

# Newsletter

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**Gove County  
Medical Center**  
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## Gove County Medical Center

*Welcome to the Pulse Newsletter. Here you will find the latest news from the hospital including opportunities and trends.*

Gove County Medical Center and Long Term Care Facility provides a comprehensive range of healthcare services, quality and compassionate care in our hospice, outpatient clinics, and telemedicine.



### Technology Trends

The latest in technology trends for healthcare



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The perfect job match could be waiting just inside

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## Events



## Calendar of Events



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### MAY 1ST

PFAC 4:30pm

### MAY 9TH

Administrative Meeting 11am

Nursing All Staff Meeting 4pm

### MAY 11TH

Auxiliary Bake Sale 9am

### MAY 16TH

Retention and Recruitment Mtg 12pm

### MAY 17TH

Orientation 8am

Body Mechanics 11am

Active Threat 12:15pm

### MAY 23RD

Administrative Meeting 11am

### MAY 24TH

CPR 8am & 1pm

### MAY 25TH

LTC Staff Meeting 3pm

### MAY 26TH

Board of Trustees Meeting 8am

### MAY 29TH

Memorial Day

### MAY 30TH

QEC Day 8am

Department Managers Mtg 1pm



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## Our Providers



Michael E. Machen, M.D.



Douglas J. Gruenbacher, M.D.



Shelly L. Gruenbacher, M.D.



Anna Rempel, M.D.



Scott Rempel, M.D.



Glenda Wheeler, APRN-BC



Cardiology  
Dr. Wagle, MD



Podiatry  
Dr. Hinze, DPM



Cardiology  
Dr. Hagley, MD



General Surgery  
Dr. Schultz, MD



Anesthesiology  
Shelby Mollenkamp,  
DNAP, CRNA



Diabetic/Dietitian/Nutrition  
Janette Burbach, MS RD CDE



Orthopedics  
Dr. Harbin, MD



Anesthesiology  
Melissa Albers, CRNA

# The Pulse

## Board of Trustees

### Quote of the Month

*"Start by doing what's necessary;  
then do what's possible; and  
suddenly you are doing the  
impossible."*

Francis of Assisi

### STATISTICS MARCH

#### Acute Care

Inpatients: 23

Outpatients: 1071

Swing bed: 8

Newborns: 8

#### Dietary (Meals)

Inpatient: 689

LTC: 2725

ILA: 305

Employees: 1803

LTC Residents: 31

ILA Apartment Tenants: 6

Laundry Washed: 11,116

### MISSION STATEMENT

Gove County Medical Center  
is committed to providing  
exceptional healthcare services  
delivered in a spirit of  
compassionate care.

### VISION STATEMENT

Gove County Medical Center  
will be a prominent  
healthcare provider  
in Northwest Kansas  
offering services which  
encompass the complete life cycle  
of our patients, residents  
and their loved ones.

### THE 4 AGREEMENTS

- ~ Be impeccable with your words.
- ~ Don't take anything personally.
- ~ Don't make assumptions.
- ~ Always do your best.

### CORE VALUES

Respect  
Compassion  
Quality Healthcare  
Innovation  
Accountability  
Community



Dave Polifka  
Chairperson



Terry Ostmeyer  
Vice-Chairperson



Cheryl Remington  
Treasurer



Deb Aton  
Secretary



Greg Beougher  
Member

GCMC's Board of Trustees is a leadership team that is comprised of a diverse group of individuals passionate about providing access to healthcare regardless of the challenges that come with rural hospitals.



## Spotlight Job



OUR

## RAD TEAM

**WE ARE HIRING**  
*Radiology Technologist*  
*Needed*

GCMC is looking for someone to join our 5-person  
weekday/weekend call and holiday rotation!

## COMPETITIVE WAGES AND BENEFITS!

*If you have an interest in a  
Radiology Technologist Position*

Apply online at  
[www.gcmc.org/careers](http://www.gcmc.org/careers)

## THEY POSE



**WE X-POSE**

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## Golf Tournament



**AUG 11**

FRIDAY | 2023

**GRINNELL COW PADDY GOLF CLUB**

GRINNELL, KS

# SAVE THE DATE

**W**e invite you to partner with us this year by helping sponsor Gove County Medical Center's 8<sup>th</sup> annual charity golf tournament, "Swing into Healthcare 2023" to be held at the Grinnell Cow Paddy Golf Club in Grinnell, KS on August 11, 2023. Last year, the funds raised by our tournament were used to purchase a Hemoglobin Analyzer enabling GCMC to keep blood tests local without the need of sending them elsewhere. We are grateful for all the sponsors who helped make this possible.

This year, we hope to raise enough funds to again make improvements to our facility and the services we offer. With your help and sponsorship, we know this year will be another successful and fun tournament. Please note that we are making this year's tournament a 4-MAN SCRAMBLE. Start planning for your team today!

