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GREAT PLAINS ORTHOPAEDICS

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**Orthopaedic Group Commemorates
40th Anniversary**

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Great Plains Orthopaedics is proud to celebrate 40 years of providing high quality comprehensive orthopaedic care to patients throughout central Illinois.

Devoted exclusively to professional orthopaedic care, Great Plains offers a multitude of services to assist with treatment of injuries including physician evaluation and treatment by specialized practitioners; diagnostic testing such as x-rays, MRI and bone density testing; In and Out-patient surgical procedures; rehabilitation services for physical and occupational therapy; sports medicine services; and athletic performance enhancement training and conditioning programs.

Founded in 1967 by Dr. James Flaherty and Dr. Bernard Cahill, the practice, known then as Orthopedic Associates of Peoria, S.C., was located at St. Mark's Court. In 1991, the practice moved to its present location at 303 N. Kumpf Boulevard as the Orthopedic Institute of Illinois. This new facility incorporated physician's offices, an ambulatory surgery center, and Great Plains Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center.

Great Plains has continued to grow with the addition of their North Peoria facilities at 7800 N. Sommer in Parkway Plaza. These facilities include physician's offices and their Maximum Performance office for physical therapy and athletic performance enhancement. In the fall of 2006, a physical therapy office was opened at EastSide Center in East Peoria. Today there are 11 specialized physicians associated with the practice as well as numerous support personnel and technicians on staff at each facility.

In celebration of their 40 year milestone they have consolidated their many names and logos into one; Great Plains Orthopaedics. While their name and look may be new, their staff, services, and most importantly their commitment to their patients is unchanged.

Great Plains Orthopaedics is grateful to the many patients and organizations that have entrusted themselves to their care over the last 40 years and look forward to their continued relationships in the years to come.

For more information or interviews, contact Greg Gaa at 272-0367.

Physicians:

Ronald E. Palmer, M.D. • Mark R. Phillips, M.D. • James W. Maxey, M.D.
Brian Ted Maurer, M.D. • Gregory J. Adamson, M.D. • Richard P. Driessnack, M.D.
Jeffery R. Garst, M.D. • Stephen R. Orlevitch, M.D. • Steven K. Below, M.D.
Piero Capecci, M.D. • Clark B. Rians, M.D.

As a leader in the evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation, and prevention of Musculoskeletal and sports related injuries, Great Plains Orthopaedics' team of certified specialists has had the privilege through the years to work with many state and local athletic organizations and area high school athletic programs:

At a time when professional athletes are being paid millions of dollars to perform at their best, professional sports teams look for the best medical care they can find to keep these athletes healthy and in the best shape possible. Peoria Chiefs affiliates Chicago Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals have chosen Great Plains Orthopaedics to provide that care and service for more than 20 years. Players don't have to travel back to Chicago to see the team doctor, they receive first class care and treatment right here in Central Illinois. Congratulations and thank you to Great Plains for 40 years of service to the athletes both professional and amateur of Central Illinois.

Rocky Vonachen – President Peoria Chiefs & O'Brien Field

"Great Plains has provided the Peoria Rivermen a blanket of medical care that is unrivaled in any franchise I've ever been a part of. I know that the doctors that take care of my athletes are the best, period."

Mike Hannegan, MS, ATC, CSCS – Head Athletic Trainer for Peoria Rivermen Proud AHL affiliate of the St. Louis Blues

"I've had the pleasure of dealing with Great Plains from both a business perspective with the Peoria Rivermen and a personal one with my partial knee replacement done a few years back. From the doctors to the support staff, everyone at Great Plains has been first-rate to deal with, and I personally now enjoy a much more active lifestyle since having my knee surgery."

Bruce Saur – Owner Peoria Rivermen and Patient of Great Plains

"We are proud to have Great Plains as the Official Rehabilitation Center of the Rivermen for the last 15 years. Their standards and techniques are always on the cutting edge of the sports rehabilitation industry. When it comes to customer service and getting our players back on the ice in the shortest amount of time, their facilities and staff are second to none. When our players lose time off the ice with an injury, it's costly in the standings and financially as well. A reason why the Rivermen have won three Championships and have one the best win percentages year after year.....It's a team effort both on and off the ice. We're proud to have the entire Great Plains staff on our team."

Bart Rogers – President/CEO – Peoria Rivermen Hockey Club

GREAT PLAINS....Thank you for helping make Bradley Basketball a Winner!! Your service, expertise, and caring staff have allowed us to do GREAT things!

Coach Les – Bradley Braves

Our hearty CONGRATS from The Hilltop to Great Plains Orthopaedics as they celebrate four decades of providing outstanding medical care to Central Illinois! Bradley Athletics is blessed to have the great folks at Great Plains as a tremendous teammate within our Sports Medicine group. In turn, in addition to the great counsel and skills that they provide our staff and student-athletes on a daily basis, they are certainly an affiliation that we market heavily in our recruitment efforts.....Over the years, the names of the caretakers and patients have changed. However, the first class treatment has remained a steady constant. Great Job!

Ken Kavanagh – Director of Athletics – Bradley University

The service and the science that Great Plains Orthopaedics offers central Illinois is best described as invaluable to the local coaches and athletes. The medical care and support that Great Plains provides also gives the schools a chance to show parents and visiting teams that we (the schools) care enough about the product that we are putting on the fields of play that we will provide the best medical game coverage we can get. Great job and well done!

Paul M. Neakrase – AD Peoria Notre Dame HS

Great Plains has provided an invaluable service to the athletes of Central Illinois. Their professionalism and genuine care for our athletes has been a consistent bright spot within our athletic program. My thanks go out to Greg and all the trainers that have provided care for the Princes over the years. May God Bless you all and provide you with many more years of first class service!

Dan Sullivan – Athletic Director Princeville High School