

Hospital welcomes new administrator with cookout

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the people," he said. "Tell us what we are doing well and even what we are not doing so well. The community needs to support the hospital, and the success will be shaped by the needs of the people and their response."

He said the hospital offers many services that people who are not sick are not aware of. Many times, he said, patients will seek out-of-town treatment, when they can find the same service right here.

"We need to keep people aware of what services are available," Jolly said. "If you are not in need of medical services you don't think about what can be done locally. When you do need medical attention we hope the people will think to check with us first, and if we do not offer the specific service we can help them access it wherever they need to go."

As a youngster, Jolly moved from Anthony, in southcentral Kansas near the Oklahoma border, to Wichita, Dodge City and New Jersey. He graduated from high school in New Jersey in 1973, and married his wife Carol in 1976. They have two children, Amanda, 15 and Abigail, 7.

After attending community college for two years, Jolly said, he applied to two western universities in Montana and New Mexico. He was accepted by both, but moved to New Mexico because there were more employment opportunities.

He received an undergraduate degree and a master's degree in public administration, along with health certification, in New Mexico.

He applied for a hospital administrator job in Anthony, and worked there for eight years. From there, he spent time running different health centers outside Kansas.

Jolly moved to Roan, Mont. to another rural hospital, and then to Calaspell, Mont. to work as a regional director for a health maintenance organization. From there he went to Brazil, Ind.

In 1990, Jolly attended the University of Minnesota, where he earned a second masters degree in hospital administration.



Singer Tammy Mouchette provided entertainment at the special hospital picnic Thursday at the Sherman County Fairgrounds.

When the Brazil hospital was sold, Jolly found himself looking again, and said he liked Goodland because it gave him a chance to come back to Kansas and is closer to the mountains and his family in Anthony and Albuquerque.

"I like rural hospitals," he said. "They are a vital part of a community, and I don't believe the career track always has to be a bigger hospital. I find it very satisfying to be in the smaller community."

Jolly said most rural hospitals are Medicare dependent, adding that he doesn't see any signs of the system providing any better reimbursement.

Many rural hospitals, including the one here, are suffering because Medicare is reimbursing less.

"I don't see a change in this," he said, "and we can't look to Medicare for financial salvation."

One of the major problems, he said, is trying to maximize the use of the hospital.

He admits this is tough because the hospital has to operate the facility on a

24-hour seven-days a week basis, and can't predict when people will need to use it. That's why hospitals try to target services that they can determine the use of, he said, and have better control over.

In recent years, Jolly said, he has seen the role of the traditional hospital changing as there has been more of a push to the outpatient settings. This has been a help to small hospitals, he said, that can reorganize to take advantage of the shift.

"Goodland has made a very good attempt to do just this with the specialists," he said, "making it worthwhile for them to come to the city."

Access and doctors also drive the need for services, he said, noting that the hospital must meet needs of the community.

"In the past there was the 'build it they will come' idea," Jolly said, "but that doesn't work anymore and it is necessary to be more selective of the services that can be offered."

