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Not all physicians listed are employed by Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services.
Rob Schmitt Named One of Becker’s 50 Rural Hospital CEOs to Know

Becker’s Hospital Review has published its list of “50 Rural Hospital CEOs to Know,” which features some of the most impressive leaders dedicated to advancing healthcare in small towns and rural communities.

Individuals on the list include CEOs and administrators of hospitals located outside of a major metropolitan areas or healthcare hubs. This is the second edition of the “Rural Hospital CEOs to Know” list.

Among these top CEOs again is Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services (GAHHS) CEO Rob Schmitt. Of the 50 CEOs selected from hospitals all over the country, only Schmitt and one other CEO represent Illinois on the Becker’s CEOs to Know list.

The Becker’s Hospital Review editorial team selected leaders through an editorial review process where a number of factors were considered, including awards received; local, regional and national leadership positions held; and their organization’s recent performance. Nominations were also considered.

The full list can be read here: http://www.beckershospitalreview.com/lists/50-rural-hospitals-ceos-to-know-2015.html

Note: Leaders did not and cannot pay to be included on the list. Individuals are presented in alphabetical order.

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Gibson Area Hospital Receives Another Five-Star Rating for Patient Satisfaction

It was recently announced that Gibson Area Hospital (GAH) was one of only 251 U.S. hospitals to receive a five-star rating for patient satisfaction from CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services). Of the seven percent of five-star recipients, GAH is the only facility to receive this top honor in the region, which includes Urbana, Bloomington, Normal, Danville, Watseka, Hoopston and Pontiac. GAH is also one of only 13 facilities in Illinois to receive a five-star rating; the closest, Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln, IL, is 65 miles away.

The new five-star rating system issued by CMS is part of a broader initiative by the federal agency to help consumers compare the quality of healthcare providers. The five-star rating includes an average of a hospital’s performance on each of the 11 publicly reported measures from the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems survey (HCAHPS). The HCAHPS survey evaluates patients’ experiences at the facilities.

For a complete ratings list visit www.cms.gov

The HCAHPS (Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems) Survey is the first national, standardized, publicly reported survey of patients’ perspectives of hospital care. HCAHPS (pronounced “H-caps”), also known as the CAHPS® Hospital Survey, is a 32-item survey instrument and data collection methodology for measuring patients’ perceptions of their hospital experience. While many hospitals have collected information on patient satisfaction for their own internal use, until HCAHPS there were no common metrics and no national standards for collecting and publicly reporting information about patient experience of care. Since 2008, HCAHPS has allowed valid comparisons to be made across hospitals locally, regionally and nationally.
Gibson Area Hospital Welcomes Dr. Anas Alzoobi

Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services (GAHHS) has again increased its every growing list of specialty doctors with Anas Alzoobi, M.D. as one of the most recent additions. Dr. Alzoobi brings with him two closely related specialties, Anesthesia and Pain Management. Board certified in Anesthesia, Dr. Alzoobi is excited to help people with their pain management and improve their quality of life.

“I truly enjoy my work in pain management,” said Dr. Alzoobi. “It gives me the opportunity to communicate with people on a personal level and work as a partner in their care.”

Dr. Alzoobi treats the full spectrum of pain management cases from simple injuries to complex cases of chronic pain diseases. He uses the multiple modalities approach of medical, interventional, and surgical methods with the application of adjuvant treatments such as physical therapy, psychology, and alternative medicine. Dr. Alzoobi is looking forward to serving the GAH community in both pain management and anesthesia.

Dr. Alzoobi is the father of two boys and a girl. In his free time he enjoys swimming, traveling with his family, and meeting new people wherever they go.

Kelsey Montoya Joins Gibson Area Hospital Foundation

In March 2015, Gibson Area Hospital welcomed Kelsey Montoya as the Director of Development for the GAH Foundation. Born and raised on a farm near Macomb, Kelsey has always had a place in her heart for small towns. She received her Bachelor’s degree in Public Health from Western Illinois University. After graduating, she moved to Texas and spent the last 10 years working in the healthcare industry. Kelsey has successfully owned and operated a family practice clinic in the San Antonio and Rio Grande Valley areas, specializing in homebound patients and concierge medicine.

