

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

AWARENESS MONTH

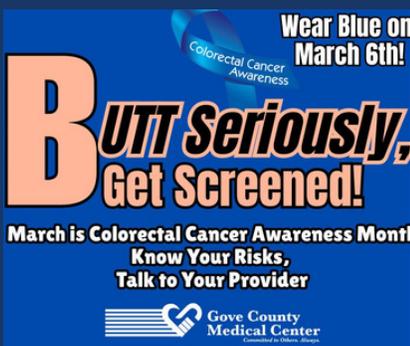
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NEWSLETTER

GCMC Community Outreach Focuses on Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month



The Community Outreach Committee at GCMC spread awareness about Colorectal Cancer during March. The awareness centered around encouraging the public to get screened. Adults at average risk should still get screened at the age of 45, and those with a family history or higher risk may need to start sooner.

Through the monthly campaign, the committee encouraged the community to talk with their provider about what options were right for them. There are many options for screening to choose from.

The GCMC OR team set up tables at the hospital and Bluestem Clinic with information and goodies to help spread the message.

In 2026, an estimated 158,850 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed in the United States, with 55,230 deaths expected. This makes it the second-leading cause of cancer-related death.

While awareness is increasing, cases are rising by 1% annually in adults under 65, and 1 in 5 new patients under 55. Butt Seriously, GET SCREENED!

NEWS UPDATE



More Remodeling at GCMC

As you may have read in our last issue, the GCMC Business Office is nearly finished with a complete remodel. However, in the North Administration, area more remodeling is underway by our Maintenance team.

The remodeling includes taking



what was once two rooms and making it one large conference and training room.

Over the years, GCMC has needed more room for meetings and training. This will serve both purposes. We can't wait to share once it's finished.



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VISION

It starts with approach.

Our vision is to act with unity in serving one common purpose: To make a difference. We show we care with every action in each interaction.

VALUE STATEMENT

The values guiding Gove County Medical Center’s mission and vision express our commitment to all those who live in the communities we serve.

Dedication to individual attention and superb care drive every interaction we have with our patients, our neighbors, and our fellow caregivers.

We are here to make a difference.

MISSION

Enhancing lives through person-centered care. Providing the right care, at the right time, in the right setting -close to home.

VALUES

- + Collaboration
- + Unity
- + Respect
- + Community
- + Excellence

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SIX STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- + Providing a person-centered experience
- + Care you can trust
- + Be the difference in our communities

- + Be a great place to work
- + Today’s success for tomorrow’s future
- + Invest in our leaders



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GCMC Board of Trustees

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.



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Liquid Biopsy Test May Offer Faster Feedback on Breast Cancer Therapy

A new blood test may help to monitor and predict breast cancer treatment outcomes

A recent study published in *Clinical Cancer Research* highlights the potential of “liquid biopsies” to revolutionize how we monitor advanced breast cancer. By analyzing circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA), tiny fragments of DNA shed by cancer cells into the bloodstream, doctors can now get a clearer picture of whether



a treatment is working much sooner than with traditional imaging.

Early Detection: Researchers found that ctDNA levels measured just four weeks after starting new therapy could predict long-term success.

Personalized Care: Patients with undetectable or low levels of ctDNA after one cycle of treatment had significantly better outcomes, including longer



periods where the cancer remained dormant.

Faster Adjustments: This non-invasive blood test allows medical teams to identify “non-responders” early, providing the opportunity to adjust treatment plans quickly rather than waiting months for a follow-up scan.

This “game-changer” in oncology represents a shift toward more personalized, responsive care, ensuring patients receive the most effective therapies as soon as possible.

This technology isn’t just for monitoring; it is the future of prevention. By detecting microscopic DNA markers before a tumor even forms,

we can move from reacting to illness to predicting and stopping it years earlier.

A simple blood draw is much easier on the body and mind than heavy imaging. It also reduces the stress of waiting for scans and allows for more frequent updates, providing families with faster answers and less “scanxiety.”

