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100% OF GAHHS ER Nurses RECEIVE CERTIFICATION



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Terry Hitt, RN, CEN: Shawna Brantley, RN, CEN and Kim Chacon, RN, CEN

Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services (GAHHS) proudly announces that all full-time emergency room nurses have completed and passed the Certified Emergency Nurse National Exam.

GAHHS CNO Robin Rose said, "This is an honor and accomplishment for not only the individual department nurses, but for our community. Very few entire departments or hospitals achieve this status."

Rose added, "JoAnn Brake, RN, BSN, TNS, CEN, has been a mentor and a role model for her department and leads by

example by obtaining the same certification as her staff."

The Board of Certification for Emergency Nurses Exam includes:

- Primary diseases in body systems
- Acute wound care
- Psychosocial and Social Services needs of the patient
- Overall patient and family management
- Toxins and substance abuse
- Shock and its effect on body
- Professional issues related to nursing

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Hospital Welcomes General Surgeon Joseph Chung, M.D.

General surgeon Dr. Joseph Chung opened his practice at #1 Doctor's Park in Gibson City in August. He shares office space with Dr. Anthony San Diego.

GAH CEO Rob Schmitt said, "Dr. Chung is going to be a strong asset to our surgery team. His expertise and background is what we were looking for in a general surgeon."

As a general surgeon, Dr. Chung will be performing all aspects of general surgery.

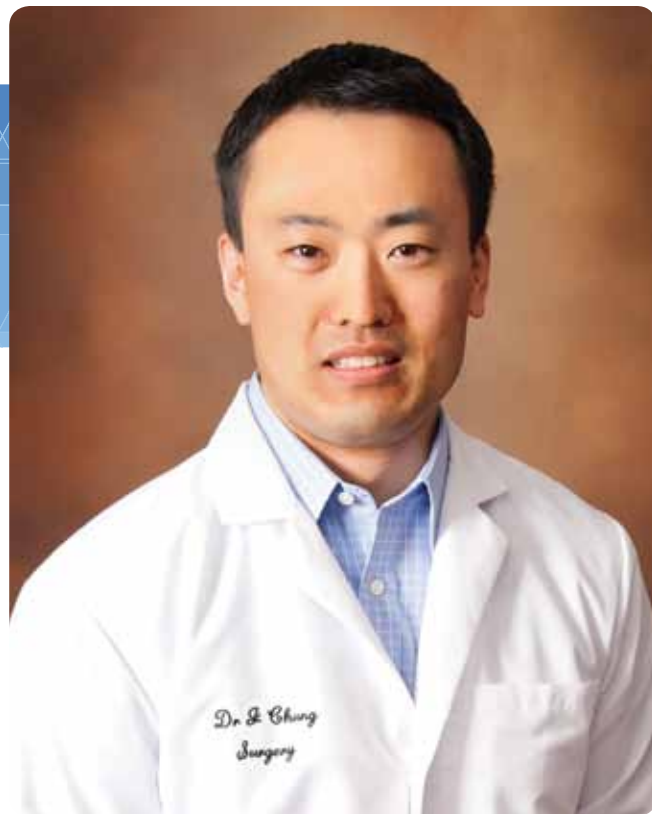
"As I was nearing the end of my surgical training, I realized that I really enjoyed all aspects of surgery, and that I truly wanted to have a general practice," explained Dr. Chung. "In the larger cities, you are often forced, unfortunately, to specialize your practice because there are so many specialists. I ultimately narrowed my choices down to three and decided to interview at Gibson Area Hospital first because it was close to Chicago where I have family. After visiting Gibson City, I canceled my other interviews. Everyone I met in town was warm and friendly, and the physicians who I met were the type of people who seemed to share my values."

Dr. Chung completed his general surgery residency at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. In the Clinical Investigation Certificate Program, he received the NIH K30 Clinical Research Curriculum Award, funded by Iowa Scholars. He received his Medical Degree from University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and received his bachelor's degree in economics from the University of California Irvine.

While growing up and going through school, Dr. Chung had always known that he wanted to dedicate his life helping others.

"Helping others had been instilled in me from my childhood by my parents, who had me working at hospitals and soup kitchens, passing out sandwiches to the homeless on the beaches of San Diego, and doing other volunteer work from a very young age," said Dr. Chung. "As I grew older and went to college, I started watching the TV show ER. I fell in love with the show because the doctors and nurses were all hardworking, compassionate people, doing exciting work that was really helping the most in need--the sick. After the first season in 1994-1995, I knew I had to become a doctor. As for becoming a surgeon, I chose general surgery because I figured that if you could only choose one doctor to have with you, a general surgeon would be the most versatile."