Kelsey brings enterprising energy and business acumen to the Foundation and has goals of helping donors create a lasting legacy within the Gibson Area Hospital. She keeps busy by meeting residents of Gibson City and the surrounding communities to share with them how their charitable dollars are at work within the hospital. New and upcoming programs and campaigns are being introduced, and you can expect to see Kelsey raising awareness of the need for donor support to maintain excellence in health care programs and services at Gibson Area Hospital.

Kelsey moved back to central Illinois to be close to her parents and siblings and raise her three children, Presley, and twins Nicholas and Paisley. They reside in Normal and enjoy biking, traveling and being outdoors.
GAH Cardiology Open House

Last year Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services (GAHHS) partnered up with radiologist Lalchand Goyal, M.D., to build the GAH Cardiology Department. With GAH Cardiology growing, a new location was needed, and with some plaster, paint, and hard work, the empty spaces of Building 10 in Doctors Park were transformed into the brand new GAH Cardiology Department.

To commemorate this new milestone, GAH Cardiology held an open house in February. While the weather was cold and the wind was blowing, the weather was not a deterrent to the great turn out of people interested in discovering what GAH Cardiology has to offer. Some of the new features include five new exam rooms, a quick access work station for providers, techs and nurses, as well as a spacious shared office for the Cardiology RNs and Tech. The new Cardiology Department also has a sizable conference room utilized for Total Joint Classes and the monthly Wheelchair Clinic.
The New Family Health Care of Hoopeston Opens on Dixie Highway

The Family Health Care of Hoopeston, an affiliate of Gibson Area Hospital, opened its new location at 705 South Dixie Highway in Hoopeston, just north of CVS Pharmacy. The newly constructed facility is designed for patient comfort and convenience, featuring an easily accessible building with visibility, ample parking, numerous exam rooms, and spacious procedure rooms.

Dr. Laura Smith and Dr. Adree Venatta practice as FP-OBs, which means they see patients of all ages and provide care from maternity care and infant and child wellness to chronic disease management and geriatric care. Dr. Smith is in the office for appointments on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 am-5:00 pm, and Dr. Venatta is available to see patients on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 9:00 am-5:00 pm, and Friday from 8:00 am-4:00 pm. The clinic is closed from noon to 1:00 pm for lunch. To schedule an appointment at the new clinic, call 217.283.5530. For more information about Family Health Care of Hoopeston, please visit www.gibsonhospital.org.

According to Gibson Area Hospital CEO Rob Schmitt, “The new clinic is a great addition and asset to the residents and the City of Hoopeston. GAHHS is committed to the community and this major investment shows the community we are here to stay. GAHHS is proud to serve the residents of Hoopeston and the surrounding areas. This clinic will allow GAHHS to expand the number of specialists seeing patients in Hoopeston.”
Success at the First “Nurses Go the Extra Mile” 5K Run/2 Mile Walk!

Every year from May 6th to the 12th Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services (GAHHS) and the nation celebrates Nurses Week. This week is used to show appreciation to all the hard working nurses who often go the extra mile to deliver the highest level of quality care to their patients. This year, however, the GAHHS Nurse Leadership decided to do more. In partnership with Choose 2 Change, GAHHS held its first “Nurses Go the Extra Mile” 5K Run/2 Mile Walk. The race held on May 9th saw over 150 runners and walkers participate with overall 5K Winners Tyler Ricks (18:35) and Holly Tompkins (22:09) posting the best times.

While these young athletes had the best times, the real winners for the “Nurses Go the Extra Mile” 5K were the GAH Foundation and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). The race raised $1,878, a total matched by Gibson Area Hospital, bringing in $3,756 for both charities. Choose 2 Change will use their half of the fund towards the FCA Power Camp, and the money donated to the GAH Foundation will be designated to the tuition reimbursement program.

“Like so many of my fellow nurses, I have been able to utilize the Foundation’s tuition reimbursement program,” said Kristin Salyards, MSN, RN, Director of Women, Infants, and Children’s Services. “It’s only fitting that during Nurses Week, we nurses have the opportunity to give back to the Foundation program that has helped so many of us.”

