

# THE VITAL LINK



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## Maury Regional Women's Center expands 3D mammography

The Maury Regional Women's Center recently completed installation and received FDA approval for a second Genius™ 3D Mammography™ unit, according to Administrative Director of Oncology Services Dana

Salters. The first Hologic, Inc. Genius™ 3D system has been operational since September 2016.

"Since the Women's Center began offering 3D mammography, this advanced level of technology has been

very well received by our patients. We are pleased to expand our capability to offer 3D exams with the addition of a second unit," said Salters.

The technology used for 3D mammography is clinically proven to significantly increase the detection of breast cancers, while also decreasing the number of women asked to return for additional testing when compared to 2D mammography.

A Genius exam includes both 2D and 3D images. During the 3D portion of the exam, an X-ray arm sweeps in a slight arc over the breast, taking multiple images. The images are converted into a stack of thin layers, allowing the radiologist to review the breast tissue one layer at a time.

The medical center offers women their choice of 2D or 3D exams. Most insurance will cover a 2D exam and a growing number of plans cover the 3D portion. Aetna, Maury Regional Health's insurance provider, recently joined those insurers who will cover 3D mammograms. If one's insurance provider will only cover a conventional 2D exam, that portion will be filed with insurance and the 3D fee of \$95 is collected at the time of the exam.

For more information about 3D mammography and other breast health services, visit [MauryRegional.com](http://MauryRegional.com). To schedule a mammogram, call 931.380.4044.



## System award celebrated

Events were held on June 30 and July 1 to celebrate Maury Regional Health's recognition as one of the nation's 15 Top Health Systems by Truven Health Analytics®. Meals were served to employees, physicians and volunteers whose dedication and commitment to quality resulted in the award—the fourth time the health system has been recognized in the past nine years. The study evaluated quality data for Maury Regional Medical Center (MRMC), Marshall Medical Center and Wayne Medical Center.

**NEW EMPLOYEES**

**MAURY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**

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Haley Newton  
Kelly Ray  
Danielle Smith  
Brittney Sparkman  
Justice Tibbs  
Hannah White  
Monica White

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**MRMC welcomes physicians**

Several physicians recently joined the medical staff at MRMC.

SEAN C. CANNADY, D.O., a specialist in family medicine, is associated with Maury Regional Medical Group Primary Care located at 5421 Main Street in Spring Hill.

Dr. Cannady received his medical degree from Lincoln Memorial University, DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine in Harrogate, Tennessee. He completed an internship and residency in family medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Dr. Cannady is board certified in family medicine.



DR. CANNADY

CHARLES BRADFORD CHISM, M.D., a specialist in radiology, is associated with Southern Radiology Associates.

Dr. Chism received his medical degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine in Jackson, Mississippi. He completed a transitional (multi-specialty) internship at Trident Regional Medical Center in North Charleston, South Carolina, and a residency in diagnostic and interventional imaging at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston, Texas. He also completed a fellowship in sports, orthopedic and emergency imaging at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston.



DR. CHISM

WILLIAM MICHAEL DEVOE, M.D., is a specialist in neonatology associated with Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.

Dr. DeVoe received his medical degree from the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. He completed an internship and residency in pediatrics and a fellowship in neonatal medicine at Cincinnati Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is board certified in pediatrics and neonatal-perinatal medicine.



DR. DEVOE

WILLIAM M. RASBERRY JR., M.D., is a specialist in internal medicine and is associated with the Maury Regional Medical Group Hospital Medicine program.

Dr. Rasberry received his medical degree from East Tennessee State University, Quillen College of Medicine, in Johnson City, Tennessee. He completed an internship and residency in internal medicine at the University of Tennessee – Nashville Internal Medicine in Nashville, Tennessee. He is board certified in internal medicine.



DR. RASBERRY

Laurie Tucker, M.D., M.P.H., a specialist in pediatrics, is associated with Columbia Pediatrics.

Dr. Tucker received her medical degree from Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tennessee. She completed her residency and internship in pediatrics at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tennessee.

Columbia Pediatrics is located in Northside Medical Plaza at 1600 Nashville Highway in Columbia.



DR. TUCKER



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## BIRTHS

Alissa Long, Nursing Professional Development, and her family welcomed Branson Wilder Long on June 8. He weighed 8 lb. and 3 oz.

Dustin Rose, EMS, and his family welcomed Julia Mae Rose on June 14. She weighed 6 lb. and 4 oz.

## ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT—

# Estes named L&D nurse manager



ESTES

LACY ESTES has been named nurse manager for Labor & Delivery at MRMC, according to Administrative Director of Women's and Children's Services Beth Himes.