Dr. Chung's patient philosophy is to provide excellent, evidence-based, and compassionate surgical care.



He added, "I want all of my patients to feel like I'm treating them with the same dedication and attention to detail as I would if they were a part of my own immediate family."

Dr. Chung plans to buy a house in Gibson City that is walking distance from the hospital and his office. His long-term plan is to get to the point of being able to devote time every year to overseas volunteer work.

"I was very fortunate to spend a month operating in Zambia during my residency with one of my professors and mentors who, without exception, spends one month per year in India, China, or Africa. It was a life changing experience," explained Dr. Chung.

He is a member of the American Medical Association and the American College of Surgeons.

While Dr. Chung was in college, he was a devoted reader. He hasn't had much time to read recently, but plans on starting to read again.

"I also really enjoy watching movies and listening to music," said Dr. Chung. "Besides that, I have a very close knit family and I spend a lot of my time with them. Any spare time I have after that, I'm planning on devoting it to becoming a Fighting Illini fan. I've already starting buying things in Illini colors."

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GAHHS & Prairie Family Medicine & Obstetrics Welcome Family Practice Physician Rachel Wenger, M.D.

Dr. Rachel Wenger, originally from Strawn, joined the team at Prairie Family Medicine & Obstetrics in Forrest.

“Dr. Wenger is a great addition to the Prairie Family Medicine and Obstetrics Clinic,” said GAHHS CEO Rob Schmitt. “The area residents will not only have another option for their families, there will be another option for maternity care.”

Wenger was influenced by her family physician for her career choice.

“Due to the impact from my family physician, I wanted to be a doctor,” explained Wenger. “I wanted to be just like him when I grew up.”

Coming back home to practice is something that Wenger has always wanted.

“I wanted to practice in the area where I was born and raised,” said Wenger. There are needs in rural areas for physicians that people not raised in rural areas are unable to understand.”

Wenger completed her residency from Union Hospital Family Medicine in Terre Haute, IN. She received her Medical Degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Rockford and earned her bachelor’s degree from Illinois Wesleyan in biology with a minor in political science.

Wenger looks forward to practicing in Forrest and plans to continue to provide excellent patient care.

“I plan on providing complete family care, including obstetrics in the community where I was raised,” said Wenger. “My philosophy for taking care of my patients is to provide the best care possible.”

She is a member of the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians, the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Family Physicians.



Wenger plans to live in Gibson City. Her parents still live in Strawn and she has five sisters, most still living in the community.

“I look forward to working back home and spending time with my family,” Wenger said.

Wenger is now taking patients. To make an appointment with her, please call 815-657-8707. The Prairie Family Medicine & Obstetrics is located at 122 E. Wabash Avenue in Forrest.

Neil Nelson, M.D. Wins State Award



Dr. Neil Nelson has been selected as one of the Illinois Rural Health Association’s Physician of Excellence. Dr. Nelson will be presented with the award in September.

“I was really surprised when I found out that I had won,” explained Nelson. “I moved home in 1994 to take part in and practice rural health. Last summer I took a class in agriculture rural health and became certified as an agri safe provider. During that course work and certification process, I realized my interest in rural health care and also realized how important medicine is to the rural community.”

The purpose of the award is to honor rural physicians for their outstanding commitment and dedication to the health and welfare of their patients, their community, and for humanitarian activities. The selection factors included:

- Contributions to his/her local community in civic, cultural, or health care arenas
- Expertise and contribution to the profession of medicine
- Other humanitarian activities
- Years in practice

Dr. Nelson’s office is located at No. 8 Doctors Park in Gibson City.

Cristina Medrano, M.D. making a difference in El Salvador

General Surgeon Dr. Cristina Medrano traveled to El Salvador July 3 – 11 to provide medical services to five mountain villages.

“To get to the villages, we would hike through the mountain trails while horses would carry the supplies,” explained Medrano. “I was “zip-lined” across a river to get to a village. During the dry season we would have been able to wade across.”

Villagers would walk with them from one community to the next.

