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from almost 50 beds to 22 resident beds and construction on the damaged area continued. Most of those entering the nursing home in March were former residents.

On Feb. 1, Village administrator, Jeff Paulsen, announced that much of the construction was finished. The kitchen and dining areas in the east wing would be turned back into rooms for residents and there were three new large private rooms available. When completely remodeled, the nursing home will have 35 skilled-care beds.

The staff offers Meals on Wheels several days during the week when the senior center is not delivering. The Village has 14 independent living apartments.

Home Health Care

The Good Samaritan Home Health Care unit serves clients in Cheyenne, Sherman and Rawlins counties. The home health office offers physical and speech therapy along with skilled nursing, certified nurse aides and homemaker services. These are nice for homebound people, as the staff will perform small

housekeeping duties, run errands, do grocery shopping and even fix a meal.

Cheryl Lee, a registered nurse, became director at the first of the year after 26 years in the field.

The unit contracts with the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging to provide homemaker and personal care help.

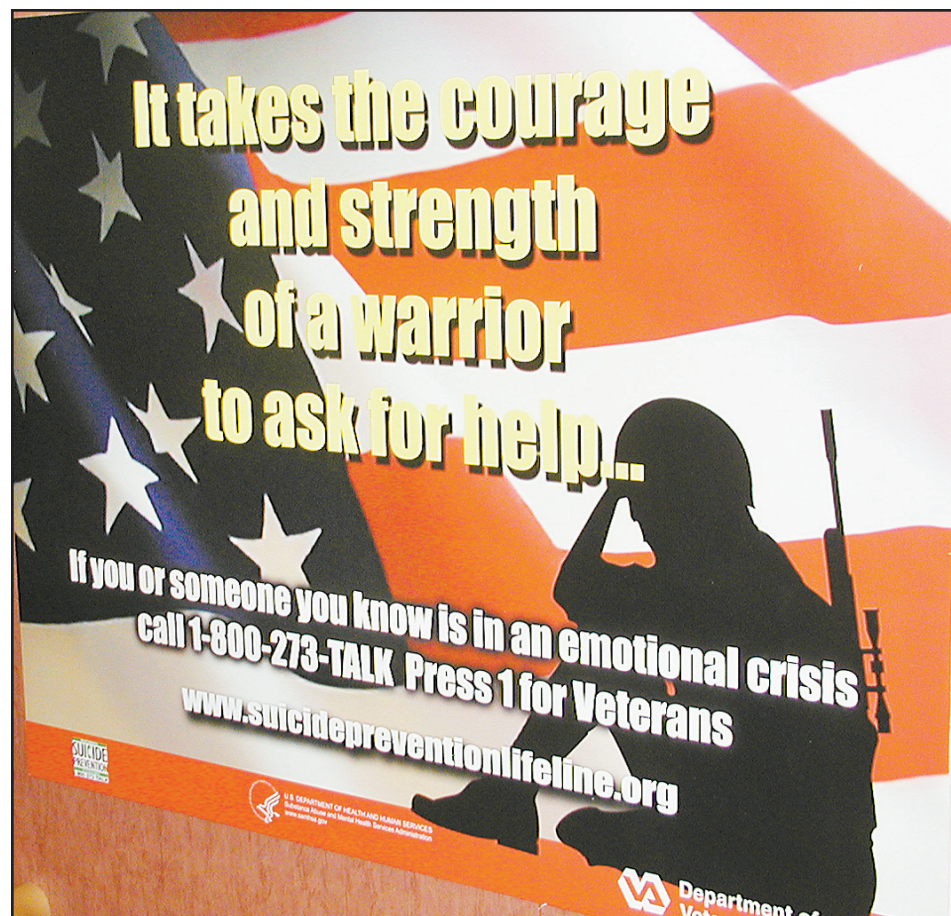
Senior center

The St. Francis Senior Center delivers Meals on Wheels on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. These are also the days that the center serves well-balanced meals for a minimal cost. The center not only offers food but also gives the older population a place to come for visiting, playing cards and games.

The Bird City Senior Center does not offer food but is a place where seniors gather for social activities and games.

Last year, under the leadership of Rod Klepper, the Dairy King in Bird City, with some help of volunteers, began delivering meals to seniors at a reduced price. Their goal was to make sure that those who could not get out would be able to have a warm meal.

Crisis hotline



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This poster, in the Veterans Affairs clinic in Burlington, Colo., reminds patrons to call if returning soldiers exhibit any signs of emotional crisis.

moves med clinic

The unaudited numbers for the hospital show a loss of \$791,804 for the year, she said. That doesn't include a \$325,000 Medicare reimbursement the hospital received in December. The hospital, she said, should receive another Medicare reimbursement for 2011 for at least \$225,000, which should bring the loss down to around \$241,000.

The actual numbers for 2011, said Doeden, including expenses and revenues, include the Family Practice Clinic. If the clinic expenses were subtracted from the loss and the Medicare reimbursements were added in, the hospital would more than likely have broken even or made money.

For the 2012 budget, the administrator said, they included the hospital, the Family Practice Clinic, two doctors, two and a half midlevels and the added staff and expenses.

At the fitness center at the Decatur County Hospital, Administrator Lynn Doeden used one of the weight machines with Respiratory Care Manager Deb Klima. – Oberlin Herald file photo





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