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As did most of the nation Monday, Chase County Community Hospital and Chase County Clinic recognized their doctors on Doctors' Day.

Although the weather didn't cooperate, flinging snow in faces, a reception was held at both the Imperial and Wauneta sites for the four doctors serving the area.

All four doctors are family practitioners.

Chief of Staff Dr. Jonathan Richman has served six years in Chase County. He specializes in trauma, obstetrics, cesarean sections, colonoscopies and endoscopies.

Dr. Steve Boyer has been on staff for two years. He specializes in wellness medicine.

Dr. Doug Nicholson began working in Chase County in September, 2008. He specializes in cesarean sections and obstetrics.

Dr. Jose Garcia joined the staff March 1. He is bilingual, which is a big help with the Hispanic clientele, according to Administrator Lola Jones.

All doctors rotate between the Imperial and Wauneta clinics. The Wauneta clinic is now open five days a week, while the Imperial site is open five and one-half days a week.

The hospital and clinic are also staffed by Physicians Assistants Carol Cornelius and Jodi Spady, and Nurse Practitioners Brandy Hanes and Rita Nicholson. Jones said Hanes is receiving education in women's health, and Nicholson, who specializes in women's health and asthetics, is receiving education in psychology.

Jones said there will be no more staff hiring at this time, although she is looking into finding an on-staff anesthesiologist.

"At this point we're very thankful for our well-rounded staff, with an array of personalities, so a patient can choose the best fit," she stated.

"We're moving in the right direction. The whole staff works so well together," Jones added.