

Kindergartners hold Mother's Day tea



Rebecca Lockhart gave her mother Elizabeth Lockhart what she had made for her for Mother's Day at the tea North Elementary School kindergartners had for their mothers on Friday afternoon. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Hospital week May 11-17

The Kansas Hospital Association is highlighting statistics from a report showing the economic impact of the health care industry for National Hospital Week, which is May 11-17.

More than 1,600 people in Sherman, Thomas and Cheyenne counties are in health services and the total income impact is more than \$42,926,000 for the three counties.

"Hospitals and health services truly represent an economic anchor in our state," said Tom Bell, president and chief executive officer of the group. "This report documents the relative importance of the health care sector to the Kansas economy."

The report, "The Importance of the Health Care Sector to the Kansas Economy," was produced by researchers at the Office of Local Government at Kansas State University Research and Extension. It is part of the statewide Kansas Rural Health Works program sponsored by the Kansas Rural Health Options Project.

The report says Kansas hospitals employ 65,342 people, or 3.6 percent of all jobs in the state, with a total payroll of \$3.4 billion. Using economic multipliers, the report estimates hospitals account for another 50,313 jobs.

The health sector employs 177,585 people or 9.8 percent of

all jobs, while supporting other businesses and jobs in communities across the state, the study reports. Total employment impact is estimated at 290,728 jobs.

An estimated 608 people in Sherman County work in health services and the income impact in the county is an estimated \$16,004,000.

Health services covers 9.6 percent of all employees in Sherman County. Statewide 8.2 percent of all people are in health services, while 8.5 percent of all people in the United States work in health services. Health Services ranks as the fifth largest employer in Sherman County, ranks fourth with the wages paid and sixth in terms of total income.

In Thomas County health services employs an estimated 787 jobs, and the total income impact results in \$21,332,000 for the county.

Health services rank fifth in Thomas County in the number of people employed, fifth with the wages paid and sixth in term of total income.

In Cheyenne County health services employs 221 people, and the total income impact results in \$5,590,000 for the county.

Health services rank fifth in Cheyenne County in the number of people employed, fourth in the wages paid and fifth in terms of total income.

Award to be presented at Slice of Life event

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Goodland Regional Medical Center board members were asked to sell tickets to the Slice of Life benefit auction and learned the hospital will receive an award at the event at a meeting Monday, April 28.

Tina Goodwin, director of marketing and volunteer services, handed out envelopes with six tickets each for the auction and entertainment on Friday, June 20, and asked board members to sell them.

Twelve celebrities have confirmed, she said, adding that organizers will provide transportation for them and plan to have a shuttle available for anyone who wants a ride to Sugar Hills Golf Club.

The hospital was the Northwest

District winner for the Kansas Hospital Association's Community Connections Award, said Administrator Jay Jolly, for its efforts in bringing a Veterans Affairs outreach clinic to the area. A presentation will be made at the event.

The 19th annual benefit auction and golf tournament takes on a military theme and a different schedule this year, still raising money for the Northwest Kansas Area Medical Foundation to help the hospital.

The VIP reception and M*A*S*H Bash with silent and live auctions and live entertainment will be Friday, June 20, and the golf tournament Saturday, June 21. The silent auction will continue throughout the tournament, and auction winners

will be announced at the awards reception.

In the past, the reception was Friday night, the auction and entertainment Saturday night and the golf tournament Sunday.

Sunday will be a travel day for out-of-town guests and celebrities, said Dale Schields, foundation director and human resource director at the hospital; some involved with the event have other things going on.

The new format has potential benefits, he said. Organizers hope having the event on two days instead of three will reduce expenses by eliminating one evening social and celebrity lodging and golf expenses for two days.

The reception will be from 5:30 to

6:30 p.m. Friday in the M*A*S*H tent at Sugar Hills Golf Club. At 6:30 p.m., the doors open for the M*A*S*H Bash in tents outside the clubhouse. The Blue Heeler band from Hutchinson will perform.

The shotgun start to the golf tournament will be at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, and the silent auction will continue. The awards reception will be at 4 p.m., and the golf club will provide evening entertainment.

The Friday night social will use the M*A*S*H theme, Schields said, with tents and jeeps and fatigues worn by those involved. Sugar Hills will provide the food and beverages, he said, and organizers are working with the National Guard on the theme.

"We are proud to honor our mili-

tary service men and women during the 2008 Slice of Life weekend," he said.

Admission is \$40 for those not participating in the golf tournament, Goodwin said. Some items will be sold in a live auction and others in a silent auction.

Entries fees for the tournament are \$130 per person or \$390 per team. Three-person teams will be sorted into flights after playing. Teams of men will be sorted into "Acute" and "Chronic," based on score, with "Acute" being the top flight. There will be three winners in each. Mixed teams will be in "Maligner" with three winners, and women's teams in "Malady," (m'lady).

Teams bid at the auction on celeb-

rity guests to join them for the golf tournament. Golfers must be 21 to participate.

There will be team and special prizes, door prizes and hole-in-one prizes, Goodwin said. For one designated hole, the prize will be \$10,000, \$5,000 to the golfer and \$5,000 to the foundation, and the prize for a hole-in-one on one hole will be a new vehicle.

For information or to register for the tournament, call Schields at (785) 890-6005 or Goodwin at 890-6036, pick up a registration form at Sugar Hills or fill out a form at the hospital's web site, www.goodlandregional.com, and click on the link for more information under the Slice of Life logo. Links for the forms are at the bottom of the page.

Medical center wins Community Connection Award

Goodland Regional Medical Center took the top award in the Northwest District in the Kansas Hospital Association's Community Connection Award selection.

The hospital won for its effort to bring a Department of Veteran Affairs Community-Based Outreach Clinic to the area.

The award was established in 2006 by the association board to recognize and highlight Kansas Community Connections hospital stories, said Tina Goodwin, director of marketing at the hospital.

Hospitals submit a story on efforts to improve the health and well

being of their communities. One Community Connection award is presented to a hospital-based program in each of six regions.

A presentation will take place at the Slice of Life benefit auction M*A*S*H Bash, Goodwin said. Because of the military theme, the hospital wants to do a tribute to local veterans, and the award presentation will be tied in with that.

In the story submitted to the association, the hospital described its five-year effort to provide access to medical care for veterans in Tri-State Area of northwest Kansas, eastern Colorado and southwest

Nebraska.

For years, the story said, former service members from the area had to travel hundreds of miles to receive medical benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The hospital initiated the idea of a clinic here by holding a forum attended by nearly 300 veterans in August 2004.

From 2004 until the establishment of the outreach clinic in 2007,

the hospital and the residents of Sherman County and the surrounding area continued to pursue medical access for veterans.

The hospital said it mounted a community wide effort through calling and letter campaigns. Although the clinic was eventually opened in Burlington, the hospital said it is proud that through its persistence, it helped to bring medical access to the veterans of our area.

Celebrities to be at event

Twelve celebrities have so far confirmed that they plan to attend the Slice of Life fund raiser for Goodland Regional Medical Center:

Retired Denver Broncos players Larry Brunson, Billy Thompson, Fran Lynch, Jack Guerke, Ron Egloff and Dave Preston; Walter White, retired Kansas City Chiefs player; Isaac "Bud" Stallworth, former University of Kansas and NBA basketball star; Bobby Douglas, former KU and Chicago Bears quarterback; Scott McPhail of DreamWorks; Mel Pender, Olympic

gold medalist in the 4 x 100-meter relay; and Gator Rivers, former Harlem Globetrotters star.

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