“We would have men and women in their 70s and 80s hiking and climbing with us, not even breaking a sweat!” Medrano said.” On one of the longer treks, I was told children as “old” as 8 years might make the 2 hour hike in the mountain trails from one community to the next. I thought about how I have a hard time letting my 8 year old walk down to the park that’s half a block from our house!”

Each year the group brings some of the same basic medications like over the counter pain medications, prenatal vitamins, children’s vitamins and antibiotics.

“This was the first year a general surgeon went, and I was able to do some minor procedures,” explained Medrano. “I was able to repair a machete wound on a farmer’s hand. In another village, another medical volunteer and I “rounded” on an 80-year-old man who had a prostatectomy in the city about 2-3 weeks prior. A message got to us that his family was worried about his incision and that he possibly needed a drain removed. He had an infected drain site, was having chills and wasn’t eating well. I wondered how he got up the mountain to his home at his age and in his condition!”

Medrano traveled with a group from Champaign who has made this trip many times.

“Father Tom Royer and Kathy Fries from the Church of St. Mary in Champaign have organized 1, sometimes 2 trips a year for the past 20 years,” said Medrano. Their interest in the early years was inspired by the humanitarian work of the Catholic church in the region. When the group started going in the 1980s, the Salvadoran government was fighting a civil war against the “guerrillas”. They have sent delegations since then, through the military conflict, the Peace Accord in the early 1990s.

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Dr. Medrano working on a farmer with a machete wound.



Dr. Medrano talks with a patient through a translator.



Dr. Medrano taking a zip-line on her way to a mountain village.

Radiology Department Adds New Scanning Equipment

- Maximizing patient safety
- Up to 50% less radiation than a traditional scan
- Delivering clearer test results

Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services (GAHHS) has earned a reputation of making available the latest technology to its patients. This is further solidified by the organization's latest addition to the radiology department.

GAH now offers state-of-the-art GE scanning equipment that boasts Adaptive Statistical Interactive Reconstruction (ASiR). ASiR is a new advanced reconstruction technique that reduces image noise and improves low contrast detectability and image quality.

GAHHS Radiology Director Brian Lozier, M.S., R.T. (R) (CT) (ARRT) said, "Patients coming to



the hospital for a CT scan will benefit greatly. The new scanning equipment allows the hospital to expose patients to up to 50% less radiation than a traditional scan and all the while not sacrifice image quality." At present, GAH is one of only a couple facilities to offer this new technology.

"This is very exciting to be able to make this available to our patients," says Lozier." It is obviously the ideal situation whenever you can both maximize patient safety and deliver clearer test results. This certainly accomplishes that. Historically, the more radiation used in a CT Scan translated into a sharper and clearer image. At GAHHS, this will no longer be the case. This is especially relevant for children who are more prone to harm from overexposure of radiation."

New Online Medical Imaging

In addition to the new CT Scanner, Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services (GAHHS) Radiology Department now has a new Picture Archiving Communication Systems (PACS). PACS is a system that is dedicated to the storage, retrieval, distribution and presentation of medical images for radiologists and physicians.

PACS handles images from a variety of modalities, including Ultrasound, CT, MRI, X-Rays, and Nuclear Medicine. These images are stored on the PACS and are made accessible on the Internet through a secure Web server that is maintained by the GAHHS Information Technology Department.

The new GE Centricity PACS IW offers many benefits compared to the former PACS allowing:

- Images to be transmitted to any PACS system that the hospital would want to connect to.

- All images will be immediately available, no archiving.
- Each user to have Web access that is the same no matter where he logs in.
- Radiologist peer review with other radiologists across the country.
- Easier and more accurate reporting of discrepancies, critical results, and vital images.
- Technologists to have more options when preparing exams for reading.
- More patient information to be stored.
- For communication between users accessing a patient's file.



Best Wishes on Your Retirement

Tim Schmidt

Materials Management Director

Materials Management Director Tim Schmidt retired on September 3, 2010. Tim started at Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services (GAHHS) in June 2005.

“The thing I have always liked about working at Gibson Hospital is the overall atmosphere of a smaller facility,” said Tim. “I have worked in 500 plus bed and 300 plus bed facilities and the atmosphere is so very different compared to GAHHS. At GAHHS, I feel a lot more connected to my work and the departments we serve. I have always felt like materials management has made a positive contribution to the success of the hospital.”

Tim has been in material management departments for over 40 years and he will miss many things at the hospital.

