

The Pulse Newsletter

June 2026

Community Outreach



On Wednesday, May 27th, the GCMC Community Outreach Committee along with the Gove County Early Learning Center at GCMC (ELC) held its second Drive-Thru Community Baby Shower. The event's purpose was to collect donated baby supplies to help support families in Gove County.

To prepare for the event, the children at the ELC participated in a video inviting the public. The children also put on a lemonade stand with other goodies to sell. Funds from the lemonade stand will go towards the purchase of



books, supplies, and toys to further support their curriculum.

GCMC thanks the community members and employees who made this day a success. We appreciate the Community Outreach Committee for putting on events such as this to benefit our communities in Gove County.



News Update



Gove County Medical Center to Upgrade Website

Following its partnership with HaysMed, Gove County Medical Center (GCMC) is planning a complete website redesign to better serve the community. The upcoming overhaul will deliver cleaner pages, modern aesthetics, and easier navigation. This will make it much simpler for patients to quickly locate vital healthcare resources and provider information.

A key highlight of the new platform will be the seamless integration of GCMC's career opportunities with HaysMed's job postings. This update will modernize the recruitment process, allowing local job seekers to view and apply for open positions across the network in one streamlined, unified system.

The project is currently in the initial planning phases, with teams dedicating the next several months to development and content migration. The plan is to have the new site fully live and operational before fall.

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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

Committed to Others. Always.

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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◀ Awareness Month ▶

June is Men's Health Month: Prioritizing Wellness Close to Home

June marks the annual observance of Men's Health Month, a nationwide health campaign dedicated to raising awareness about preventable health problems and encouraging early detection, education, and treatment of disease among men and boys. Statistically, men are significantly less likely than women to visit a doctor for routine checkups, often ignoring minor symptoms or delaying medical care until a condition becomes severe. This month serves as a crucial reminder that scheduling a doctor's visit isn't a sign of weakness, it is a vital responsibility for an individual's long-term well-being, their quality of life, and the families and communities who depend on them.

The primary goal of Men's Health Month is shifting the mindset from reactive care to proactive prevention. Many of the leading health threats facing men, including heart disease, diabetes, and certain types of cancer, develop quietly over time without any obvious warning signs. Routine health screenings such as monitoring blood pressure, cholesterol levels, and blood sugar are the foundation of preventative medicine, catching small trends before they become chronic conditions. Furthermore, staying up to date on age-appropriate screenings, including colorectal and prostate evaluations,

gives patients and providers a distinct advantage by catching potential issues when they are in their earliest, most treatable stages.

Beyond physical screenings, this month also highlights the importance of overall lifestyle wellness, including regular physical activity, proper nutrition, and mental health awareness. Regular exercise and stress management play a massive role in reducing the risk of



cardiovascular events, which remain the leading cause of death for men nationwide.

By establishing an open line of communication with a trusted primary care provider, men can build a personalized health road map that addresses both their physical and lifestyle goals, ensuring they can stay active,

strong, and present for the milestones that matter most.

Fortunately, accessing this level of high-quality preventative and specialized care does not require driving for hours, navigating city traffic, or leaving your support system behind. Gove County Medical Center is fully committed to supporting the long-term health of our local residents by bringing advanced medicine and a trusted network of visiting experts directly to Gove County.

From annual wellness exams and preventative screenings at Bluestem Clinic to specialized treatment options including our newly established urology clinic, GCMC offers quality healthcare delivered with hometown compassion. This June, take charge of your health and protect your future, by scheduling a checkup right here close to home.

Specialty Clinic and Services

Gove County Medical Center's specialty clinic reimagines rural healthcare by bringing advanced medical services closer to home. Through a coordinated network of visiting specialists and on-site care teams, patients can access expert treatment without the burden of extensive travel. Specialty care now includes **urology services**, along with other consultative specialties. By combining hometown compassion with expanded specialty access, Gove County Medical Center ensures timely, personalized care and demonstrates that high-quality specialty healthcare can thrive in a rural community.