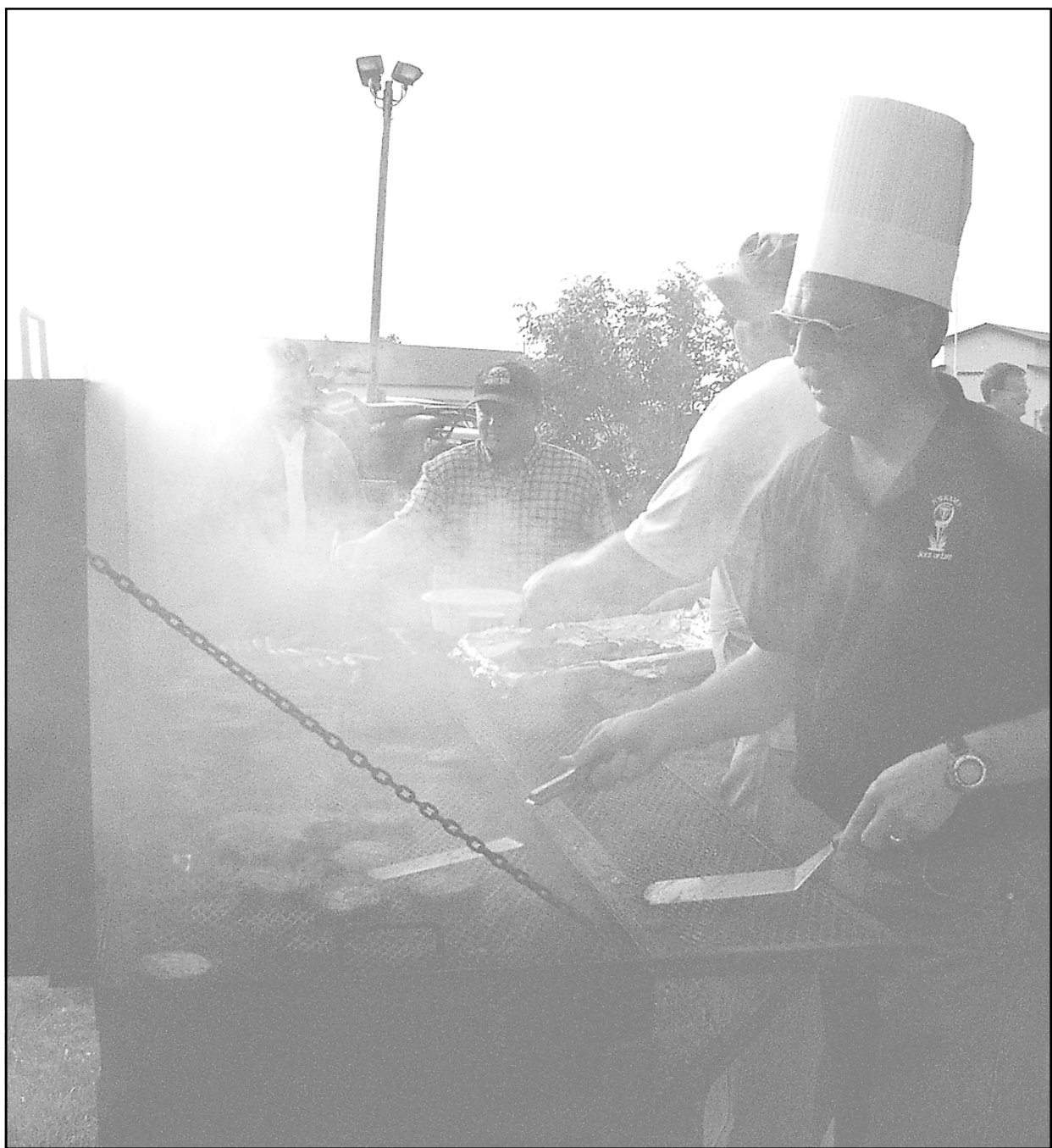
Jolly said over the next several weeks and months, the hospital and board will be reviewing the hospital's strategic plan. He said he believes the hospital has a bright future.

"This is an exciting time for medicine as technology and research continue to develop," he said. "We don't know for sure how the changes will affect us, but there are continuing changes we may be able to use."

Jolly has a life outside the hospital. He said he sang in a church choir and enjoys being in community theater productions. His other hobbies are hunting and fishing.

While in Brazil, Jolly said, he found the community had a concert band which dates back to the Lincoln-Douglas debates in 1958. He said he played tuba in the band for six seasons, and also plays bass in a swing band.

"I started playing in sixth grade and through high school," he said. "While in New Mexico I picked it up again, and have played in several community bands over the years."



Cooks for the Goodland Regional Medical Center picnic Thursday evening were members of the hospital board Lynn Hoelting, Steve Evert and Doug Irvin. About 150 hospital employees and their families turned out to enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs and meet Jay Jolly the new administrator.

Photos by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

Man turns dead tree into living art

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trees when he and his wife's good friend, who lives north of Windsor, Colo., had a dead tree in her yard and let him carve it. She already had three tree carvings in her yard.

He said he didn't have any special training, just copied another of the carvings in the woman's yard. It was a bear, he said, and it took him about three hours to complete.

He said their friend wanted to keep the carving, but he and his wife took it home and put it in their yard. Since then, he said, he has carved other trees in their yard. He said one of the bears — his specialty — is waving.

In addition to carving bears,

Russell said he has created carvings of eagles, raccoons, a wolf and a moose. Most of the carvings, he said, he has done for friends or family. The sculptures need to be treated with linseed oil afterwards to keep them from decaying, he said.

Russell got a degree in forestry and entomology from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo.

"I really like to diagnose health problems with trees and help people learn to care for their trees properly," he said. He said it's a challenge for him when it comes to trees on the Front Range because of the "horrible soil and semi-arid climate."

He said trees need extra water and care in that area if people want the

trees to look good.

"It's fun because you're working with a living thing and I really enjoy that," he said.

Russell said when doing a tree carving, he looks at the shape of a tree to decide what to create out of it.

He created a carving of a bear sitting down with a cub at an apartment complex in Windsor.

Because of the diameter of the tree stump, he said, he decided to have the bear in a sitting position and added the cub. He said it fit the area because there are a lot of single parents with kids living there.