Sponsors will receive publicity on the hospital's Facebook page and website, along with ads in the Gove County Advocate and weekly radio ads as the tournament draws near. Additionally, sponsorships that are bronze level and higher, received before July 14th, will have their name placed on the event t-shirt. If you would like to golf, please take advantage of the early bird registration by July 14th.

**<ATTENTION>** Make sure to bring extra pocket cash to enter for your chance to win the following: a Big Screen T.V., a Meat Bundle, a Shotgun, and much more!

Please join us this year as we work to fulfill our mission: "Enhancing lives through person-centered care. Providing the right care, at the right time, in the right setting – Close to home," through our tournament. We thank you in advance for your support!

For more information or to donate, please visit our website <https://gcmc.org/swing-into-healthcare/> or call 785-754-5137, or email [wrichard@gcmc.org](mailto:wrichard@gcmc.org).

## 8th Annual Swing into Healthcare



Charity  
**GOLF 2023**  
TOURNAMENT



**The**  
**nurse**  
**Specialty Clinics**



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# Specialty Clinics

YOUR HEALTH  
**IS OUR  
PRIORITY**

## This Month's Clinics

- ✓ Holistic Pain Management May 1st
- ✓ Mammograms May 2nd
- ✓ Diabetic Clinic May 3rd
- ✓ Surgical Clinic Dr. Schultz May 4th
- ✓ Orthopedic Clinic Dr. Harbin May 5th
- ✓ Diabetic Clinic May 8th
- ✓ Holistic Pain Management May 9th
- ✓ Holistic Pain Management May 15th
- ✓ Diabetic Clinic May 17th
- ✓ Podiatry Clinic Dr. Hinze May 18th
- ✓ Cardiology Clinic Dr. Wagle May 22nd
- ✓ Holistic Pain Management May 23rd

**DOCTORS  
AVAILABLE**



**CALL US NOW!**  
**785-754-5154**  
[WWW.GCMC.ORG](http://WWW.GCMC.ORG)

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## Awareness Month



**NURSES  
MONTH**

**MAY 2023**



*"Nurses are refueled when they know they have made a difference in the life of a patient or family member, especially when they were unaware of the difference they made"*

**N**urses work every day to ensure patients get the care they need and the comfort and compassion they deserve. The complex nature of nursing continues to be physically and emotionally draining, yet nurses carry on providing quality patient care and moving the profession forward, which reinforces the importance of nurse appreciation.

National Nurses Month is celebrated May 1st—May 31st to celebrate the impact that nurses make on healthcare. Nurses make a difference by influencing and shaping health policy decisions that ensure that all Americans have access to high-quality, affordable healthcare coverage. A month-long celebration of the nursing profession allows for greater opportunities to promote understanding and appreciation of the invaluable contributions of nurses.

"Nurses need to be emotionally, psychologically, and morally refueled regularly to enable them to resist burnout and its many negative impacts such as moral distress," said Bonnie Barnes, FAAN, Co-Founder of the DAISY Foundation. Since 1999, the DAISY Award has been given to honor nurses who provide above-and-beyond compassionate care to patients and families.

"Nurses are refueled when they know they have made a difference in the life of a patient or family member, especially when they were unaware of the difference they made," said Barnes.

This is why nurse appreciation events are so important. Nurses' contributions are celebrated and

recognized each year, as they should be, through special nurse appreciation days, weeks, and months set aside to honor nurses and their specialties.

This year's theme "You Make a Difference" was selected to encourage nurses, individuals, employers, other health professionals and community leaders to recognize and promote the vast contributions and positive impact of America's nurses.

**YOU  
MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE**

We are all indebted to nurses for their unwavering commitment to patients, their communities, and our health care systems.

Celebrating and honoring nurses during the month of May provides an

added opportunity to promote the value of nursing and advocate for the profession.

Everyone has a story about a time that a nurse inspired them to get better or inspired them to become a nurse. Nurses need to continue to inspire and be celebrated.

Much like other countries, the U.S. has had a long running shortage of nurses. While the nursing shortage existed long before the COVID-19 pandemic, this shortage highlights the critical need for nurses in a healthcare system that is already strained by its existing work force.

Source [www.greatplainsqn.org](http://www.greatplainsqn.org)



# The Pulse Technology Trends



In the last decade, the proliferation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) across industries took the world by storm, and the trend is likely to continue. AI's application in medicine ranges from increasing the diagnosis accuracy to disease detection.

With the COVID-19 pandemic disrupting the health care industry, radiologists encountered heavy strain as computed diagnosis became the norm. In this situation, an AI-based system removed the radiologists' burdens by optimizing the diagnosis process.

AI algorithms can perform scans, detect patterns and give diagnoses in seconds. Today, tech giants like Google and IBM have released their AI-infused technologies that help medical facilities unearth data.

The industry will actively use AI-based tools to quickly find new drugs and act on trends. Furthermore, AI chatbots are becoming popular in health care as a medium to provide help to customers through email and phone support 24/7.