With such a successful inaugural race this year, the “Nurses Go the Extra Mile” 5K Run/2 Mile Walk will likely be a favorite perennial of Nurses Week. For more information on this and other GAH programs, “like” Gibson Area Hospital on Facebook to receive current news and event updates.
New Cardiology Services Already Proving Beneficial

Recently, Gibson Area Hospital (GAH) Cardiology added two new services, a Calcium Score Test and a Coronary Computed Tomography Angiography (CCTA). While patients can now receive these services, initial tests had to be performed on volunteers from the GAH staff before they could be offered to the public. These preliminary tests proved very beneficial to one Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services (GAHHS) employee.

Cindi Philipchuck, RN, GAHHS Executive Director of Nursing/CNO, has many years of experience in the medical field and initially signed up to be a test subject in order to understand what patients would experience during the CCTA. What started out as a simple learning exercise quickly turned into a potentially lifesaving procedure when it was discovered during the CCTA that Cindi had a blockage in her left Anterior Descending Artery. This detection led to more testing, which revealed that Cindi had a 60 percent blockage. Fortunately, Cindi is still able to reverse this with medication.

“If I wouldn’t have signed up to take this test, it may have been too late,” said Cindi. “Most of the time women don’t know they have heart issues until something has happened which can’t be fixed by just medication.”

GAH Cardiologist, Lalchand Goyal, M.D., FACC, FSCAI, had a very specific vision for the GAH community when he began to develop the GAH Cardiology Department. Among his goals beyond helping people’s physical health was to save patients’ time, which is often spent driving to appointments.

“For our service area, it is absolutely wonderful to now offer these effective, noninvasive tests locally,” said Dr. Goyal. “With these tests, we can help about 70 percent of our patients avoid significant travel to Champaign or Bloomington simply by providing the services here.”

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Diagnostic Ultrasound for Carpal Tunnel Syndrome Now Available at Gibson Area Hospital

Based on the results of a recent study demonstrating the effectiveness of ultrasound as a diagnostic tool for carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS), Gibson Area Hospital is now offering the noninvasive test to patients for the confirmation of a clinical diagnosis for this common condition. Often considered a repetitive-use injury, CTS is caused by a pinched nerve in the wrist with symptoms of numbness, tingling, and pain in the arm or hand.

Performed exclusively by on-site Board Certified Diagnostic Radiologist Dr. Gary Kerber, the ultrasound test provides “instantaneous results” according to Dr. Kerber, which are appreciated by both patients and physicians. Not only is the diagnostic test fast, but also painless. “The ultrasound test is comfortable for the patient and tolerated very well,” noted Dr. Kerber.

Traditionally, electrodiagnostic testing, which requires an electrical stimulation of the nerves, has been considered the “gold standard” for CTS diagnostics. However, it can prove to be time-consuming, painful, and expensive. With the findings published in The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery, September 2014, ultrasound is now considered an accurate and comparable means of CTS diagnosis, but without the discomfort and cost of electrodiagnostic testing. For those suffering with CTS symptoms, the quick, pain-free assessment is a welcomed alternative.

Dr. Kerber’s years of experience in all aspects of medical imaging provide the skill set necessary to identify the appropriate anatomy for an accurate CTS diagnosis, enabling GAH to promptly add the service for patients. For more information about Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services, visit www.gibsonhospital.org.
GAH Auxiliary Awards 11 Scholarships at this year’s Spring Banquet

This year the Gibson Area Hospital (GAH) Auxiliary awarded 11 scholarships, three more than the previous year, at their annual Spring Banquet.

Three Verna Buck Scholarships were awarded for 2015. The first went to Bernadette Strong, daughter of John and Monique Strong of Fairbury. She will be attending Parkland College in the fall to pursue a nursing degree. Bernadette is currently working at OSF St. Joseph Hospital as a CNA.

The second Verna Buck Scholarship was given to Alexis Triplett, daughter of Joe Triplett and Deb Timm. She has worked at GAH for the past six years and is currently a CNA/Unit Secretary. She will be attending Heartland College to work toward a degree in nursing.

Corrie Swenson, of Paxton, received the third Verna Buck Scholarship. She is married to Eric Swenson, an Iraqi war veteran, and has two children, William (5) and Oliver (4). Corrie is a CNA/Unit Secretary with the GAH Behavioral Wellness Clinic and plans to continue her nursing studies at Parkland College.

