

# GMH and WVU welcome new cancer center

## Grant County Press staff

Last week, Grant Memorial Hospital (GMH) hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to introduce the public to their new cancer and infusion center.

The opening of the center is a landmark event for the people in the tri-county area, who will now have cancer treatment options in the region without having to travel hours away to receive care at larger hospitals.

On Friday, officials gathered from across the state at GMH for the official opening of the new center.

After an opening prayer by Pastor Craig Howard, president of the Grant County Ministerial Association, GMH Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Bob Milvet, and cancer survivor himself, spoke of the need for a cancer treatment center here, which would see an end to the travel required by local residents for treatment, the number one health concern in this area. The day proved the outcome of the vision he and the board of trustees had for such a center.

Also speaking were GMH board chair Tammy Kesner and a congratulatory message was read from Gov. Jim Justice.

Many people were thanked, from elected officials to bank executives and local hospital staff. It was also noted the role the oncology department from West Virginia University played in making the clinic a reality.

Dr. Hannah Hazard-Jenkins, Director of WVU Cancer Institute spoke along with WVU President and WVU Medicine Board Chair E. Gordon Gee at the ceremony and both related how pleased they were to provide the Potomac Highlands with this much needed service.

And with WVU's involvement, both in staffing and consulting, the center's patients will be able to receive



**GMH Chief Executive Officer Bob Milvet**  
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care that would have required a trip to Morgantown, Winchester or farther.

Hospital Chief Operating Officer (COO) Kari Evans was singled out for the work she did in overseeing the project and guiding it to completion.

The center will be led by Dr. Kevin Shannon, a board certified hematologist/oncologist.

After the ribbon cutting, guests were given tours of the new facility.

