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# Hodgeman County Health Center

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*Your Health is important to us!*

**News from Hodgeman County Health Center  
and the Hodgeman Community Foundation**

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## **NEW, FAST CT SCANNER AT HCHC!**



## **Diagnostic Services At HCHC**

A new CT Scanner  
greatly improves diagnostic capabilities!

(Details and more photos inside.)



**Other Diagnostic Services,  
Staff Additions, and More Photos Inside**

## HCHC's NEW CT SCANNER



The Hodgeman County Health Center has just added the SOMATOM Emotion scanner from Siemens Medical Solutions USA, Inc., to the Radiology Department. The new CT scanner improves diagnosis and treatment of patients in the Hodgeman County area.

The new SOMATOM CT provides the finest image quality while reducing x-ray dosage to the patient. This innovative design provides optimal patient comfort by eliminating the 'closed-in' feeling which patients sometimes associate with CT scanning.

"Our new CT scanner provides us with outstanding diagnostic information by enabling us to perform multi-slice CT on a routine basis," commented R. Alan Snodgrass, M.D., HCHC Chief of Staff.

"For example, we can now scan geriatric, pediatric, and trauma patients in a single breath-hold, which results in more accurate diagnosis while also reducing examination time and increasing patient comfort."

Hospital Administrator Phil Lowe says, "It allows us to take care of our patients in the best way and in a patient-



The SOMATOM Emotion also allows the Health Center to expand diagnostic services to substantially more patients in the region than ever before.

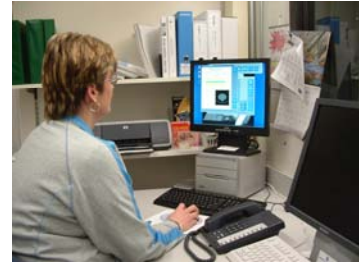
QCT Bone Mineral Densitometry is also now offered. This is a specific procedure using the CT Scanner. (See more details on Page 3.)

*The new dual-slice fast  
SOMATOM Emotion CT Scanner  
is located  
in the former Delivery Room.*

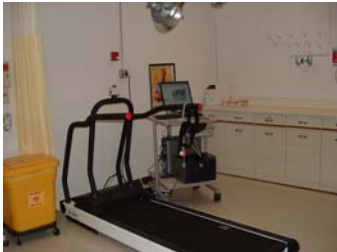
## Other Diagnostic Services At HCHC

### QCT Bone Mineral Densitometry

Hodgeman County Health Center can now provide special bone mass studies on the CT Scanner to help diagnose osteoporosis. Quantitative Computed Tomography (QCT) is recommended by the National Osteoporosis Foundation and can be used in lieu of the old Dexa scan studies. Check with your doctor or health care provider to see if it is time for your regular osteoporosis screening exam.



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*The Cardiac Stress Test System is located in the former Emergency Room.*

### New Cardiac Stress Test Treadmill Equipment

A new EKG and Treadmill cardiac stress test system has been installed in the former Emergency Room area of HCHC. A cardiac stress screening exam allows your doctor to measure the effect of exercise on your heart. During the procedure, the electrical activity of your heart is both monitored and measured as your heart is stressed through exercise or special medications that speed up your heart rate. This new equipment will greatly improve the cardiac diagnostic capabilities at HCHC.

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*Blood Bank Refrigerator*



*Coagulation ACL 1000*



*Histology Microscope*

### HCHC's Laboratory

Diagnostic testing, which includes bloodwork and cell studies, is essential in health care and is done primarily in the lab. HCHC's lab handles a wide range of tests, from simple blood counts to metabolic profiles all the way up to complex chemistry panels and blood bank capabilities (typing and cross-matching blood). The lab staff assists in the care and treatment of area patients.