April 2026

Specialty Clinics & Services



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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

		1	2 Dr. Schultz	3
6 Dr. Gabel	7 MRI Mammograms	8 HPM - Brad Wertz	9 Diabetic Clinic	10
13 Dr. Hagley	14 MRI	15 HPM - Regina Taylor	16 Dr. Hinze	17
20 NucMed/Cardiolite	21 MRI	22 HPM - Brad Wertz	23	24
27	28 MRI Dr. Samavedi	29 HPM - Regina Taylor	30	



Janette Burbach
MS, RD, CED



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PA-C



Brad Wertz
APRN-C, CRNA



Kelly Gabel
D.O.



Charles Schultz
M.D.



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D.P.M.



Kalyan Wagle
M.D.



Michael Hagley
M.D.



Srinivas S. Samavedi
M.D.

Dietitian

Janette Burbach

Holistic Pain Management (HPM)

Regina Taylor

Brad Wertz

Surgery

Kelly Gabel

Charles Schultz

Podiatry

Robert C. Hinze

Cardiology

Kalyan Wagle

Michael Hagley

Urology

Srinivas S. Samavedi



Give thanks. Give life.

Donate Life America educates, inspires and activates the public to say YES! to registering their decision to be an organ, eye and tissue donor.

April is Donate Life Month. More than 100,000 people are waiting for a lifesaving transplant and you can help.

donated organs go unused because of inherent inefficiencies in the system. Every day, an average of 13 people die in the United States awaiting organ transplants.

time of death will determine what organs and tissue can be donated.

Are you registered as an organ donor? Too many terminal patients aren't receiving lifesaving organs in time. To make matters worse, each year, more than 28,000

People of all ages and medical histories should consider themselves potential donors. Your medical condition at the

A national system matches available organs from the donor with people on the waiting list based on blood type and time on the list. Gender, race, income and social status are never considered factors to donate.



In addition to being a donor, consider being part of a fundraiser.

HaysMed will be sponsoring a Run for Life 5k on April 18, 2026. Register online by scanning the QR code to the left.

Every single dollar raised goes directly to support lifesaving missions of the Midwest Transplant Network and Saving Sight - two incredible organizations that help give thousands of people a second chance at life.

To register to be an organ donor takes five minutes. Scan the QR code and simply fill out the basic information. Transplants rely on the generosity of donors to meet the need. Please consider helping.

Run/Walk For Life 5K

"Donate Life"
Promoting Awareness of Organ, Eye, and Tissue Donation



Saturday, April 18, 2026

Check In: 8:30 a.m. Race begins: 9:00 a.m.
Shelter House on Fitness Trail (East side of HaysMed)
2500 Canterbury Drive | Hays, KS

How to register:

- Online only
- Scan QR code below



Registration deadline: Friday, April 10, 2026

Partnering with Midwest Transplant Network and Saving Sight

haysmed.com/the-center
wellnesscenter@haysmed.com
2500 Canterbury Drive | Hays, KS 67601

Fee:

- 10 and older - \$30
- 10 and under - \$15
- Race day - \$40 cash or check only (t-shirt not included)

(All proceeds support Midwest Transplant Network and Saving Sight.)

Please stop by The Center for Health Improvement to make payment before race day or by calling 785-623-5900

For more information:

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Quality Corner: February QAPI: Departmental Performance Improvement Updates

Ongoing performance improvement work across departments was highlighted at the February QAPI meeting, reflecting our commitment to Care You Can Trust.

Surgical Services – Focused on improving timeliness of scheduled C-sections by addressing delays related to staffing consistency, equipment readiness, and procedural flow. Efforts are underway to ensure patients are in the OR earlier and cases start on time, with tracking tools in place to monitor progress.

Business Office – Continued work to reduce Accounts Receivable (AR) days by strengthening front-end accuracy, charge capture, coding processes, and timely follow-up on claims. These improvements support financial stability and more efficient revenue cycle operations.

OB/Nursery – Addressing staffing challenges by expanding OB nurse training



opportunities. Team members have participated in external training programs, with a goal of increasing the number of fully trained OB nurses to support safe, high-quality care.

Radiology – Improving the order entry process by updating exam naming conventions and refining available options to make ordering more efficient and user-friendly for providers and staff.

Health Information Management (HIM) - Reviewing and standardizing paper forms to ensure all required signature, date, paper forms, and time elements are present, supporting regulatory compliance and accurate documentation.

Utilization Review –

Successfully improved compliance with obtaining required Medicare forms through staff education and ongoing chart monitoring, with processes now in place to sustain this improvement.