“First and foremost, I will miss the relationships I have developed with so many people,” explained Tim. “I will really miss working with Rob Schmitt. I have worked in healthcare facilities for over 40 years and worked for many different administrative superiors. I have only known Rob since June of 2005, but he has had a very positive influence on me, both personally and professionally. He’s the best.”

Tim and his wife Kristine have three sons and four grandchildren. Tim and Kristine will be moving to Port Richey, Florida in November of 2010. Their primary focus for moving to Florida is to take care of Kristine’s 91-year-old mother. He plans to have plenty of time for golf, bike riding and beach activities.



Left to Right, GAHHS CEO Rob Schmitt and Tim Schmidt at the 2010 GAH Foundation Golf Outing.

Tim added, “I am so fortunate to have had the opportunity to work here for over five years. It’s the best job I have ever had. I am also very pleased to be leaving the Materials Management Department in the hands of Stephanie Johnson. She possesses all the skills necessary to be successful and will continue to make the materials management a valuable part of the hospital’s future success.”

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100% of GAHHS ER Nurses Receive Certification

In addition, every nurse under JoAnn’s leadership has also become a member of the Emergency Nurse’s Association.

Emergency Nursing is a specialty in which nurses care for patients in the emergency or critical phase of their illness or injury and are adept at:

- discerning life-threatening problems.
- prioritizing the urgency of care.
- rapidly and effectively carrying out life supportive measures and other treatments.
- acting with a high degree of independence and ability to initiate needed measures without outside direction.
- educating the patient and his family with the information and emotional support needed to preserve themselves as they cope with the situation that has presented them to the Emergency Department.

These activities may be carried out in a variety of settings and not necessarily in an “Emergency Room.”

Rose said, “It is really an honor to work with such a great group of nurses who are dedicated to their profession.”

This competency of the GAHHS nurses is reflected in the Arbor and Associates and HCHAPS patient satisfaction scores. The Illinois average overall score is 63% and the National U.S. average is 66%.

Gibson Area Hospital is overall 83%.

“This distinction is another example of how GAHHS continues to support the hospital’s overall mission - to be the ‘model of excellence in rural healthcare,’” said Rose.

National Emergency Nurse’s Week will be celebrated October 10 - 16, 2010.

Connie Brown Retires from GAHHS Advisory Council

A very familiar face around the GAHHS Campus, Connie Brown, retired from her volunteer duties in August. For 22 years, Connie and her late husband Ernie were instrumental in making Gibson Area Hospital what it is today.

“I did whatever Ernie did,” explained Connie. “The hospital needed to raise money and Ernie said that my wife and I will raise the money and we did.”

Ernie and Connie were the founders of the Century Club, Gifts of Love, and the GAH Advisory Council*. Their programs have been vital in raising funds to help the hospital expand.

In addition to raising money, Connie has been a valuable volunteer. School tours, lab runs (two days per week), gift shop, and blood bank are just a few volunteer duties she performed. For 18 years, Connie and Ernie worked at the Ford County Fair and Sibley 4th of July Celebration promoting the hospital and handing out water.

“Connie has been a true asset to our hospital,” said Rob Schmitt, GAHHS CEO. “It’s going to be hard to find a person with as much dedication and spirit to replace her. She has given so much to this hospital and I would like to thank her for all of her countless contributions and support.”



Thank you Connie!!

**Century Club*

Donate \$100 per year to the hospital. Donations to the hospital in honor of, in memory of, or to celebrate a special day (birthday, anniversary, birth). Donors will be listed in the HealthScope.

**Gifts of Love*

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**Advisory Council*

A group of people (25 – 30) in the GAHHS service area who meet twice a year for a dinner meeting to discuss hospital updates and issues.

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Dr. Medrano making a difference in El Salvador

Medrano added that the group traveled to the Department of Morazan, in the northwest region of the country. In this particular group, one of the volunteer translators happened to be a UIUC Professor in the Department of Anthropology, who had done extensive research on the history of violence in this area.

Medrano said, “It was helpful to have a historian put things in perspective as we traveled the area.”

She has also gone on other mission trips in Central America.

“I went to Guatemala as a 3rd year resident,” explained Medrano. “While that was an interesting trip itself, it was very different because we didn’t leave the city. I would like to participate in future missions. It worries my husband sick when I go, but he knows this is something I have always wanted to do and feel called to do.”

