



Waterville Family Physicians now shares its building, located at 900 Waterville-Monclova Rd., with the St. Luke's Women's Center, where medical testing, physical therapy and mammography are offered.

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Doctors in the Waterville Family Physicians practice include (from left) Dr. Mark Bruss, Dr. Crystal Goveia, Dr. Samuel Dandar (seated), Dr. Rebecca Siders and Dr. Stephen Bazeley.

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Waterville Practice Grows With Community While Still Maintaining A Small Town Feel

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A longtime fixture in the community, Waterville Family Physicians has served the area for many years through location and name changes.

Office manager Sue Gregory said the practice was located in the building on Farnsworth Road in connection with the current dry cleaners before moving to the building on Michigan Avenue that now houses Edward Jones and the Fallen Timbers Community Church office. Its current location is a new facility at the corner of SR 64 and Waterville-Monclova Road.

According to Dr. Mark Bruss, Dr. Allen Borger was one of the physicians in the

practice years ago. He was followed by Dr. James Witzler and then Dr. Robert Sido before Bruss joined Sido in 1977.

The practice did not actually become known as Waterville Family Physicians until the 1980s, but it is the same practice that has served the Waterville area and grown with the community for so long.

The practice now includes five doctors including Bruss, Dr. Stephen Bazeley, Dr. Crystal Goveia, Dr. Samuel Dandar and Dr. Rebecca Siders.

Gregory said the practice provides a great mix of doctors with different levels of experience and areas of study.

Goveia has a dual degree

in family practice and pediatrics and Siders is a DO, or Doctor of Osteopathics, which means she does some manipulation of the soft tissue of some of her patients to help ease their pain.

Gregory said there were three nurses when she started with Waterville Family Physicians, and the number has now grown with the practice to six nurses and 19 women who work in the office.

"We are all striving to give the best medical care and service we can give," Gregory said. "We help our regular patients with insurance problems and understanding Medicare Part D, which has been confusing for a lot of people."

The staff at Waterville

Family Physicians is a family in itself, with people who have spent years working there together.

Nurse C.C. Duvall has been with the practice for over 40 years, three employees have been there for over 20 years, and others have worked there at least five to eight years.

"We couldn't have a better group of people to work for or with," Gregory said. "I have been here 16 years and I can't see myself ever working anywhere else."

Gregory said she has always had an open-door policy for the staff and the patients, and she looks at the practice's relationship with the patients as a partnership in medical care and insurance issues.

"We have a partnership in getting the best medical care possible. We have families who have come to our office for generations and we want our patients to ask questions," Gregory said. "No one knows your body like

you do."

The doctors of Waterville Family Physicians not only give of themselves in the office, but also in the community.

Dandar talks to youth about issues important to them, Bazeley has been on mission trips to places such as Guatemala and New Orleans, and both serve as trainers for Otsego schools.

Bruss and Bazeley perform physicals for the athletes of St. Joseph's School and all of the doctors are involved across Northwest Ohio on boards and committees.

Some of the doctors also serve as medical directors for local nursing homes.

The doctors also take the time to participate in weekly training to keep themselves current on the latest drugs and techniques. The staff has meetings once a month to keep up with what is going on in the office and the community to better serve their patients and each other.

The practice gives to the community through scholarship funds, donations to the schools, involvement in the Waterville Area Chamber of Commerce programs, adopting families at Christmas and much more.

"We try to be very active in the community and help as much as we can," Gregory said. "We have tried to keep up with the times while keeping the flavor of a small town. If we lose that, we are just another big business out there."

The staff members are also happy about the addition of the St. Luke's Women's Center in their building, which offers medical testing, physical therapy and mammography.

Gregory said Waterville Family Physicians is accepting new patients and there is no problem with Medicaid or Medicare.

For more information on the practice or to make an appointment, the office can be reached at (419) 878-3010.

Village Of Whitehouse Council Meeting

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245 volunteers, elected officials and residents, to go through a daylong training on the new electronic voting machines, be on site at a polling station the night before and day of the election, and be sure the votes are transferred to the board in a timely manner.

A qualified volunteer must be a registered voter, able to lift 50 pounds, have his or her own cell phone and vehicle, have vehicle insurance and be free of felony convictions.

■ Approved Recker's place on the board with no stipulations since his six-month probation period is finished.
■ Approved a contract with Heban Law Firm for prosecutor services at the Maumee Municipal Court

at a cost of \$7,000 per year plus \$105 per hour in case of a jury trial.

■ Discussed the purchase of a sound, speaker and recording system for council chambers at an approximate cost of \$7,800. Council sent the issue to a combined finance and franchise, lands and buildings committee meeting.

■ Approved a resolution

regarding a water tap contract with Old Granite Development for a development on Noward Road as an emergency.

■ Approved a resolution with Poggemeyer Design Group for construction engineering service related to the extension of the village water line along SR 64 to Noward Road at a cost not to exceed \$22,900.

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