

GREAT NEWS

GREAT RIVER HEALTH SYSTEMS

Nov. 15, 2017

Keokuk clinic groundbreaking set for Nov. 21

A public groundbreaking ceremony for Great River Health Systems' new clinic in Keokuk is scheduled at noon Tuesday, Nov. 21. The 19,000-square-foot facility will be built in the 3200 block of Main Street, between Hampton Inn and Sonic. Estimated to cost \$6.85 million, the clinic is expected to open in late 2018.

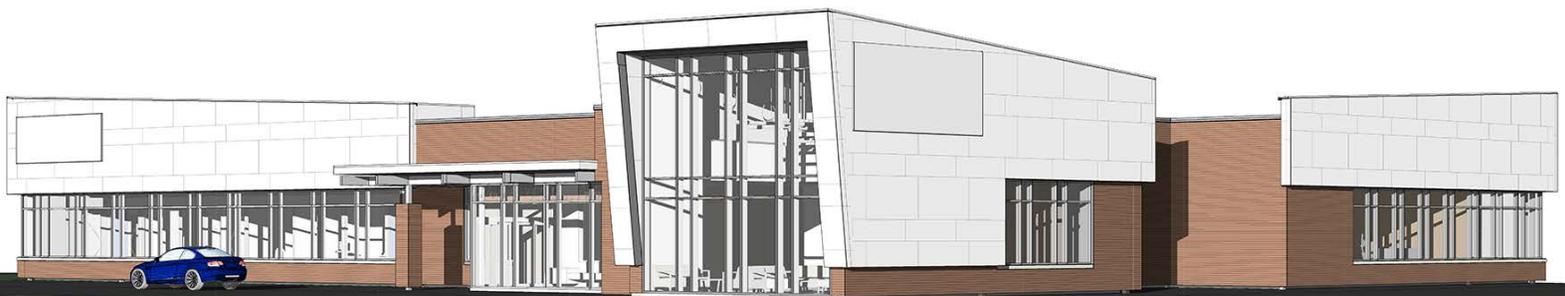
The health system purchased The Keokuk Clinic Jan. 1, 2012. It has grown from a practice with three internal medicine physicians to 10 health care providers. The new building will be four times larger than the existing clinic at 1603 Morgan Street.

"First and foremost, we're building a new clinic to increase access to primary-care services for people in southeast Iowa – specifically the Keokuk area," said Mark Richardson, president and CEO. "It's part of our strategy to expand the health system's regionalism, which includes bringing specialty care to areas that don't have these services.

"In nearly six years, Great River Health Systems has added cardiology, podiatry, rheumatology, sports medicine and women's health to the clinic's services. With a larger building, there will be room to for more."

Great River Health Systems recently purchased property to build another clinic in Burlington, near the intersection of Agency Street and Roosevelt Avenue. The clinic will be located between Walgreens and Pizza Ranch. It will provide primary- and urgent-care services. Construction will begin within one year.

The new one-story clinics will resemble Great River Health Systems' buildings on its main campus in West Burlington. Carl A. Nelson and Company is the general contractor.



Great River Health Systems names new CEO

Matthew Wenzel will become Great River Health Systems' president and chief executive officer Tuesday, Jan. 2. He will succeed Mark Richardson, who has held the position since 1997.

A Missouri native, Wenzel worked at Saint Luke's Health System in Kansas City from 2006 to 2017. Most recently, he was president and CEO of Saint Luke's North Hospital, a two-campus hospital with a combined 159 beds. He had been CEO of Hedrick Medical Center, another health system facility, where he led the planning, design and construction of a new hospital.

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"I was blown away when I came to Great River Health Systems," Wenzel said. "It's hard to describe and have appreciation for the breadth and depth of what it has to offer. The facility is outstanding. More important, it's the people. When I first walked in, the volunteer greeted me. She had no idea who I was. Instead of giving me directions, she took me to Administration and conversed on the way. She treated me well, and I will remember that.

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Wenzel and his wife, Andrea, have four daughters.

Wenzel received a bachelor's degree in biology-pre-medicine from the University of Missouri in 2001, and concurrent Master of Health Administration and Master of Science-Healthcare Informatics degrees from the university in 2004. Before joining Saint Luke's Health System, Wenzel was marketing

manager of physician solutions at Cerner Corporation, the health information technology company that provides Great River Health Systems' electronic medical records system.

"Choosing a new leader to carry on Great River Health Systems' mission is a significant decision," said Dan Wiedemeier, board chairman. "We chose Matt Wenzel because he demonstrates excellent interpersonal relationships with employees combined with strong leadership skills. Changes in health care are increasingly challenging, and he is a good fit to meet those challenges."

Wenzel said: "I plan on spending the first 90 days or so learning and getting to know the people and organization. Mark Richardson and the health system's leadership have run a marathon to get ahead of the pack. When handing over the baton, you don't want to leave it on the track."

Wenzel is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He serves on the boards of directors of YMCA of Greater Kansas City and Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the economic development councils of Parkville, Clay County and Platte County, Missouri.



Love Trees remember, honor loved ones

The holiday season is a time of remembrance, and Great River Friends offers an opportunity to help. Loved ones are remembered and honored each year through its Love Tree program. Their names will be placed on donors' choice of three trees at Great River Health Systems. With donations of \$25 or more per person, name cards will be accompanied by ornaments.

Love Trees are in:

- Great River Hospice House
- Great River Klein Center
- Great River Medical Center lobby

All Love Tree proceeds benefit Great River Friends' Scholarship Program. Each year, up to \$10,000 is awarded to area residents pursuing health care careers, which include high school seniors, current college students and Southeastern Community College students.