GAHHS Congratulates Mona Summers on Her Retirement

Over 40 years ago, Mona Summers joined the Gibson Area Hospital team as office manager where Tom Hartford hired her making \$1.45 per hour. Mona held several positions during her 40 years. She worked in registration, medical record transcription, medical record director, administrative assistant and auxiliary liaison.

“The first time I retired was 1996 and 6 months later I came back to work part-time to help the CEO,” said Mona. “I have worked for six CEOs over the years and had a good working relationship with all of them.”

Mona added that she has always done anything that she could to benefit the hospital.

“I’ve always said the hospital is the charity I chose because I love this hospital,” said Mona. “I’ve enjoyed the people I have worked with over the years and I’m going to miss them.”

When asked what has changed the most at the hospital, Mona said that the technology has changed the most.

“Information technology has changed so much at the hospital and I believe that our greatest advancement has been diagnostic capabilities,” explained Mona. “We now offer radiology services that larger hospitals offer.”

Dr. David Hagan said, “Because of her friendly personality, professionalism and support, Mona earned the nickname Mother Mona. She has been a friend of the medical staff dealing with medical staff issues and committee work. You don’t truly replace someone like Mona, you just give someone else her job.”

GAHHS CEO Rob Schmitt said, “Mona has been a dedicated and valued employee and volunteer to this hospital. It’s always nice to see her in the hallways with a smile on her face. She will be missed and we are excited that she will continue to volunteer at the hospital.”

Mona’s family includes three children: Pat Provin, Bruce Summers (deceased) and Brenda Mott. She also has four grandchildren, one step-grandson, two great-grandchildren and one step-great-grandson.

In retirement, Mona plans to continue to volunteer for the GAH Auxiliary, take day trips, do church work, and attend weekly Bible studies.

“Maybe I will have a chance to do the things that I haven’t had the chance to do before,” said Mona.

The hospital wishes Mona the best in her retirement.



Dianna McMurry Wins National Award



GAHHS Controller Dianna McMurry received the 2010 – 2011 National Association of Professional Woman of the Year Award.

After reviewing Dianna’s profile, including her accomplishments, organizations she belongs to, and charities she supports, she won this honor.

Dianna explained, “This organization is a way of sharing and networking with other professional women regarding our opinions and thoughts on family, economics, and political issues that affect us. They also provide educational tools to enhance your career and personal success.”

First Nurse at GAHHS

Annex Resident Dorothy Birkey

At 92, Annex (GAHHS Long-Term Care) resident Dorothy Birkey is still full of energy and has a passion to help make Gibson Area Hospital and the Annex a better place.

Dorothy graduated from Fisher High School in 1937 and married the man of her dreams, Earl, in September 1937.

“I helped my husband,” explained Dorothy. “I followed my wedding vows to take Earl for richer or poorer, better or worse, until death we part. We worked together.”

Dorothy always wanted to be a nurse, but her Mom said that they couldn’t afford another nurse in the family since her two sisters were already nurses.

In 1952, one well-know area resident, Mr. D.K. Roth, had a dream to make Gibson Community Hospital a reality and the hospital was built.

Soon after, Dorothy was one of the first volunteers at the hospital and then was asked to work for the hospital. “I was hired as one of



“I never left any grass growing under my feet”

the first nurse’s aides. I was responsible for giving people baths and taking care of the patients,” said Dorothy.

“I made 85 cents per hour,” explained Dorothy. “I was a nurse’s aide for many years. I had love in my heart for people and being a nurse’s aide was perfect.”

Dorothy was able to take a test in Chicago to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

“I enjoyed my work a lot,” Dorothy said. “One day I had to have five patients bathed by noon. I told the doctor that I had too much to do and the doctor said ‘Dorothy, take one at a time.’”

“I wore my nurse’s hat with pride and I still have it,” said Dorothy.

“Later, my sister said I could further my education by passing a test for Medicare,” said Dorothy. “I passed the test. I learned that I knew more than I thought.”

She decided to work at another nursing home before returning back to Gibson Hospital. The hospital wanted her to do administration work, but she had to help her husband. She enjoyed being busy with church activities and sewing and wanted to continue to be busy.

“My husband and I went to Florida during the winter,” said Dorothy. “I wanted to continue to be busy, so I took a job at Burger King.”

“I came back to work at GAH’s New Long-Term Care Unit (Annex),”

Dorothy said. “I loved my patients and loved my work. I was very cautious of the patients’ families and was nice to them all.”

