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SECOND NURSE PRACTITIONER JOINS BOTHWELL HEALTH CENTER – TRUMAN LAKE

WARSAW – Nurse Practitioner Patty Kinkead will begin seeing patients at Bothwell Health Center-Truman Lake in Warsaw on August 15. Kinkead, who will see patients in Warsaw on every Thursday, joins Dr. Jack Beltz, Dr. Daniel Boyce and Nurse Practitioner Joan Kelley.

Kinkead, of Warsaw, is a board certified nurse practitioner, who has received advanced clinical training to diagnose and treat a wide range of health conditions. Working in collaboration with a physician, nurse practitioners can diagnose and manage acute and chronic illnesses and work with patients on disease prevention and healthy lifestyle choices.



“Warsaw is my home, and my family is here,” Kinkead said. “I’ve taken care of lots of patients over the years in Warsaw, so coming back here to see patients at Bothwell Health Center-Truman Lake is like a homecoming.”

Kinkead has 22 years of nursing experience and has been a family nurse practitioner since 2008 when she earned her master’s of science degree in nursing from Sinclair School of Nursing at the University of Missouri-Columbia. She also treats patients at Bothwell’s Cole Camp Clinic, working in collaboration with Dr. John Wendt.

Employing nurse practitioners for primary care has become increasingly popular as rural areas compete to recruit new physicians. Of the more than 140,000 nurse practitioners nationally, 18 percent practice in rural areas, according to the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. Nurse practitioners are trained to manage patients' overall care; order and interpret diagnostic tests such as lab work and x-rays; diagnose and treat acute and chronic conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, infections and injuries; and prescribe medications and other treatments.

Kinhead is accepting new patients. To make an appointment, please call Bothwell Health Center-Truman Lake at 660-438-6800.

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