The CEDF Scholarship was awarded to Sheila Strickland of Loda. Sheila is married to Daniel and has three children, one of whom is earning her nursing degree. She is currently attending Parkland College to obtain her LPN degree.

Courtney Gramley, of Gibson City, received one of the two Auxiliary Scholarships. She is the daughter of Jim and Joan Gramley and is currently attending Eastern Illinois University to prepare for a career as a physical therapist.

The other Auxiliary Scholarship was awarded to Erin Tabor, daughter of Steven and Beth Tabor of Gibson City. Erin will soon be working toward a degree in physical therapy. Erin was also named Junior Citizen of the Year in March.

The William and Viola Garrett scholarship was given to Hannah Pruitt, daughter of James and Kelli Pruitt of Gibson City. Hannah will be attending Utah State in pursuit of a Doctorate in Occupational Therapy.

Abby Selleck was this year’s recipient of the Dr. Christine Medrano Scholarship. She is the daughter of Jeff and Liz Selleck of Paxton. She will be attending SIU or Indiana State majoring in Biology. Abby’s career goal is to become an orthopedic surgeon.

Alexis Brucker was chosen to receive the Juanita Boyce Scholarship. She plans to attend the nursing program at Heartland College to begin her path toward becoming a CRNA (Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist).

This year’s Arthur and Ane Jensen Noland Scholarship was given to Tessa Pilcher of Roberts. Tessa is married to Brad Pilcher and attends Concordia University of Wisconsin. She is currently studying to become an occupational therapist.

The Gift Shop Scholarship was given to Mindy Rogers, daughter of Jeff and Shannon Rogers of Fisher. She has been accepted into the nursing program at ISU for the fall of 2015.

School Tours

The Annual School Tours throughout the month of April continue to be a success. This year GAHHS hosted 710 kids, teachers, and parents from 14 different schools from around the area. During the tour, the kids visited 11 different departments from the Annex to Radiology, learning about how each department functions. A big thank you goes out to the staff and volunteers who take time out of their days to make this possible each and every year.

Century Club

In our recent donor issue we missed some names of those who have contributed to the GAH Century Club. We apologize for this oversight and thank you for your patience as we now recognize our generous donors here.

- Tom & Kathy Bennett
- June Bishop
- Gary & Laura Brinkley
- Clyde & Marsha Cline
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- Michael & Ann Young
GAH Hosts Food Pantry

For the past six years, the Gibson City Bible Church has organized a food pantry to help area residents in need get food they could not afford. However, the church was without a place to store the food, and they could only make the pantry available once every other month. In addition to the ever increasing amount of manpower necessary to run the pantry, the group needed a larger place to continue the great work they were doing. That’s when Gibson Area Hospital stepped in and allowed the pantry to utilize its spacious storage shed at 117 N. Melvin Street.

Along with providing more space, GAH donated $5000 to the pantry. This contribution is being matched by One Earth Energy, Alliance Grain, and Arends & Sons.

The Gibson City Bible Church will continue to offer the pantry twice a month for the foreseeable future, with the hope of increasing to once per week. That is a great improvement from previously being able to open the pantry only six times per year.

Future goals of the pantry include figuring out how to get items to those individuals, mainly senior citizens, who find it physically difficult to visit the pantry. The second goal is to help those children who are recognized within their school system to be in need. Currently, the school districts cannot work directly with the food pantry, but the pantry can facilitate finding those in need and try to help.

To help, send donations to: Ron Warfield, c/o Gibson Area Food Pantry, 112 W. 12th St., Gibson City, IL 60936

To volunteer, call Mike Bleich at 217-784-8961.

Gibson Area Hospital Designated as the Center for the East Central Illinois AHEC

Recently Gibson Area Hospital (GAH) was designated as the site for the East Central Illinois Area Health Education Center (AHEC). With this designation, GAH and the AHEC have set goals to improve access to and quality of care for the underserved through educating current health professionals, encouraging rural health careers to students K-16, and increasing community and public health promotion activities.