Estes has worked at the medical center since 2013 and served as a core charge nurse in Labor & Delivery prior to accepting the nurse manager position. She holds a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Martin Methodist University.

"Lacy is a great addition to the management team for women's and children's services. Please join me in welcoming her to her new role," said Himes.

# Nurse receives life-saving award from GM



MOORE

Carolyn "Butch" Moore, a registered nurse with the Occupational Medicine Department at GM Spring Hill, was recently honored with the GM Life-Saving Award.

Moore was recognized for helping to save the life of a GM team member whose heart stopped beating while at work in January. After employees began CPR, Moore and emergency medical technicians used a defibrillator to revive the employee.

"We are so appreciative that GM honored Butch for the outstanding job she did with this employee. This award highlights the important contributions that our nurses make in the lives of the employees who work at the GM Spring Hill site," said Linda Oakley, director of occupational medicine at GM Spring Hill.

Moore, who has worked for the organization for 25 years, was presented with the award on June 12 by plant leadership.

# Physician presents on direct primary care



DR. GANNON

Dr. Meghan Gannon, a family medicine specialist with Maury Regional Medical Group All Access Medicine in Spring Hill, was a presenter at a recent national conference.

Dr. Gannon spoke at the Direct Primary Care Summit June 15-17 in Washington, D.C. Her presentation focused on the unique perspective of a direct primary care practice that is associated with a hospital. She addressed benefits that physicians and hospitals can achieve from a direct primary care collaboration.

Dr. Gannon was also part of two panel discussions held during the conference, which was hosted by the American Academy of Family Physicians.

## Wayne Medical Center EMS earns Class A classification from state

Wayne Medical Center (WMC) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) has been recognized as a Class A service by the Tennessee Office of Emergency Medical Services, according to WMC CEO Teresa Grimmett.

“We are extremely proud of the excellent service our EMS team provides to the residents of Wayne County,” said Grimmett. “Director James Wilson and each member of the EMS Department are to be commended for achieving the highest level of recognition at the state level.”

The classification is the result of an annual review of administrative practices, staffing, education and ambulance fleet inspection by the Tennessee Office of Emergency Medical Services, which recognizes six classifications for ambulance operations. Class A providers offer ambulance services in which advanced life support or special critical care capabilities are provided on 95 percent of emergency runs within the service area and are staffed to provide 24-hour operation.

## Garland earns certification

Nancy Garland, BSN, RN, a charge nurse on Third Medical/Surgical/Oncology/Pediatrics, recently earned certification in medical/surgical nursing, according to Nurse Manager Barbara Purcell.

Garland received the certification from the Medical Surgical Nursing Certification Board. Garland has been employed at MRMC for 18 years.



GARLAND

## Compliance shares information

June 19-23 was observed as Compliance and HIPAA Awareness Week at Maury Regional Health. Compliance staff members hosted informational booths



at MRMC, Marshall Medical Center and Wayne Medical Center to provide education on compliance, privacy and security issues. Pictured (l-r) are Physician Compliance Manager Leanne Walls and Compliance Specialist Danielle Bruer.

## RETIREES HONORED

SHARON DOBBINS, a supervisor in Respiratory Care at MRMC, retired on July 1. She worked at the medical center for 38 years.



DOBBINS

“Sharon touched so many lives at Maury Regional—not only the patients and their families, but also her co-workers. She clearly demonstrated our mission, vision and values. Sharon will be greatly missed and we wish her a wonderful retirement,” said Respiratory Care Director Christy Wright.

DONNA THORNTON, a health information management technician in Health Information Management at MRMC, retired on July 7. She worked at MRMC for more than 16 years.



THORNTON

“Donna has been a great asset to the HIM department and the medical center for the past 16 years. She will be missed dearly by all. We want to congratulate Donna on her retirement and wish her the best,” said Supervisor Jewell Bedford.

# 2017 SERVICE AWARDS

Employees of Maury Regional Medical Group (MRMG) reaching service milestones in 2017 were recognized during a banquet in Columbia on June 27. There were 53 MRMG employees—including 17 physicians—who were recognized for providing 510 years of service to Maury Regional Health. Pictured below are those who attended. For photos of service award recipients from MRMC, Marshall Medical Center and Wayne Medical Center, see the June edition of *The VitaLink*.

## Maury Regional Medical Group



*Pictured (l-r) are MRMG CEO Mike Fecher, Amy Henson, Jessica Daniels, Britany Sublett, Dr. Justin Kropf, Sharon Holmes, Verba Fitzgerald, Dr. Steven Smith, Kathryn Church, Jessica Moser, Renee McKibben and Lisa Burgett.*



*Pictured (l-r) are Fecher, Lori Tywater, Amy Crawford and Kyle King.*



*Pictured (l-r) are Fecher, Thomasha Marsh, Julie Wood, Kristy Neece, Dr. Cummins Couch, Karen Perry and Dr. Charles Ball.*



*Bridget Vandiver is pictured with Fecher.*

**Note of thanks**—I'd like to express my appreciation for the wellness screening opportunity you made available to Columbia Academy. It was well done, and we appreciate all of you taking the time to serve our faculty and staff.