Companies are combining AI with robotics to make virtual assistants for doctors and nurses. It also helps physicians provide care without going near a patient.

The transformative power of Artificial intelligence continues to reverberate across many industries. Its impact on healthcare promises to be truly life-changing. From hospital care to clinical research, drug development and insurance, AI applications are revolutionizing how the health sector works to reduce spending and improve patient outcomes.

Artificial Intelligence has the potential to short-circuit the traditional methods to cut costs, improve treatment, and bolster accessibility in tandem. The key to unlocking the current healthcare system's cost-structure problem lies in transferring time-consuming human tasks to machines while enabling patients to self-service their care needs where possible. That will reduce the amount of human labor required to keep more people healthier. Eventually, AI could help address some 20% of unmet clinical demand.

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN HEALTHCARE

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## Long Term Care Corner



*Goodbyes*

are not forever,  
are not the end;  
it simply means

*I'll miss you*  
until we meet again





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*You Will*  
always by my  
favorite hello  
and hardest  
*Goodbye*



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### IN SYMPATHY

*Our deepest sympathy goes out to our employee Mary Kreutzer on the loss of her mother, Teresa Karlin. We pray God gives you comfort in this difficult time.*

### ACUTE CARE

**Acute Charge Nurse - FT Nights SIGN-ON BONUS \$10,000!**

### RADIOLOGY

**Radiology Technologist - FT**

### LAB

**MT or MLT - FT Nights  
Lab Manager - FT**

### EARLY LEARNING CENTER

**Early Childhood Education Lead  
Teacher - FT**

### Meet Your New Colleague

#### May Birthdays

Aminda Brunner	5-3
Will Hirsch	5-3
Conner Fiscarelli	5-4
Trish Clark	5-6
Melanie Windholz	5-7
Rene Ramsey	5-9
Randy Berry	5-10
Evie Gruenbacher	5-14
Macy Keller	5-15
Julie Litfin	5-16
Emily Ochs	5-18
Hannah King	5-19
Carol Zahn	5-20
Dustri Brown	5-22
Carrie Ringer	5-22
Boni Bright	5-24
Tammy Marshall	5-25
Shelly Dinkel	5-26
Rene' Johnson	5-26
Bryton Mesch	5-26
Shirley Haffner	5-28
Megan Weidner	5-29

#### May Anniversaries

<b>17 YEARS</b>
Amber Yingling
<b>9 YEARS</b>
April Bantiyan
<b>7 YEARS</b>
Janice Glick
Shayla Stuenkel
<b>6 YEARS</b>
Dayna Beachel
<b>5 YEARS</b>
Allison Bockwinkel
Tiffany Ochs
<b>3 YEARS</b>
Gina Carman
Alex Hargitt
Aubrey Werth
<b>1 YEAR</b>
Megan Brull
Jerry Gallentine
Harlee Haller
Autumn Wertz



**Issachar Scofield**

**Position: Dietary Aide**

**Start Date: 4-6-23**

Issachar formerly worked at Castle Rock Inn & Suites for the last year. He currently lives in Quinter and when asked why he came to GCMC, he said that he saw the job opening and felt confident he could do the job.



# The Pulse

## Department Recognitions

For the month of May, we want to recognize the employees from Acute Nursing, Early Learning Center, and LTC Nursing. Thank you to each employee from these departments for your dedication and service to our patients, residents, and employees at GCMC. You are appreciated and we recognize you.



*Acute Nursing front row left to right: Michelle Drexler, Laura Cooksey, Ellie Anderson, Megan Weidner. Back row left to right: Amanda Kuxhausen, Carol Zahn, Shelly Dinkel, Doreen Wente, Bryan Balana. Not pictured: Amber Baxter, Sandie Bradshaw, Allyssa Brungardt, Aminda Brunner, Brittany Chapin, Shannon Corwin, Jenna Cunningham, Sydney Jacques, Andi Johnson, Lauree Johnson, Cindy Knouf, Shawna Koehn, Aida Racette, Kylie Ritter, Aubrey Roesch, Aubrey Werth, Deena Woodall.*

*Early Learning Center bottom photo left to right: Kelsey Nelson, Liz Repshire, Emma Jones. Top photo, bottom row, left to right: Michaela Depenbusch, Tara Perez, Shayla Stuenkel. Top photo, top row, left to right: Cara Hudson, Cassie Wertz, Tiff Ochs, Georgeanna Horton. Not pictured: Claudia Bentham, Jadelyn Betz, Emma Eilert, Karissa Haldeman, Jeanne Lassman, RaeAnn Mattke, Raegan Mattke, Katie Waldman, Heather Zerr*



**Long Term Care Nursing front row left to right: Hannah Hulse, Denise Woodworth. Back row left to right: Carol Boyd, Pam Schmidtberger, Jonathan Sturgeon, Harry Sturgeon, Boni Bright. Not pictured: Janneke Kaiser, Christy Barry, Regina Dinkel, Sue Fountain,**