JUN. 2026

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5
<p>6/1 General Surgery (Kelly Gabel, DO)</p> <p>6/2 Mammograms</p> <p>6/3 Holistic Pain Mgmt. (Brad Wertz, APRN)</p> <p>6/4 General Surgery (Charles Schultz, MD) Diabetic Clinic</p>	<p>6/10 Holistic Pain Mgmt. (Regina Taylor, PA)</p>	<p>6/15 General Surgery (Kelly Gabel, DO) Cardiology Clinic (Michael Hagley, MD)</p> <p>6/17 Holistic Pain Mgmt. (Brad Wertz, APRN)</p>	<p>6/23 Urology Clinic (Srinivas Samavedi, MD)</p> <p>6/25 Podiatry Clinic (Robert Hinze, DPM)</p> <p>6/29 Holistic Pain Mgmt. (Regina Taylor, PA)</p>	

 <p>Janette Burbach Dietitian</p>	 <p>Kelly Gabel, DO Surgery</p>	 <p>Michael Hagley, MD Cardiology</p>	 <p>Robert Hinze, DPM Podiatry</p>	 <p>Regina Taylor, PA Holistic Pain Mgmt.</p>	 <p>Brad Wertz, APRN Holistic Pain Mgmt.</p>
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HaysMed specialty care services available by calling 855-429-7633.

 <p>Srinivas Samavedi, MD Urology</p>	 <p>Charles Schultz, MD Surgery</p>
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For more information
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GOVE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER  **A HAYSMED PARTNER**

National Hospital Week: Recap



The week of May 10th through May 16th, we joined hospitals across the country in celebrating National Hospital Week.

The week-long celebration brought departments together through a mix of local treats, friendly competition, and community appreciation, ensuring both day and night shifts were fully included in the festivities.

The celebration kicked off on Monday with "Donuts and Daily Drip," treating staff to fresh donuts in the employee dining room alongside pre-ordered drink deliveries straight to their respective departments, followed by a special coffee delivery for the night shift crew.

On Tuesday, the focus shifted to celebrating a major organizational milestone: GCMC's official rating as a Top 100 Critical Access Hospital. Employees marked the occasion by decorating their workspaces in "100s" themes while the Hospital Week Committee circulated to hand out 100 Grand candy bars and refreshments.

Mid-week brought a patriotic flavor to the facility with Wednesday's "Potluck BBQ and Patriotism" theme. Staff dressed in red, white, and blue apparel to display their community pride while enjoying a collaborative potluck featuring fresh hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, sides, and desserts, with hot barbecue plates specially prepared and delivered for the incoming night shift.



The energy continued into Thursday with a highly anticipated "Color Wars and Coffee" competition. Departments picked structural teams rallying behind Andrea (red & yellow), Sonya (pink & black), Conner (green & blue), or Rob (purple & orange)

and decorated their physical spaces and attire to showcase their competitive spirit.

To fuel the fun, Code Brew set up a pop-up drink station in the old auxiliary area throughout the morning, with scheduled time slots for each department and night shift accommodations. The celebration wrapped up on Friday with a comfortable casual-dress day and distributed employee appreciation gifts to conclude a successful week of unity and recognition across the medical center.

The success of Hospital Week 2026 highlighted the unity that defines the GCMC family. While the themed days and friendly competitions provided a fun, well-deserved break, the true heart of the celebration was recognizing our staff's unwavering commitment to their patients. It served as a powerful reminder that our success is entirely built upon the dedication of the individuals who show up every day to care for our community. At GCMC, we are committed to others. Always.

March/April QAPI: Performance Improvement Highlights

Performance Improvement (PI) work continued across Gove County Medical Center during March and April, with departments focusing on ways to improve patient care, strengthen processes, and support staff throughout the organization.

Several departments worked on improving consistency in PI projects by creating clearer goals, timelines, and follow-up plans. Monthly check-ins are helping departments stay on track and continue making progress.

Quality, Risk, and Compliance is focused on improving accountability, streamlining review processes, and strengthening communication between departments. A major success included achieving and maintaining **100% compliance** with discharge instructions for surgical patients during a 3-month audit period.

Patient safety projects also showed great progress:

The Emergency Department improved sepsis bundle processes through staff education and workflow updates.

Acute Nursing successfully reduced missed PICC/central line dressing changes through better tracking and communication.

Discharge Planning continued follow-up call efforts to help reduce Swing Bed readmissions and support patients after discharge.

Quality Corner

Bluestem Clinic added extra checks and tools to improve vaccine accuracy and reduce documentation errors.

