you John for checking me out, have a good day." It's not that hard.

We have seen some of the catastrophic affects of bullying, a total lack of kindness and concern.

In the recent school shooting at Santa Fe High school in Texas, the shooter said he spared the lives of the people who were "nice to him."

How much of societies isolation and depression could be lifted with acts of kindness? There is a tremendous amount of loneliness and despair; people are suffering.

In the recent shooting at Louie's by the lake, in Okla. City, the shooter, in his video, stated no one was listening to him, he was lonely and needed help.

Kindness, alone, cannot prevent horrible acts from happening, but a common theme in many of these individuals is bullying, loneliness, sadness, despair, anger.

Kindness is appreciated by everyone.

As you go about your day, ask yourself if you have given the gift of kindness. Lets increase our awareness. Lise can't do this all by herself.



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Keon, of Stuart, Okla., was a joyful two year old. He was surprisingly athletic and destined to play for the Stewart Hornets, often picking up rocks and sticks to play baseball. Keon was a happy baby, and was never found without a smile.

Both Denise and Wayne, Keon's parents are both registered donors, and when they found out Keon had the opportunity to save lives, they were excited about the legacy he would leave on this earth.

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