It's my understanding that we had 16 participants on Monday and 31 on Tuesday. Those 47 individuals mean a lot to their families, to this school, and to this community. Helping each of them be more aware of their health and what they can do to improve it makes a huge difference for all of us. Your service is meaningful in many ways, and we are thankful for what your organization provides to this community on a daily basis.

If there is someone else that I need to express appreciation to for this service, I will be happy to do so. If Columbia Academy or I can ever be of service to you, please let me know.

James A. Thomas, Ed.D.  
President, Columbia Academy

## PARKER'S PROJECT BENEFITS NICU FAMILIES

On November 21, 2016, expectant parents Sondra and Cord Martin received unanticipated news. Sondra began experiencing symptoms that prompted her to call her obstetrician Nicole Falls, M.D., who instructed her to go directly to MRMC where Parker Ellington Martin was delivered ten weeks premature.

Parker stayed 31 days in the medical center's neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). During that time, the Martin family developed a bond with the physicians and nurses who guided them through Parker's development and provided encouragement.



*Pictured with Parker Martin are NICU staff members (l-r) Cathy Alley, RN, Brandy Kiddy-Collier, RN, Heather Potts, RN, and Kari Littrell, NP. Photo courtesy of Visions Photography.*

The experience inspired the Martins to help other NICU families through Parker's Project.

The Martins, both educators in Maury County, understand the importance of reading to children. Through Parker's Project,

they are raising funds to provide every family in the NICU a book to read to their child.

"As parents of a child who stayed in the NICU, Cord and I know firsthand how those days can seem like an eternity," said Sondra. "Our hope is that the books this project provides will serve as an outlet for parents to feel like they are contributing to their child's growth."

The most recent fundraising events for Parker's Project have raised more than \$7,000 for the NICU fund of the Maury Regional Health Care Foundation.

Foundation Executive Director Joe Kilgore said, "When you see Dr. Falls and the NICU staff with Parker, it is inspiring. The love that they have for children and the families they serve is evident. We are grateful to Sondra and Cord for their dedication to help other NICU families through Parker's Project."

To make a gift to Parker's Project, call 931.380.4075 or visit [MauryRegionalFoundation.com](http://MauryRegionalFoundation.com).

## LOCAL GUN CLUB SUPPORTS CANCER PATIENTS

The Maury Regional Health Care Foundation's Women's Center Fund recently accepted a gift of \$5,466 from the Maury County Gun Club after its 2017 Shoot for a Cure event. The event has raised more than \$19,000 since 2012 to help provide breast cancer patients with wigs, camisoles and transportation expenses.

"We are grateful for the continued support the Maury County Gun Club provides to cancer patients in our region," said Foundation Executive Director Joe Kilgore. "Through the generosity of these community-minded individuals, the Foundation has been able to provide assistance to hundreds of women in the past six years."

Don Kerce, a club board member who organized the event, added, "With the wonderful support shown to our sports club—and to our fundraising partners—we were able to raise over \$5,400 this year. We would like to thank Lucas Chevrolet Cadillac, Parks Motor Sales Buick GMC, Columbia Kubota and Farm Bureau Insurance for their generous support."

## FAMILY REMEMBERS LOVED ONE BY COMFORTING YOUNG PATIENTS

A program designed to reassure young patients at MRMC has been established by a local family in memory of a loved one whose life brought joy to others.

Mary Margaret Bolton—affectionately known as "Tootsie" to her brother, Ben, family and friends—was a special needs child whose "infectious smile and giggles ruled our household" for more than 47 years, according to her parents, Rick and Diane Bolton.

When Mary Margaret's health required a hospital stay in January 2016, her parents searched for a way to ease the apprehension, confusion and fear they saw on her face. During that stay, Mary Margaret's cousin, Dr. Taylor Rayburn, and his family presented her with a white teddy bear. When the bear was placed beside her daughter in the hospital bed, Diane said a look of calm and peace appeared in her eyes and face.

"When we lost her this year, we felt our hearts breaking and knew the best way to mend this was to bring the joy to others that every day of her life had brought to ours," Diane said. "The idea came to us to share the joy with children at Maury Regional who may be facing the same fears in strange surroundings."

