



WEST FELICIANA HOSPITAL NEWSLETTER



Taylor Holcombe, Maddie Freeman, Kelsey Noble, and Hannah Gosserand

WFH Serves as an Area Health Education Center

The Area Health Education Center program helps students explore different health care fields over the summer, while they earn credit for the upcoming school year. Four students from West Feliciana High School participated and observed the daily operation of specific hospital units, such as the ER, Inpatient, Imaging and Lab. The students also went on excursions to a local dentist, chiropractor, physician's offices and a veterinarian. West Feliciana Hospital served as the operational base for the program, where students met each morning and performed their final testing.

The 2018 program participants were: Taylor Holcombe, Maddie Freeman, Kelsey Noble, and Hannah Gosserand of West Feliciana High School.



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Summer has flown by and it's back to school time for everyone here in West Feliciana. For those of you with kids, we know you're already getting back into the groove of schedules, homework and earlier evenings. For those without kiddos in classes, remember slow down for school zones and keep our kids safe. And for all of us, hopefully some cooler weather is right around the corner.

At the hospital, we're supporting the community during back to school doing everything from working with the Happy Landers to provide school supply bags to ensuring our EMS truck is on standby at all the West Feliciana High home games. In October, look out for our breast cancer awareness event, Paint the Town Pink. We are also welcoming a new physician to our family at St. Francis Medical Clinic. You can read more about Dr. Brad Fossier in this newsletter.

Community support, keeping our residents safe and providing the highest quality healthcare close to home - that's what we're here to do. Have a great school year and a fantastic fall!

Lee Chastant

Contact us for information
or an appointment at
225-635-2443 or visit
www.wfph.org



It's time again to **Paint the Town Pink**, West Feliciana Hospital's annual breast cancer awareness campaign that partners with local businesses and individuals in the community to help promote the importance of education and prevention of breast cancer. West Feliciana Hospital is asking the community to come together to **Paint the Town Pink** for either a day, a week or the entire month of October to promote breast cancer awareness and raise money for Cancer Services of Baton Rouge. This nonprofit organization serves the emotional, financial and physical needs of those affected by cancer. All services are free of charge and benefit a 10-parish area that includes West and East Feliciana and Pointe Coupee.

So, how can you participate? There are lots of ways:

- Businesses and individuals are asked to decorate their homes or offices both inside and out, and enter our competition, which will be judged on Friday October 12th. (Please see the entry form below). Tag any pics you may take with **#PaintTheTownPinkWF2018**
- Our local schools, sports teams and clubs are encouraged to wear pink on October 12th.
- Pink Bake Sale on Friday, October 5th at Audubon Market from 12:30 p.m. until the baked goods run out (so hurry to get your favorites). A Pink Painting Party will be held the evening of Wednesday, October 10th at the hospital. Check the website and Facebook closer to the date for an exact time. So join with us this October and help **Paint the Town Pink!**

REGISTRATION FORM

All participants are asked to make a minimum donation of \$25 to participate in this event and contest. All proceeds will be donated to Cancer Services of Baton Rouge. **Deadline for registration forms and fees is October 9th, 2018. Businesses and homes will be judged on Friday, October 12, 2018.** First, Second and Third Place Winners will be announced on the West Feliciana Hospital website and Facebook page, and will be recognized in our local paper and the hospital newsletter. We will also have a few honorable mentions.

Mail registration fees to:
 West Feliciana Hospital,
 Attn.: Nancy Metz Arceneaux/Imaging
 P.O. Box 368
 St. Francisville, LA
 Or contact Nancy @ 635-3811 ext 2115,
 Arceneauxn@wfph.org and we will have someone pick it up from you.

Please fill out the information below.

1. Name of Business/Participant:

2. Address:

3. Phone Number:

4. Contact Person:

5. Donation _____ \$25 _____ \$50
 _____ Other

Thank You for Your Cooperation!
 Think **PINK!**
#PaintTheTownPinkWF2018

WELCOME DOCTOR BRAD FOSSIER

West Feliciana Hospital is proud to welcome Dr. Brad Fossier to St. Francis Medical Clinic, which is a department of WFH. Doctor Fossier (pronounced "Fo-see-ay") is a primary care physician with unique dual training in Internal and Family Medicine. He has the ability to provide a broad array of inpatient and outpatient services aimed at patient-centered care with attention to quality improvement, patient satisfaction and community wellness.

Doctor Fossier is a Baton Rouge native and received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from LSU. He performed his residency at St. Vincent Hospital and Medical Center in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he was Chief Resident, Internal Medicine - Family Medicine.

During his studies he was recognized with the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Resident Teacher Award, LSU School of Medicine Humanism in Medicine Award, and is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. He graduated LSU Magna Cum Laude and is a proud

Eagle Scout. Dr. Fossier is happily married to his wife Emily and has two kids, Pier and Eulalie.



As Dr. Larry Schneider moves toward retirement, Dr. Fossier will assume the medical care of patients at St. Francis Medical Clinic, located at 10289 Gould Dr., Ste. C, in St. Francisville. The entire staff will remain with Dr. Fossier, including Barbara Edmisten, Donovan Smith, Laurel Bennett and Catina Robillard. While we are sad to see Dr. Schneider retire, we are thrilled with his handpicked replacement in Dr. Fossier. We wish both men the best of luck in their new endeavors.

Doctor Fossier is honored to treat current patients and gladly accepting new patients as well. Please call for an appointment today, 225-635-3269.

Felicianas Folks

In this new section of the newsletter, we will profile a hospital employee and another person he or she shares a connection with in the community. In our second installment, we feature Janay Rinaudo Perkins and Cheryl Franklin, both of whom are very active volunteers throughout the region. Janay has worked with Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge (FHFGBR) and the American Lung Association for over 10 years, while Cheryl has volunteered with the Rotary, Women Service League, and Samaritan Purse just to name a few.



Cheryl Franklin and Janay Rinaudo

organization FHFGBR where I can work with families like myself who have a child with a disability. The reward that you receive from volunteering is priceless. There is not an hour of volunteer time spent that I have not learned something from the individuals who I am helping. Now that my son is older, I have been trying to involve him as well. This has helped him see that there are other people like him and he is not alone!"

Cheryl Franklin

Senior Center Coordinator, Council on Aging
 "I feel as though I am a child of God performing his work and he leads me in the direction where I am most needed. All the organizations that I work with require volunteers in order to operate. I have volunteered 450 hours this year. It is important to give back and in doing so, I serve God. It is also in my DNA to help others. The Bible tells us that Jesus came to serve and not be served, and that is how I try and live. Knowing that I have made a difference in someone's life is the most rewarding thing for me—realizing that I may take a tear and turn it into a smile. Knowing that I am helping others is my reward."

We asked the ladies "Why is it important for you to volunteer and what is the most rewarding thing about your efforts?"

Janay Rinaudo Perkins

Director of Respiratory Care/Compliance Officer, West Feliciana Hospital

"I have always enjoyed assisting others. I have suffered from lung disease since birth and I feel the need to help people like myself. When my son was diagnosed with Autism at the age of two, I wanted to learn everything I could to help him. During my research, I discovered the great