Human Resources – Enhancing employee engagement and development processes by updating 30-60-90 day check-ins and annual evaluations to better align with our Mission, Vision, and Values, while improving accountability and completion rates.

These projects reflect ongoing efforts to strengthen processes, improve compliance, and enhance patient care across the organization.



DOCTOR'S DAY

March 30th marks an important occasion in the world of health care: National Doctors' Day. This annual observance serves as a moment to honor the dedication, skill and unwavering commitment of physicians in providing high-quality health care to individuals and communities worldwide.

We honored our doctors with a waffle bar. This team truly does it all, and we couldn't ask for better physicians providing care across our rural communities. We are grateful for the compassion, dedication, and expertise they bring every single day.

GCMC Providers

We strive to be your preferred medical provider for your primary and preventative healthcare needs. Our team of providers offers a full line of services, including obstetrics to meet the needs of your family. We pride ourselves on making a difference by providing personalized, professional, and quality healthcare.



Dr. Michael Machen



Dr. Doug Gruenbacher



Dr. Shelly Gruenbacher



Dr. Anna Rempel



Dr. Scott Rempel



Jamie Mense, APRN

Coffee and CONVERSATION
 With **Conner Fiscarelli, CEO**
 1st Tuesday Every Month - 8:30am-9:00am

Apr. 7th		Sept. 1st
May 5th		Oct. 6th
June 2nd		Nov. 3rd
July 7th		Dec. 1st
Aug 4th		

GCMC Conference Room
EMPLOYEES ONLY

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EVENTS

- April 2nd: Policy Meeting 10am
- April 6th: PFAC Meeting 4:30pm
- April 7th: Coffee and Conversations 8:30am
Operations Team Meeting 1pm
- April 8th: OB Quality Meeting 8am
- April 14th: DM Meeting 1pm
Nurse Charge Meeting 3pm
All Nurse Staffing Meeting 4pm
- April 15th: New Hire Orientation 8am
Clinical Lead Team Meeting 3pm
- April 16th: Policy Meeting 10am
- April 21st: Operations Team Meeting 1pm
- April 22nd: Employee Engagement Mtg. 11am
- April 24th: BOT Meeting 8am
- April 30th: Medical Staff Meeting 7:30am
Policy Meeting 10am

Human Resources

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Nicole Walt	4-3
Kaitlyn Kunnemann-Woofter	4-8
Tara Perez	4-8
Emma Jones	4-11
Karissa Haldeman	4-13
Jasmine Tidball	4-21
Karla Rohleder	4-22
Allyssa Brungardt	4-24
Ivy Charles	4-28
Harry Sturgeon	4-28
Breann Powers	4-29

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

24 Years
Cindy Knouf

11 Years
Patty Gallentine-Johnson

2 Years
Jessa Borger
Angie Calvin

1 Years
Peyton Gillespie
Jaylee Schleicher

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Nursing Administration

Level IV Trauma & Emergency Preparedness
Coordinator - FT

Acute Care

RN - FT/PRN Days/Nights
Charge Nurse - FT Days/Nights

Lab

Lab Supervisor - FT
Medical Lab Technician - FT/PRN
Medical Technologist - FT

Respiratory Therapy

Respiratory Therapist - FT or PT

Surgical Services

Surgical Services RN Circulator - PRN

Bluestem Clinic

Licensed Clinical Social Worker -FT
(\$10,000 Sign-on Bonus
Clinic Care Coordinator - FT

Early Learning Center

Lead Teacher I - FT

Radiology

Radiologic & Ultrasound Technologist - FT
Radiologic Technologist - PRN

Environmental Services

EVS Technician - FT

WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER WORKING AT GCMC

We recognize that our employees are our greatest asset; therefore we are committed to providing a comprehensive and competitive benefit package to meet the needs of our diverse workforce.

Gove County Medical Center seeks caring and dedicated individuals with a passion for delivering superior healthcare services to our patients. Each of our employees makes a difference in people's lives every single day. Our staff is dedicated to serving the community by providing high-quality, friendly healthcare services.



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IN SYMPATHY

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to our employee Sandie Bradshaw on the loss of her mother, Sharon Vanderpool-Newman. We pray that you find peace during this difficult time.