New equipment in the lab includes a Beckman Coulter Coagulation ACL1000, a blood bank gel technology system, and an AXSYM special chemistry system. Also in the lab are a Beckman Coulter ACT 5 Diff CP, and a histology studies microscope. These tools allow the lab staff to perform most diagnostic tests in-house. Additional tests may be sent to other labs with result reports coming back the next day (sooner in cases of emergency).



*Coulter ACT 5 Diff CP*



*AXSYM*



*Blood Bank Gel Tech*



*HCHC's Diagnostic Services continues on page 4.*

## Diagnostic Services: Mammography



Teri Ellis, R.T. (R)(M)

Screening mammograms are part of the early detection of breast cancer, and early detection is the key to breast cancer survival. Every other Wednesday, Teri Ellis travels to HCHC with "Sophie," the portable mammography unit. HCHC is proud to be able to offer this simple, fast diagnostic service. *Current recommendations include a baseline test at age 35, with exams yearly or every other year until age 45, then*



"Sophie"

*yearly exams after age 45.* These are general guidelines. Family history and any unusual occurrences may indicate more frequent exams. Please check with your health care professional for your individual health needs!

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## New Department Managers at HCHC



Trisha Harms, BSN

Trisha Harms is the new Diagnostic Services Manager. Trisha has been with HCHC since 1986, when she started working in housekeeping. She has worked as a CNA, a CMA, and an LPN. Trisha earned her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing in 1995. She moved to Diagnostic Services in November, 2003, and was promoted to Department Manager in August of 2005.

Amy Fagan is now the manager of Dietary Services. Amy started working in the Dietary Department at HCHC in 2002. She was promoted to Department Manager in December, 2005.



Amy Fagan



Ronnie Diehl

Ronnie Diehl has joined HCHC's management team as head of Maintenance and Engineering for the Health Center. Ronnie, who has been on our maintenance staff before, returned to HCHC in August, 2005. He assumed the responsibilities of Department Manager in October of 2005.

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## New Faces at HCHC in Diagnostic Services



Mary Ann Tambis, M.T.

HCHC Diagnostic Services reached all the way to the Philippines (by way of Utah) for Mary Ann Tambis and Joel Castillion. Mary Ann is a Medical Technologist, and works in the Lab. Her husband Joel is a Licensed Radiology Technologist, and works in X-Ray. Together with their son Joshua, they have settled in Jetmore. Thanks to everyone for making them feel welcome!



Joel Castillion, L.R.T.

## Clinic News

### Sally Kreger Returns to Jetmore!



Sally Kreger, A.R.N.P.

Sally Kreger, A.R.N.P., has returned to Jetmore after a seven year absence. Sally, who was Director of Nursing at HCHC from 1994 through 1998, went up to Great Bend. She and her husband, with their six children, moved back to Jetmore in January of 2005.

Sally got her R.N. at Dodge City Community College and her Master's Degree at KU School of Nursing. Her specialties are family practice and emergency medicine. She assisted Dr. Snodgrass with emergency room duties last summer, and is now the nurse practitioner at O'Shea Memorial Clinic as well as at the newly re-opened Spearville Medical Clinic. (See article below.)

Welcome back!

### HCHC Re-Opens Spearville Medical Clinic

The Spearville Medical Clinic re-opened on February 1st, 2006, after Dodge City Medical Center cancelled their medical services agreement in mid-December, 2005.

Hodgeman County Health Center was invited by the Spearville Hospital District Board of Directors to provide medical clinic services to the community. HCHC is planning to manage the clinic as a federally designated Rural Health Clinic (RHC) and is contracting with C & S Medical Clinic, P.A. to provide the professional services at the clinic.

Most of the services will be provided by Physician's Assistant Michelle Wallace (P.A.- C.) and Nurse Practitioner Sally Kreger (A.R.N.P.), and Dr. R. Alan Snodgrass.