The next phase in the development of East Central Illinois AHEC will include a new website. This website will provide information for students, including links to explore health careers, college prep sites, scholarships, volunteer resources, and academic health programs in Illinois. Other subjects will include information for current healthcare professionals on continuing education opportunities, as well as links to job openings and information on community resources available through East Central IL AHEC. Information on upcoming events will also be made available on the website.

Currently, the East Central Illinois AHEC serves 11 counties. These counties are Kankakee, Livingston, Ford, Iroquois, Champaign, Vermillion, Douglas, Edgar, Coles, Cumberland and Clark.

For more information on Illinois AHEC visit: http://ahec.rockford.uic.edu/
Gibson Area Hospital Among America’s Best Hospitals to Have a Baby

Gibson Area Hospital has been named a 2015 America’s Best Hospitals for Obstetrics by WomenCertified Inc. This evidence-based designation is the only award that identifies the country’s best healthcare institutions based on robust criteria that consider female patient satisfaction, clinical excellence, and what women say they want from a hospital.

The list of over 350 award winners represents hospitals, including Gibson Area Hospital, that women can feel confident in choosing for their maternity needs.

“New moms have many choices when it comes to obstetrics. Now they can make informed decisions based on our comprehensive assessment as well as recommendation rating among those who have experienced that hospital first hand,” says Delia Passi, CEO and Founder of the Women’s Choice Award, and former publisher of Working Mother magazines.

The America’s Best Hospitals for Obstetrics scoring process is unique in that it is the only national list that focuses on female patient satisfaction. Only the hospitals who qualify for this highly selective designation provide the highest level of obstetric services based on their exceptional scores for patient recommendation, as provided by data reported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) surveys, as well as an analysis that weighs criteria identified as the most important to women for patient satisfaction.

Baby Central RV Returns

Summer is here and families will be attending a variety of outdoor fairs and festivals with their families. Gibson Area Hospital is taking its Baby Central concept on the road again in a luxury RV to provide a clean, inviting space for families to nourish their infants while at a few select events this summer—including the Ford County Fair (June 21-27), Fisher Community Fair & Horse Show (July 7-11), Iroquois County Fair (July 15-20), and the Gilman Old Boys and Girls Reunion (August 13-16).

This is just one of the ways Baby Central supports the breastfeeding initiatives and healthy families at Gibson Area Hospital. The Baby Central RV will also have comfortable changing stations available with complimentary baby products to add even more convenience for mom and dad. “Like” Gibson Area Hospital on Facebook to receive updates about the Baby Central RV on location.
According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 719,000 total knee replacements and 332,000 total hip replacements were performed in 2010. In 2014, The National Osteoporosis Foundation reported that a woman’s risk of hip fracture is equal to her combined risk of breast, uterine and ovarian cancer (NOF 2014, “What Women Need to Know”). The Women’s Choice Award identifies America’s Best Hospitals in Orthopedics in order to address the growing need for bone and joint care, and disease prevention.

Gibson Area Hospital has been named a recipient of the 2015 Women’s Choice Award® as one of America’s Best Hospital’s for Orthopedics, providing exceptional patient care and treatment. By carrying the Women’s Choice Award seal, Gibson Area Hospital has joined an elite network of hospitals committed to a global mission to empower women, serving as an example to all hospitals while setting new standards of healthcare excellence for women, their families, and their community.

“Being treated with the proper level of care impacts one’s health, well-being, and healing so it is critical for women to know those hospitals that have demonstrated the highest level of quality care to their patients, with a special focus on the female experience,” says Sharyn S. Lee, RN, MS, FACEHP, President of the Healthcare Division of the Women’s Choice Award. “When patients have a highly engaged, positive experience with their hospital, it’s a win-win situation,” added Lee.

Hospitals qualify as an America’s Best Hospital for Orthopedics based on an in-depth proprietary scoring process, utilizing data reported by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. As one of America’s Best Hospitals for Orthopedics, Gibson Area Hospital was selected due to their excellent rating in areas such as post-treatment complications, patient recommendation ratings, availability of microscopic surgery and adequate post-surgical care.

“Gibson Area Hospital is proud to be a part of the WomenCertified network of hospitals selected for their excellence in care for women,” said Rob Schmitt, GAHHS CEO. “It is a testament to the tremendous people working at GAHHS, providing excellent care to the patients we serve. I am proud and honored to be part of such an outstanding organization. Gibson Truly Gets It!!”