“My nursing work philosophy has always been the same - be compassionate, do what you have to do, never lie, always come to work with a smile, and be happy with your work,” she said.

Dorothy retired from the Annex in 1995.

“My mind is always with the hospital,” she said.

“I’m a Christian and every day I ask God for guidance and that His light shines on me,” she said. “I’ve been busy in my life and I never left any grass growing under my feet.”

Dorothy added, “Dr. Nelson has always taken good care of me. I can tell him what is going on and he listens.”

To this day, Dorothy is still busy while at the Annex. Daily, she makes her rounds at the Annex to visit with residents and see how they are. She greets new families and residents and makes sure they are taken care of.

She and Earl were married 58 years, 8 months and 8 days, had three sons, five grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Gibson Area Hospital Foundation Golf Outing Results



The Gibson Area Hospital (GAH) Foundation held its 21st annual golf outing and fundraiser on July 22 at Railside Golf Club in Gibson City. Over 250 golfers and hospital supporters participated in the event.

Trophies were awarded in the morning and afternoon flights for Men's Division, Mixed Division and Women's Division.

In the morning flight, the first place men's team was Guy Percy, Ryan Thorp, Chris Thorp, Hunter Prescott and the second place trophy was awarded to Jeremy Henrichs, M.D., Wayne Henrichs, Tyler Weaver and Bruce Barber. The third place men's



Major Sponsor - Star Talent's Events – President of Star Talent Events Justin Bond with his family. (left to right) Jesse Bond (brother), Beth Bond (Jesse's wife), Justin Bond, Cheryl Bond (mother) and Jeff Bond (father)



Men's A.M. – (standing left to right) Hunter Prescott, Guy Percy (kneeling left to right) Ryan Thorp, Chris Thorp

trophy was awarded to Jim McClard, Grant Conibear, Chuck Aubry and Mike Bleich. Napoleon Knight, M.D., Sherfield Dawson, M.D., Darrin Hall and Jeff Lemon received fourth place.

Rob Schmitt, Linda Schmitt, Terry Overman and Shelley Overman received first place in the mixed division. The first place winners in the women's division were Joann Brake, Carrie Weber, Tiffany Rushing and Kristin Salyards.

Rich Underwood won the longest putt contest, Dennis Davis received the trophy for the longest drive, Hunter Prescott was awarded the closest to the pin trophy and Guy Percy won the putting contest.



Mixed A.M. (left to right) - Rob Schmitt, Linda Schmitt, Terry Overman and Shelley Overman



Women's A.M. (left to right) – Joann Brake, Carrie Weber, Tiffany Rushing and Kristin Salyards

In the afternoon flight, the first place men's division team was David Bertauski, Scott Christensen, Tim Hoss and Steve Main. The second place trophy was awarded to Paul Pedersen, M.D., Ken Natzke, Rich Ginnetti, M.D. and Les Mathers, M.D. The third place men's trophy was awarded to Marty Nuss, Dave Brown, Mitch Nuss and Blake Johnson. David Dawdy, Ed Nold, Jeff Dawdy and Brad Baptist received fourth place.

Michelle Wallace, Brenda Mott, Rodney Mott and Tyler Mott received first place in the mixed division. Marsha Moody, Scott Moody, Ellen Lee and Tony Lee placed second.

The first place women's division trophy was awarded to Cassie Cramer, Kris Cramer, Greta Sutter and Kelley Mullaney.

Justin Bond won the longest putt contest, Bill Brouwer received the trophy for the longest drive, Angie Woodward was awarded the closest to the pin trophy and Ed McCammack won the putting contest.

The GAH Foundation would like to thank the following for sponsoring the 2010 golf outing:

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Men's P.M. (left to right) - Tim Hoss, Steve Main, Scott Christensen, and David Bertauski (Provena)



Mixed P.M. (left to right) – Tyler Mott, Michelle Wallace, Brenda Mott and Rodney Mott