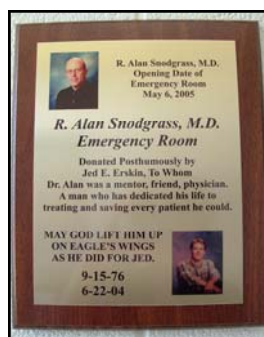
The community has been extraordinarily supportive of the new clinic during the first few weeks of operation. Hodgeman County Health Center is honored to be invited into the community to provide these medical services.

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### New ER Dedication



On June 25th, 2005, a Dedication Ceremony for the newly renovated Emergency Room was held. The R. Alan Snodgrass M.D. Emergency Room was made possible through a posthumous donation by Jed E. Erskin.



# Hodgeman Community Foundation

## News

The Hodgeman Community Foundation has been active in community events and held fundraising activities since its change of name and charter in March of 2004. Activities in 2005 started with the auction held with the Lion's Club in April 2005, continued through Buckner Fall Fest in October, 2005, and finished up with donations to Christmas on Main Street.

Buckner Fall Fest, held in Hanston on October 5th, 2005, was a busy time for the Foundation. In addition to a monetary donation to the event, the Foundation and Foundation members sponsored the Father-Son Football game and the Mother-Daughter Volleyball games and served a free-will donation sloppy joes lunch afterwards. Other activities included a photo booth where kids and adults alike could pose behind standees.

The Hodgeman Community Foundation is in the process of purchasing two pulse oximeters for HCHC's Acute Care area. Also, the Foundation is looking for other ways to assist the hospital and long term care facility. In addition, the Foundation has made contributions to the Community Development funds.

The Foundation is planning some new and different activities for family fun at this year's Buckner Fall Fest, being held on October 7th in Hanston. A raffle is also in the planning stages.

The Foundation welcomes suggestions for community projects. Please contact Foundation Director Faye Lupfer at 357-8361 with your ideas for our community.



*HCF Officers:  
Faye Lupfer, Bob Crabill, Dale Hingle,  
Kyle Beckwith, Gus Guthrie*

### Hodgeman Community Foundation

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Jim Hingle

Faye Lupfer, Foundation Director



*Foundation Board Members Jim Hingle  
and Alan Snodgrass at the Founda-  
tion's Photo Booth at Buckner Fall  
Fest.*

*The Hodgeman Community Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality and variety of services and facilities available in Hodgeman County by providing funding assistance for new and on-going projects throughout the community. The Foundation is seeking to fulfill its mission by raising funds through donations, grants, and activities. Donations, endowments, and other donation opportunities may now be earmarked for specific community concerns or patient care equipment for Hodgeman County Health Center. All donations made to the Hodgeman Community Foundation are tax deductible. If you have any questions regarding donations or setting up memorial funds, please contact Kyle Beckwith at 357-8331 or Faye Lupfer at 357-8361.*

## Women's Health Night

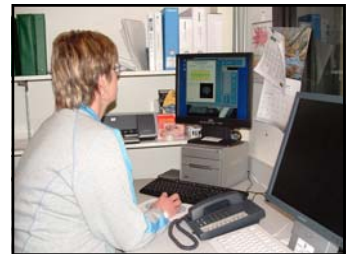
On Wednesday night, Jan 25th, HCHC sponsored its second annual Women's Health Night with Marsha Ewy acting as hostess. Approximately one hundred women gathered at the King Center for an evening of food, information, and fun. Dr. James Phillips spoke on the benefits of regular exercise. Then Mary Ann Shriwise gave a talk on nutrition complete with a cooking demonstration.

HCHC's staff members outdid themselves with the booths, favors, and table decorations!



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## Our Staff at Work



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### **Hodgeman County Health Center Mission Statement:**

*To provide quality health care in a caring environment,  
wherein the healing of the whole person can take place through treatment  
which manifests a deep respect for human life.*

### Hodgeman County Health Center Newsletter Spring 2006



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#### **HCHC Board of Trustees**

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Betty Bamberger, Board Vice-President  
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*For information regarding the Hodgeman Community Foundation:*

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