The Boltons started a project known as "Tootsie's Bears" to purchase teddy bears for children who are patients at the medical center. The Maury Regional Health Care Foundation will administer the program through its Pediatric Fund. Donations may be made at [MauryRegionalFoundation.com](http://MauryRegionalFoundation.com) or by calling 931.380.4075.



*The Boltons are pictured presenting the initial donation for the Tootsie's Bears program to Kilgore.*



**BRAVO WELLNESS SCREENINGS:  
REGISTER IN AUGUST**

Bravo Wellness screenings will be held in September at several Maury Regional Health facilities. The registration portal will be open from August 1 to August 31. Watch your email for important information and a link to the registration portal to schedule an appointment for your screening.

The Bravo program is voluntary, though employees who do not participate in the biometric screenings will pay a significantly higher health insurance premium. Employees who change to a benefit-eligible status but do not participate in the screenings will default to the nonparticipant insurance rate.

*MMC hosts seminar  
for coaches*

Marshall Medical Center (MMC) Physical Therapy recently hosted a day-long workshop to help coaches and school officials prepare for new athletic seasons, according to Director Jamie Davis.

The workshop was held July 19 in Lewisburg and focused on several topics related to keeping student athletes healthy. Dr. Jeffrey Adams, an orthopedic surgeon on the medical staff, discussed stress fractures in athletes. Lindsay Vandever, a certified athletic trainer at MMC, provided information on heat illness and concussions. There were also sessions about insurance and liability issues, weight training, leadership and exercise.

MMC provides athletic training services to athletic programs at Cornersville, Forrest and Marshall County High School.

**AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**August 1**

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: 5:30 p.m., Chapel, call 540.4243

**August 3**

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Noon, Marshall Medical Center, call 540.4243

**August 3**

DIABETES EDUCATION GROUP: 5:30 p.m., Auxiliary Conf. Room, call 540.4324

**August 5**

EXPECTANT PARENT CLASS – UNDERSTANDING BIRTH: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., call 490.7046

**August 8**

COPING WITH CANCER: 2 p.m., Cancer Center, call 490.7192

**August 11**

BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP: 1 p.m., Annex, call 490.7074

**August 12**

EXPECTANT PARENT CLASS – BREASTFEEDING: 9 a.m., call 490.7046

**August 16**

TOWN HALL MEETINGS: 7:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., Auxiliary Conf. Room

**August 16**

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK: 9:30 a.m., Columbia Senior Center, call 490.4600

**August 17**

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK: 9:30 a.m., Hohenwald Senior Center, call 490.4600

**August 19**

FREE SAFE SITTING CLASS: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., call 490.7046

**August 21**

NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION: 8 a.m., Auxiliary Conf. Room, call 381.1111, ext. 2334

**August 24**

OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP: 10 a.m., First Floor Conf. Room, call 698.7438

**August 24**

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP: 6 p.m., Annex, call 840.4446

**August 26**

EXPECTANT PARENT CLASS – BOOT CAMP FOR NEW DADS: 9 a.m., call 490.7046

# KUDOS FOR CAREGIVERS

Brenda Adams  
Rachel Allred  
Zach Barnett  
Carroll Blackwood  
Crystal Bottoms  
Reba Byrd  
Henry Canaman  
Christy Carroll  
Kim Cashion  
Dr. Amit Choksi  
Jason Coffey  
Wilson Daniel

Nicole Duff  
Roni Dumont  
Tracie Dunn  
Dr. Nicole Falls  
Dr. Rafael Favela  
Polly Floyd  
Janiece Gaines  
Nancy Garland  
Debbie Gatlin  
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Karen Harbison  
Angela Harden

Shannon Harris  
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Cortney King  
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Dr. Bryan Kurtz  
Jennifer Laws  
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**MASH PROGRAM IS SUCCESS**—The 2017 Maury Academy for Students in Health (MASH) program was held at MRMC June 5-16. The program provides young people with exposure to a variety of health care professions and includes visits to numerous departments and an emergency training exercise with physicians and staff members. MASH is sponsored by the medical center and the Auxiliary. Program coordinator Cindy Short (back, center) and volunteers Susan Ivey, Margene Hyatt, Brenda Fox (l-r, far left),

Margaret Wells and Richard Baggett (l-r, far right) are pictured with graduates (in alphabetical order) Charlie Beckett, Sarah Brooks, Marisa Butler, Sidney Church, Emily Davis, Baylee Francis, Grace Gerlach, Sarah Gilbert, Emily Gray, Madeline Grimes, Chloe Harris, Elizabeth Hudson, Hardin Johnson, Serenity Jones, Matthew Joslin, Zachary Kurtz, Ashlyn Long, Abby McAlister, Tess McNeely, Emma Mitchell, Baylee Orr, Casey Queen, Natalie Salgado, Kara Stofel and Matthew Ungruhe.

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