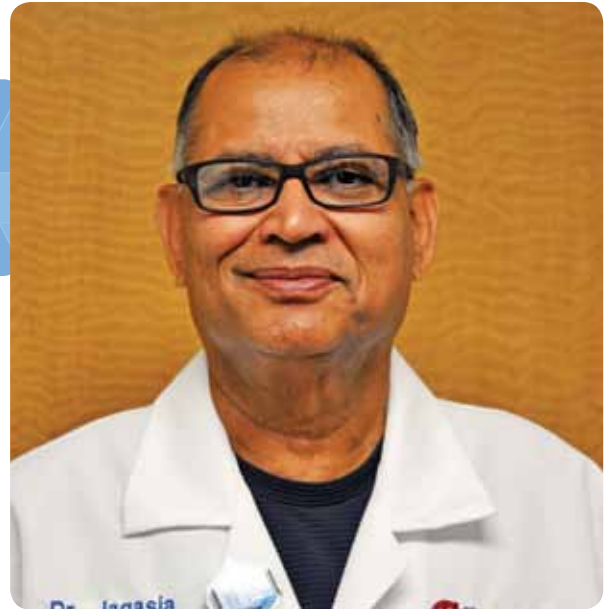


Women's P.M. (left to right) - Kris Cramer, Greta Sutter, Kelley Mullaney and Cassie Cramer

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For more information about GAH Foundation, please contact 217-784-2602.

Welcome Radiologist Ishwar Jagasia, M.D.



Radiologist Dr. Jagasia joined the medical staff at Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services (GAHHS) in April.

For over 30 years, he has been in practice of diagnostic radiology. Prior to Dr. Jagasia's coming to GAHHS, he practiced in Bloomington, IL.

"I enjoy working at smaller hospitals. The relationships are just so much better between patients, staff and doctors," said Dr. Jagasia.

GAHHS Director of Radiology Brian Lozier said, "With the addition of Dr. Jagasia to our GAHHS radiology staff, we can provide more personalized imaging services."

Dr. Jagasia added, "At Gibson Area Hospital, we have top of the line equipment which is a great benefit to our patients."

He is a 30 year member of the Radiological Society of North America.

Dr. Jagasia is an avid runner, golfer and tennis player. His wife is an ER physician and has a daughter and a son.

Orthopedic P.A. Chris Nelson now seeing patients in Farmer City



Chris Nelson, P.A.
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Farmer City Office – 309-928-9192

Chris Nelson, Physician Assistant, grew up in Iowa and attended Northwest Missouri State University. He received his Physician Assistant Degree and bachelor's degree from the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences in Des Moines, IA graduating in 1990.

He has been a P.A. for 20 years and previously worked in cardio-vascular surgery in Bloomington and Orthopedics at Carle Clinic in Urbana.

"I chose to work in orthopedics and orthopedics surgery in Gibson City because I was able to do something new and different," explained Chris. "Not only do I assist in the operating room but also see patients in the clinic."

Chris and Dr. Rowe see a wide range of orthopedic and sports medicine patients, from teens to the elderly.

"We do general orthopedics and see a wide variety of orthopedic problems including sports injuries," said Chris.

Chris will begin seeing patients at the Family Health Clinic in Farmer City every other Friday.

"I will be able to see post operative patients who live closer to the Farmer City area at the Family Health Clinic rather than having them drive farther to Gibson City," explained Chris. "I also can see new orthopedic and sports medicine patients and consultations in Farmer City."

Chris lives in LeRoy with his wife Wendy and their four children (Jayda 6, Justin 10, Alliah 14, Elizabeth 15).



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• **Benjamin Brewer, M.D.***

Family Practice including Maternity Care
Thurs. - 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

• **Bernadette Ray, M.D.***

Family Practice including Maternity Care
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• **Darrin Ray, M.D.***

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Elinor Nelson Announces Retirement

This fall, Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services (GAHHS) will be saying farewell to one of its longest serving employees as she retires. Elinor Nelson, who has worked at GAHHS for 33 years, has announced that she will retire this year. She began working at the switchboard and admitting patients in 1977. While the facilitation of her job has gone through many changes over the years, she has served in that role since the beginning.

Elinor is the mother of Dr. Neil Nelson in Gibson City. She was hired as her son's replacement in 1977 as Dr. Nelson was leaving for college. She has seen countless changes at the hospital in her years there.

"I remember when no one had a computer and we used to enter charges by hand every night," Elinor said.

The changes haven't all been procedural; Elinor also recalls the many physical changes the hospital has seen. She said that the addition of the outpatient clinic has been among the most memorable.

Elinor will remember her time at the hospital fondly. She said, "We always had a great work environment and it was a nice place to work."

Elinor Nelson's retirement party will be held at the hospital on October 1st and is open to the public.

*Retirement Celebration
for*

Elinor Nelson

**Friday, October 1, 2010
2 – 4 p.m.
Annex Dining Room**

The public is welcome to attend.