According to a study by the National Research Corporation Market Insights Survey, the largest healthcare consumer survey in the U.S., a hospital’s reputation is everything. Being recognized as a hospital of choice among women takes the commitment of leadership and staff and ongoing devotion to providing every patient with optimal care. The Women’s Choice Award is a beacon to women, demonstrating that Gibson Area Hospital has met rigorous criteria for clinical best practices and earned higher than average patient recommendation and satisfaction scores. Women can then trust the hospitals that carry the Women’s Choice Award seal, as they enable her to simplify her selection process.

“A woman expects more from a hospital experience and takes her role as the primary healthcare decision maker seriously,” notes Delia Passi, Founder and CEO of the Women’s Choice Award. “More than ever she is self-managing her care by choosing her hospital prior to selecting her doctors. This allows her more control over her hospital stay outcome based on the quality of care she can expect from a Women’s Choice Award hospital.”

For more information on Gibson Area Hospital’s orthopedic care, visit www.gibsonhospital.org.

ABOUT THE WOMEN’S CHOICE AWARD®
The Women’s Choice Award sets the standard for helping women to make smarter choices for themselves and their families. The company and its awards identify the brands, products and services that are most recommended and trusted by women. The Women’s Choice Award is the only evidence-based quality designation that drives consumer and patient appreciation through education, empowerment and validation. Additionally, they recognize those that deliver a recommendation-worthy customer experience. Visit www.WomensChoiceAward.com to learn more.
Spring Gala 2015

The 2015 Gibson Area Hospital Foundation Spring Gala, held on April 11, 2015 at the Kruse Center in Gibson City, was a great evening with a greater cause. This year the Gala featured an outdoor jazz ambiance which set the evening’s tone in welcoming our new Director of Development, Kelsey Montoya.

The evening included a chance to win a seven course meal for eight guests, prepared by Chef Meister of Minneci’s Ristorante. The guests played a game of heads or tails until only one was left standing. Dr. George Bark took home the prize and will enjoy a wonderful dinner party.

In addition to a lively game of heads or tails, last year’s breakout hit the Diamond Drop Champagne Toast Fundraiser returned. This year Laura Brinkley took home a ½ carat diamond provided by Hustedt Jewelers. All in all, the event raised a total of $2,000, with most of the proceeds going to the GAH Auxiliary Scholarship Fund.

“The Spring Gala was a wonderful way to be introduced to Gibson City as the Director of Development for the Foundation, said Foundation Director of Development Kelsey Montoya. “Everyone has been so welcoming, making my transition from Texas much more comfortable. It’s refreshing to see the love and support the town and surrounding area have for GAHHS. I look forward to more events and growth for the Foundation as we begin reaching out to our supporters.”
GAHHS Support Groups
Time & Date at a Glance

Cancer Support Group (No Meetings December - January)
3rd Monday of each month – 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
in the GAH Outpatient waiting room

Gluten Free Living
3rd Tuesday of each month – 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
in the GAH Radiology waiting room

Diabetes Support Group
(No December or January Meeting)
2nd Thursday of each month – 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
Contact the GAH Education Department for location
at 217-784-2259

Caregiver Support Group
1st Wednesday of each month – 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
#4 Doctors Park in the Behavioral Health Group Room

Total Joint Class
Every Thursday – 9:00 am to 10:30 am
#10 Doctors Park in the Orthopaedic Conference Room

Childbirth & Breastfeeding
Education Classes
Classes are held every other month on Monday nights
from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. There is no fee for mothers who will be delivering at
GAH. Contact GAH OB for more information: 217-784-2510

Breastfeeding Support
1st Thursday of each month – 11:30 am to 1:00 pm and
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the GAH East Board Room
School & Sport Physicals
Summer Special!

June through August
Every Monday through Friday

1230 George Rock Dr.
Farmer City
309-928-9192

837 E. Orange St.
Hoopeston
217-283-5530

106 E State St.
Potomac
217-987-6300

912 W. Seminary
Onarga
815-268-4840

227 N. Market St.
Paxton
217-379-4864

(Immunizations – additional fees apply – call for pricing in advance if interested)
(School physicals must have immunization records brought in with your visit)