

People, hospital impress visiting Veterans Affairs team

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a remote clinic. He said he was impressed that representatives from S&T Communications were at the hospital to talk to him about clinic needs and what could be offered. Salazar said he had difficulty working on the rural clinics in southern Colorado with a different firm. Don Newell, S&T Goodland office manager, was at the hospital along with Tracy Purvis, Internet services specialist, and Wayne Grammon, central office technician. Grammon said he felt the visit with Salazar had gone well, and that there were plenty of options and services that could be provided for a clinic. "Salazar said he was impressed with the services S&T has provided," Grammon said, "and the

way the hospital has maintained the phone system." The team toured areas where a proposed clinic could be opened, a suite of three exam rooms, a conference room and storage room. Jolly and Jim Precht, hospital finance officer, answered questions and showed the team around. Other staff members helping show the team around and answering questions included Pamela Kinsinger, Goodland Family Health clinic manager; Lisa Paxton, director of speech therapy and telemedicine coordinator; Mona Marrs, laboratory director; Karen Hooker, director of respiratory therapy and infection control; Wendy Fritz, director

of diagnostic imaging; and Larissa Coon, director of occupational therapy, who is in the U.S. Army Reserves. About 25 people gathered in the board room to ask questions, including veterans Ken Baum, Mazie Sutton, Mel Pfau, Chet Ross and Dwight Perrey; Rep. Jim Morrison, Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer, Mayor Rick Billinger and County Commissioner Kevin Rasure; Lynn Hoelting, hospital board chairman, and Darin Neufeld, a hospital board member; Bruce Gleason, ambulance service director; and Larry Rowilson, Veterans of Foreign Wars 9th District commander from Oakley.



Pamela Kinsinger, Goodland Family Health clinic manager (center), talked to Georgiana Inskeep (left) from a visiting Veterans Affairs team about accessories available in each examination room. Lisa Paxton, (right) director of speech therapy and telemedicine coordinator for the hospital, helped answer questions. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Storm may change plan

CLEAN-UP, from Page 1

Waste collection which had been scheduled for Saturday has been put off until Saturday, April 28, because of the storm predicted by the National Weather Service.

The county household waste site will hold its spring collection from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. that day at the building on the west side of Cherry Avenue across from Pizza Hut.

The county has contracted with Guaranteed Recycling Xperts from Denver to take electronic recyclable material starting this month. People who have computers or electronic devices like toasters or microwaves can take them to the transfer station north of town from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 21. There is no charge to county residents.

County Commissioner Kevin Rasure said the company will collect computer hard drives, and will certify destruction of a drive for \$5.

Skating on agenda

The Shine on Sherman County Youth Engagement Committee wants the city to help develop a skate park, part of its goal to find ways to keep kids active.

Committee member Dana Belshe, county extension agent, said the group has met several times and talked with kids to come up with ideas or needs, and a skating park seemed to be one mentioned the most.

He said the committee looked at several locations and the one that has the most interest is on Cherry west of Steever Water Park.

"One of the questions we have for the City Commission is if there are other plans for that area," Belshe said. "The committee will be asking about the location and possibly ask for city assistance."

He said the committee has been looking at skating parks in other towns the size of Goodland and in larger cities. He said they are trying to see what kind of costs are involved.

A couple of companies have provided some basic plans and costs, he said.

Committee co-chairs Connie Livengood and Wendy Wellman will be at the city commission meeting at 5 p.m. Monday to present plans for the park.

City Manager Wayne Hill said they had talked to him about the project, but the plans need to be reviewed and approved by the commission.

Other agenda items include:

- A budget request from the Carnegie Arts Center for next year, and a discussion about the problem of making the old library handicap accessible.

- An agreement for a \$1,528,402 state "geometric improvement" project for repaving K-27 from I-70 north to Business U.S. 24 with concrete. The city portion would be \$305,680.

- Bids on demolition of the old K-Inn motel at 611 E. Business U.S. 24.

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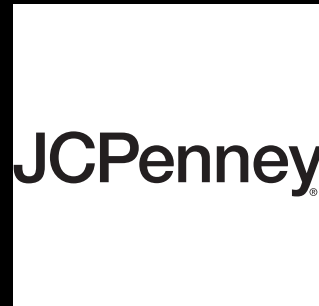
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