

“I’m young and have no family history of breast cancer.”

A week after Pamela Burns of Logan stopped breastfeeding the youngest of her three children, she discovered a marble-sized lump in her breast. The worried 30-year-old immediately consulted her doctor, Michael Clark, DO, at **River Rose Obstetrics and Gynecology**.

An ultrasound indicated the lump was a cyst. A mammogram performed at **O’Bleness Memorial Hospital’s mammography suite** in the **Castrop Center** also showed characteristics of a cyst. Dr. Clark sent Pamela to surgeon Neal Nesbitt, MD. After attempts were made to drain the cyst, Dr. Nesbitt decided to perform a lumpectomy. The lump tested positive for cancer and Dr. Nesbitt performed two additional surgeries at the **Athens Surgery Center** in the Castrop



Jess and Pamela Burns family

Center and **O’Bleness Memorial Hospital’s Outpatient Surgery Center**.

“I discovered I was dealing with stage III cancer. Although it was frightening, I found the people at O’Bleness to be very knowledgeable.”

After her surgeries, Pamela began an individualized regimen of radiation therapy with Aaron Williams, MD, at the **Athens Cancer Center** in the Castrop Center. She also had chemotherapy and continues taking a medication used for aggressive forms of cancer.

“Everyone took such good care of me. When I went to the Cancer Center, it was like going to visit a friend. When I had my mammograms, the woman who did them always remembered me, even if I hadn’t been in for a while.

“Many people thought I should go to Columbus for my care. I’d tell them — why go all the way to Columbus when there is good care nearby!”