"I can just look at a piece of wood and tell what I want to do with it," he said.

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Goodland Accident

May 4 — At 6:55 a.m., Adam M. Mader, driving a '96 Ford pickup, stopped at a stop sign at 12th and Kansas and proceeded south, while a '94 Ford, driven by Mary A. Ohmes, was going east on 12th. Ohmes' vehicle was not out of the intersection yet and Mader's vehicle hit her vehicle in the intersection.

Marriage Licenses

Alan Joseph Reuber, Atwood, and Melissa Jo Clark, Goodland. Scott William Frazier and Darcy Lynette Holmes, both of Goodland. Michael John Schweitzer and Sally Anne Norman, both of Littleton, Colo.

Goodland Police Report

April 29 — At 8:31 p.m., Chrissy L. Cody was a victim of criminal trespass, battery, disorderly conduct, and theft of a cordless phone which occurred between 2 and 5 a.m. on April 29 at 1626 Colorado.

May 2 — At 7:33 a.m., Emily Boster reported that her bike was damaged between 4 p.m. on May 1 and 7:30 a.m.

on May 2 at 520 W. 12th, \$100.

At 4:58 p.m., Angel A. Corke, 37, and Amber D. Young, 17, were victims of disorderly conduct at Wal-Mart which occurred between 4:30 and 4:58 p.m. on May 2.

At 2:11 p.m., Cassandra Constable was arrested for criminal damage and Christopher Dawdy was arrested for battery which occurred between 1:40 and 2:11 p.m. on May 2 against each other at 1511 Colorado.

May 3 — At 7:28 a.m., David A. Becker reported that a heated rear window on his van was damaged between 11 p.m. on May 2 and 7:28 a.m. on May 3 at 307 E. Third, \$768.

May 4 — William A. Ford was arrested for battery and disorderly conduct against Alvin Martinez and criminal damage, \$30, which occurred between 1:15 and 1:33 a.m. on May 4 at 1626 Colorado.

Sunday — At 8:55 a.m., Fred G. Kirby reported that his mailbox and post at 624 Sherman were damaged between 8 p.m. on Saturday and 8:55 a.m. on Sunday.

At 7:15 p.m., James A. Dirks, 29, was arrested for battery and disorderly

conduct which occurred between 4:30 and 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Real Estate Transfers

Marilyn I. and Larry D. Bohl to Kenneth D. Daniels, Lots 27 through 32 in Block 19 of the CK&N Addition to Goodland.

Executor of the estate of Arthur Earl Brown to Kimberly J. Jones, all of Lots 8 and 9 in Block 14 of the CK&N Addition to Goodland.

Nicholas A. and Arlene A. Wolf to N. Cherry LLC, the north 40 feet of Lot 8 and the south 30 feet of Lot 9 in Block 23 of Beahm's Addition to Goodland.

Sharon D. Cahoj to P. David Scheibe, Lots 13 and 14 in Block 2 of the First Addition to Goodland.

Ronnie and Debbie Reed to Timothy C. Pacello and JoAnn M. Matthews, Lots 4 and 5, in Block 85 of the Original Town of Goodland.

David L. and Mariel L. Wieggers to Ronnie J. and Debbie S. Reed, all of Lots 7, 8 and 9 in Block 40 of the Second Addition to Goodland.

Ag Marketing Concepts to the City of Goodland, a tract in the SW 1/4 of Sec. 20, T8S, R39W.

Raising gas prices puts strain on schools

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ing at a pretty bad time. The district spent about twice what it expected this year for heat and gas — and gas prices continue to rise.

Plus, Selby said, individual health insurance rates will go from \$2.16 a month to \$2.85 a month next school year. The increase is less than a dollar, but it adds up quickly, as the district pays health insurance rates for 156 staff members.

"We will have to figure out where we're going to get this money," he said. At the board's meeting Monday, members will:

- Present awards to students.

- Discuss allowing two juniors to graduate early next school year.

- Consider renewing a contract with the company that broadcasts news into the high school's classrooms.

- Talk about extending a lease-purchase agreement with the Northwest Kansas Technical College. The district owns the property and build-

ings.

- Hear recommendations from the district's five principals on which coaches and other non-certified employees should be allowed to keep their jobs next year.

- Possibly go behind closed doors to talk about personnel or contract negotiations.

Kansas farmers abandon wheat

WICHITA (AP) — Kansas farmers abandoned 1 million acres of their hard winter wheat crop, and are expected to harvest just 285.6 million bushels from the remaining acres, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported Thursday.

The department's monthly crop production report offered the first official government estimate of the 2001 wheat harvest. If the forecast holds, this year's Kansas crop will be down 18 percent from last year.

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