A Love Tree Celebration Ceremony is scheduled at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, in the Mercy Plaza lobby. Donors will be invited to celebrate their loved ones through prayer, a special reading of the names, presentation of name cards and ornaments, and refreshments.



Stand not included

Great River Friends is a community of donors and volunteers that supports Great River Health Systems with the gifts of time, talent and treasure. For more information about the Love Tree program, please call Great River Health Systems Volunteer Services at 319-768-3340.

The LOVETREE 2017

Please print

My donation is _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Donation amount _____

For each \$25 donation, a loved one's name card is attached to an ornament. If you don't wish to have an ornament, please check here.

Please display the name card and/or ornament on this Love Tree:

- Great River Medical Center lobby
- Great River Hospice House
- Great River Klein Center

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Make checks payable to Great River Friends.

Mail to: Love Tree

Great River Friends

1221 S. Gear Ave.

West Burlington, IA 52655



Big money, big cause

Representing Hearth and Home Technologies, Carrie Wymore, left, and Renee Gillis, right, present a check for \$2,431.70 to Jo Greiner, manager, Great River Cancer Center. Employees of the Mount Pleasant business raised \$1,215.85 for the center's Hair, Hats & More program for patients, and the employer matched the contribution. Fundraisers included T-shirt and bake sales.

Blood Drive

7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 21
Mercy Plaza lobby

There is a great need for blood donations during the holidays. Traumatic accidents increase at this time of year but blood donations decrease. Donation centers are closed on holidays and some people are too busy to donate.

You may walk in or make an appointment by calling 319-768-3303. You can register online [HERE](#).

Everyone who donates or attempts to donate will receive a gift card or long-sleeve T-shirt.

Scheduling online earns points for gear at Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center's Donor Loyalty Store.

To prepare for donation, eat a snack before donating and drink plenty of fluids before and after giving blood.

Casual days

Employees purchase \$2 stickers for the opportunity to wear jeans to work on designated Fridays. The next casual days and organizations they benefit are:

- Nov. 17 Toys for Tots
- Dec. 1 Hats and Mittens Drive

Painting in the Plaza

Art Center of Burlington instructors will guide you in creating an acrylic masterpiece on a 12" x 16" canvas. Choose a winter tree or coffee design.

6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30

or

10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 2

Mercy Plaza lobby

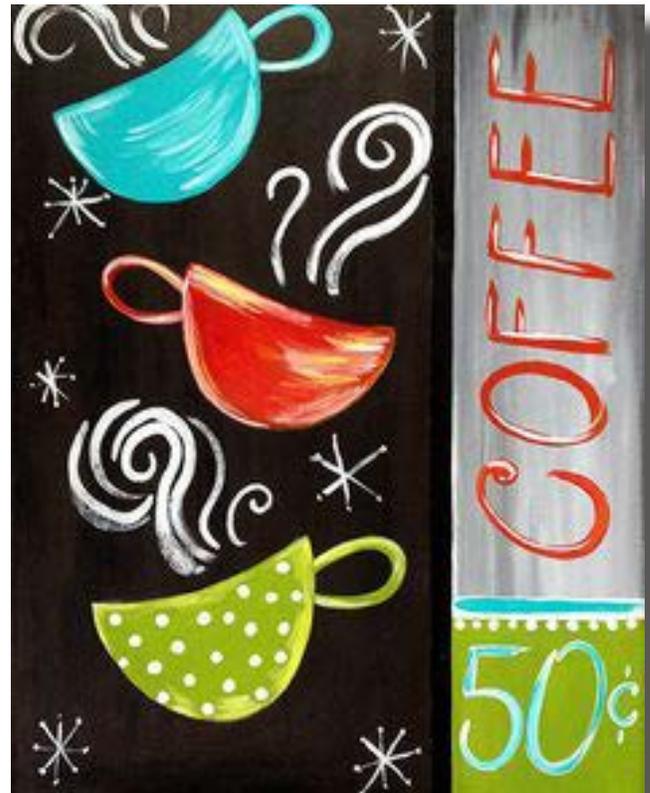
1225 S. Gear Ave., West Burlington

\$40 per person

Includes materials, guidance and refreshments
No outside beverages are allowed.

Proceeds will be split evenly between Great River Friends and the Art Center of Burlington. Register and pay [HERE](#).

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EMPLOYEE PROFILE

Tiffany McVey

Billing and Insurance Specialist
Patient Financial Services-Insurance Billing

Start date:

July 2016

What a typical day looks like for me:

I review claims before sending them to insurance companies. This includes ensuring the information is correct and gathering missing information. I also contact insurance companies to check on payments and provide information to reverse denials.

What I wanted to be when I grew up:

An NFL player. I was a big tomboy in grade school. I usually was one of the top picks for quarterback.

Family:

My fiance, Dane, and I are getting married next month. He has an 8-year-old son.

Things I enjoy:

I'm a huge Cubs fan. I like crafts, especially painting parties with my friends.

If I could choose anyone, my mentor would be:

Harriet Tubman. I admire her will, perseverance and dedication to fighting for what she believed in.



People would be surprised to know ...

I can sing well. It's mostly been in the shower, but I have been singing at church more.

My favorite line from a movie or television show:

"Let's ride!" ("Gone in 60 Seconds")

Given a chance, I would be this person for a day:

I'd like to be a toddler again so I could have snack and nap times.

The most-recent app I've downloaded:

Amazon Prime

Hidden talent:

Baking cherry pies

My biggest achievement:

Marrying my best friend