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Michelle Jans, PA-C joins
Maxwell Clinic as Story Medical
begins service, facility expansion

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New Specialty Provider **Todd Troll, M.D.** Joins Story Medical

Todd Troll, M.D., has joined the medical staff of Story Medical and is seeing patients in the Story Medical Outpatient Clinic. A specialist in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Dr. Troll is a member of the Iowa Clinic.

Dr. Troll earned his undergraduate degree from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, his medical degree from the University of Indiana, and completed his residency at the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo. He is certified by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

"I did a rotation in my fourth-year of residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation and I knew that was it," Dr. Troll says. "I knew that is what I wanted to do."

Physicians specializing in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation—also commonly referred to as physiatry—aid patients in regaining lost abilities after experiencing a medical condition or injury. One of the most common conditions Dr. Troll treats is carpal tunnel syndrome. He sees patients on a referral basis at Story Medical.

"Dr. Troll is an excellent physician and a great addition to the medical staff at Story Medical," says Nate Thompson, Story Medical CEO. "This represents a new specialty at the medical center and offers our community members an option for care that is close to home for a number of common ailments."

Dr. Troll sees patients on a referral basis. Please visit with your primary care provider about being referred.



Story Medical Clinic Maxwell Now Provides Care 5 Days a Week

Since 1996, Story Medical has proudly offered primary care services from its clinic just off of Main Street in Maxwell. Today, Story Medical is redoubling its commitment to the community by expanding the clinic space and providing care five days a week.

Michelle Jans, PA-C, who has served as a provider in the Emergency Department at Story Medical since 2011 now staffs the clinic Monday through Friday. Michelle, who is a resident of Maxwell, is excited about expanding access to care in the community.

"Offering complete care close to home in communities like Maxwell is important," Jans says. "For many of our rural residents, especially those with limited means, it is not practical to travel long distances to receive care. As a result, many of them go without which often leads to a cascading number of health issues that could have been effectively managed had they sought care earlier. The people of Maxwell, Collins and

the surrounding towns are my neighbors and I look forward to serving them."

Last year, Story Medical purchased the building the clinic is located in, allowing for the expansion planning to begin. In addition to adding space for exam rooms and treatment, the project will cosmetically update the facility.

"We are proud to be making a significant investment in the health of Story County's rural communities," says CEO Nate Thompson. "We are committed to increasing access to care and we are confident Michelle is the perfect provider to oversee the growth of services in Maxwell."

Jans began seeing patients August 10. The clinic, which has been open three days a week in recent years, is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and from 8 to 11 a.m. on Friday. Jans offers primary care services for patients of all ages including well child checks, immunizations, care for acute illness and injuries, annual checkups and more.

To learn more about Story Medical Clinic in Maxwell, visit StoryMedical.org/Maxwell



Humbling Outpouring of Support Community Steps Up in Pandemic

From cookies, smoothies, pizza and pop to displays of love in the form of creatively colored hearts displayed in our windows, the community stepped up in a big way to support the providers and staff of Story Medical as we worked diligently to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We feel fortunate every single day that we have the opportunity to serve this community," says Nate Thompson, Story Medical CEO. "When the pandemic hit and our operations were forced to change, we lost some of that daily interaction with those who used services like our Medically Oriented Gym, the cafeteria, the Gift Shop and more. That was tough for all of us."

"But it didn't take long before we started getting calls from the community asking how they could help us," Thompson continues. "Each of those little favors provided a big boost to morale and reminded us how much the community appreciates the work we do and the care we provide."

In addition to the generous gestures listed above, a number of community members also donated critical PPE to help keep providers and staff safe during the early days of the pandemic.

"Our success thus far is due in part to the generosity of our community," Thompson says. "From individuals stepping up to provide re-usable cloth masks to organizations donating supplies of everything from face shields to N95 masks, we have benefited greatly from these gifts and are appreciative."

To learn more about making a tax-deductible gift to the Story Medical Foundation, call Loni Pringnitz at 515-382-7711.



Story Medical Supports Students in Nevada, Surrounding Towns

For years, Story Medical has worked cooperatively with schools in the region to provide services in support of students. Most recently, Story Medical providers and the Story Medical Endowment Foundation have jumped at the opportunity to give back to the community with a pair of initiatives focused on serving students.

Annually, the Foundation awards two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors who are planning to pursue post-secondary education in a health-related field.

This year the scholarships were awarded to Malia Pratt (above left) and Bailey Crain, both Nevada High School seniors. The scholarships are funded by gifts to the Foundation. Congratulations to Malia and Bailey!

In addition to awarding scholarships, Story Medical serves hundreds of students annually by providing free sports physicals. The physicals are required by the state for student-athletes who plan to compete in a sport at their



high school. The comprehensive exam ensures the student-athlete may safely engage in athletic competition.

Hosted over a handful of dates at the Nevada Clinic and Maxwell Clinic—and implementing a number of precautions in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic—Story Medical providers and staff served more than 200 students.

To learn more about making a gift in support of student scholarships, call Loni Pringnitz at 515-382-7711.

Garden, Scholarship Honor Elliott's Memory

In 2016, Story Medical Clinic—Nevada nurse Ashley Elliott passed away after a courageous cancer battle. A fun loving farm girl, she was beloved by her patients, coworkers and the community.

To honor her memory, Ashley's parents left a gift to establish a scholarship for nurses—which has been awarded annually since 2017—and to create a memorial garden at our Nevada Clinic. In August, Ashley's parents, Guy and Mary Beth, helped set a memorial rock in the garden.

The garden is maintained by the Elliott and Check families (Ashley was Dr. Art Check's nurse). "Ashley's Garden" is a space designed to bring joy to all who visit Story Medical Clinic.

We thank the Elliott family for their generous gift and Danny Fuss for creating and donating the beautiful custom rock. Pictured at right are (left to right) Clinic Director Megan Myers, Dr. Art Check, Guy and Mary Beth Elliott, and Crystal Swartzlander, who is an Ashley Elliott Scholarship winner.

Memorial Gift



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