Departments also completed several practical improvement projects:

Respiratory Therapy reorganized the ER respiratory supply cabinet with new dividers and labels, making supplies easier to find and improving efficiency for staff.

Environmental Services (EVS) continued deep cleaning projects and improved organization of Safety Data Sheet (SDS) materials.

Emergency Preparedness continued work on policy updates, emergency planning, and training readiness.

The Early Learning Center (ELC) focused on strengthening teacher-child interactions through mentoring, observations, and staff education.

These projects highlight the teamwork, creativity, and dedication happening across GCMC every day as departments continue working to improve care, safety, and the overall experience for patients, families, and staff.

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◀ 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

June 2nd

July 7th

Aug 4th

Sept. 1st

Oct. 6th

Nov. 3rd

Dec. 1st

GCMC Conference Room
EMPLOYEES ONLY

◀ Calendar of Events ▶

- June 1st: DM Meeting 8:30am
- June 2nd: Coffee and Conversation 8:30am
Operations Team Meeting 1pm
- June 4th: Policy Meeting 10am
- June 5th: BOT Meeting 8am
- June 9th: Charge Nurse Meeting 3pm
All Nurses Meeting 4pm
- June 10th: OB Quality Meeting 8am
Cust. Experience Skills Days 2pm
- June 15th: DM Meeting 8:30am
- June 16th: Operations Team Meeting 1pm
- June 17th: New Hire Orientation 8am
- June 18th: Policy Meeting 10am
- June 25th: Medical Staff Meeting 7:30am
- June 29th: DM Meeting 8:30am

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jadelyn Betz	6-1
Danielle Flinn	6-10
Lynn Heinrich	6-11
Randy Wittman	6-15
Sheryl Bird	6-21
Doreen Wentz	6-21
Jalyn Sabatka	6-26
Megan Heier	6-29
Emma Zerr	6-29

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

28 Years
Wendy Schmidt
20 Years
Abby Weber
17 Years
Jamie Ruf
8 Years
Sydney Jacques
6 Years
Hannah Borger Tara Perez
4 Years
Aminda Brunner
2 Years
Aliah Miller
1 Year
Emma Bixenman Miley Pennington

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Nursing Administration

Level IV Trauma & Emergency Preparedness
Coordinator - FT

Acute Care

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

Lab

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

Respiratory Therapy

Respiratory Therapist - FT or PT

Surgical Services

Surgical Services RN Circulator - PRN

Bluestem Clinic

Behavior Health Therapist -FT
(\$10,000 Sign-on Bonus)

Early Learning Center

Lead Teacher I - FT, PT, PRN

Radiology

Radiologic & Ultrasound Technologist - FT
Radiologic Technologist - PRN

Environmental Services

EVS Technician - FT

Business Office

Patient Access Representative - FT



Welcome sweet little Joseph Dale Corwin!

Joseph arrived on April 13, 2026, at 1:58 PM.
He weighed 8 lbs 2 oz and measured 20 inches long.

Congratulations to Colton and Shannon Corwin on your beautiful new addition! We are honored that GCMC could be a part of such a special moment.

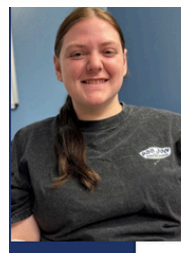


WELCOME TO
THE TEAM

Olga Strunk

Acute Care RN

Please join us in welcoming Olga Strunk, the newest member of our team! Olga recently moved back to Quinter after previously living and working in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Olga currently works full-time at Trego County Lemke Memorial Hospital but has taken a PRN position with GCMC. She has been married for 22 years and has four children. Olga stated that with her new position, she is looking forward to being part of the community. Welcome to GCMC, Olga!



WELCOME TO
THE TEAM

Raegan Mattke

Lead Teacher 1

Please join us in welcoming Raegan Mattke back to GCMC! Raegan took some time away this past year to attend college, where she is studying Criminal Justice to become a game warden. She previously spent three years working in GCMC's Early Learning Center as a Teacher's Aide. Raegan is currently on summer break and has resumed her position until school starts back up in the fall. Raegan stated that she is looking forward to seeing and working with the children again. Welcome back to GCMC, Raegan!