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## SIX NEW MEMBERS JOIN BOTHWELL FOUNDATION BOARD

The Bothwell Regional Health Center Foundation recently welcomed six new members to the board.

Betty Blackwell joined the board as the new president of the Bothwell Auxiliary. This is Blackwell's second time to serve on the Foundation board. She was a charter member and board secretary when the organization was founded in 2005. Retired now, Blackwell served many years as the administrative assistant to the president of State Fair Community College and administrative assistant to the superintendent of Sedalia School District No. 200. She is a past president of Sedalia-



Pettis County United Way and Sedalia Business Women, and a member of First Christian Church.

James P. Buckley is a Sedalia native and attorney with the law firm Buckley & Buckley. A graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Journalism, he received his law degree from Oklahoma City University and has been in private practice for more than 20 years. Buckley is active in the community and currently serves on Sacred Heart Parish's Administration Commission and as president of the Center for Human Services' Cooperative Workshop and pension committee.



Vicki Oberkrom, Sedalia, is a community relations manager for the pharmaceutical firm BioGen Idec Hemophilia Services. Her 30-year career in health-care includes working as a nurse and founding and managing the bleeding disorders program for Walgreens. Oberkrom is an active member of Broadway Presbyterian Church.



John Warder, Sedalia, was appointed by the Bothwell Board of Trustees as a representative on the Foundation Board. In addition to serving on the hospital board since 2009, Warder has been involved in multiple community service efforts during his time as a banking executive and business owner in Minneapolis. These efforts have included serving as a board member for Children's Health Center of Minneapolis,



the United Way, the Greater Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, the Minneapolis Foundation and the Minneapolis School Board.

Fred Wenig, Sedalia, is an entrepreneur and former business owner in Benton County. He worked for many 38 years as a gunstock craftsman for Reinhart Fajen in Warsaw. He founded Wenig Custom Gunstocks in Lincoln in 1993 with a partner and skilled employees keeping the Benton County tradition of stock-making alive. Wenig sold the business in 2008 when he retired. Wenig also is member of the Farmer Bank of Lincoln Board of Directors and First Baptist Church in Sedalia.



James Mahlon White, Warsaw, is publisher of the *Benton County Enterprise* newspaper in Warsaw and vice president of the Democrat Publishing Company Inc., which publishes the *Clinton Daily Democrat, Clinton Eye* and *Kayo*. White also serves on the Missouri Press Association Board of Directors, the Benton County Foundation and the Warsaw Parks and Recreation Department.



BRHC Foundation Board members represent a cross-section of the community so that health and wellness issues in the area are well represented, said Foundation Director Lisa Church. The board currently consists of 23 members.

Bothwell Regional Health Center Foundation was formed in 2005 in an effort to develop private resources to improve health and wellness services for the community.

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Bothwell Regional Health Center is a 145-bed regional health center serving west-central Missouri with state-of-the-art technology and comprehensive health and wellness services. For more information, visit the website at www.brhc.org or find them on Facebook.