

Oakley hospital going digital

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Another project the hospital has been working on is implementing electronic medical records.

The hospital also has 20 independent living apartments in the same building. They have an activities program and meal service.

Howard said the hospital's philosophy is to be a complete health-care unit that works closely with its other divisions.

"When all these groups work together and pull in the same direction, it gives a unified healthcare opportunity to patients in our community," she said. "And I think that the main thing is that we're willing to work with every entity in this town, whether it is your foundation or health department, and share resources, and in the end, it's to benefit the patient."

"We're excited," Kruse said. "We have lots of new things in the plans for our vision and our mission of the health care of Logan County."



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kidney dialysis unit is nearing completion

Chief Executive Officer Jay Jolly said the hospital began looking into a dialysis unit in January 2010, when a unit in Burlington, Colo., closed. Jolly and his staff began studying the regulatory requirements and logistics of setting up a dialysis unit and held public meetings. The hospital board approved the new unit in August 2010 and Jolly created a team to start planning. Construction began in December.

"A tremendous amount of work goes into this," he said.

Heape said the best thing about the new unit is that the hospital is offering the service even though it knows it will be difficult to make money.

"They're doing this strictly for the community," she said. "That's why I'm here."

Otherwise, she said, the nearest machines are in Hays, Denver, Garden City and McCook, Neb., and many patients had to move to those cities to receive regular treatment.

The unit has been paid for partly using Community Service Tax Credits from the Kansas Department of Commerce. The Northwest Kansas Area Medical Foundation received about \$246,000 in these credits, which it used as donor incentives. In December, the foundation put in \$75,000.

The unit has also gotten financial support from various or-

ganizations. In December, Tri-State Health Assistance of Burlington contributed \$17,000 that came from area donors. That organization had helped establish the unit in Burlington and helped establish Goodland's.

According to the most recent available data, the Goodland hospital had 309 acute admissions in 2010, 94 swing bed, 47 births, 7577 specialist visits, 754 surgical procedures, 2925 emergency room visits and 747 ambulance runs.

The hospital lost about \$1.3 million in revenue last year.

Sherman County services include nurses, pharmacies and dentists

Health services available in Sherman County cover a breadth of fields, including a hospital, clinics, pharmacies, dental, eye care, chiropractic, exercise and long-term nursing care facilities.

Goodland Regional Medical Center, 220 W. Second, a 25-bed critical access hospital, has a specialty clinic featuring about 37 visiting doctors in 20 fields. Specialists come from Denver, Colorado Springs, Garden City, Hays and Kansas City.

The areas covered include mental health, allergy, autism and developmental disabilities, heart, ear-nose-throat, endocrine, gastric and intestinal, general surgery, nerve, babies and women's health, cancer and blood disease, eye, bone, foot, lung, urinary and pathology services.

The hospital has a dietician, Sarah Linton; a social worker, Mindy Greene; and a speech therapist, Crystal Schultz. A radiologist with Professional Radiology Services, based in Dodge City, reads X-rays on weekdays.

To make an appointment with a visiting doctor, call the specialty clinic (785) 890-6030.

The hospital operates the Sherman County ambulance service as Northwest Kansas Emergency Medical Services and moves patients by fixed-wing airplane with Eagle Med at Renner Field, the Goodland municipal airport. For emergency medical help, call 911.

The Goodland Family Health Center, operated by the hospital, has three family-practice doctors, David Younger, Travis Daise and Mo Shafei; an internist and pediatrician, Dr. Lisa M. Unruh; and a nurse practitioner, Jacquie Jorgensen. Phone (785) 890-6075.

Jack Lucas provides physical therapy out of the hospital.

Nurse practitioner Sondra Krayca has her office at 910 Main. The number is (785) 890-7950.

Medical Arts Pharmacy, 202 Willow Road, across from the hospital, offers full prescription services and a drive-up window. Owner Cesar Miller is the main pharmacist. The store is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and the number is (785) 890-5111.

Goodland Walmart SuperCenter, 2160 Commerce Road, has a pharmacy with three pharmacists open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (785) 899-2266.

There are two sources for primary dental care. Goodland Dental Arts, 504 Main, has dentists Dr. Terry Imel and Dr. Megan Pearce. The phone is (785) 899-6222.

Dr. James Baker has his office at 1009 Main and his phone number is (785) 890-2562.

Dr. Jeffrey Waterhouse has an office at 1014 Main offering oral surgery and orthodontics on Wednesday and Thursday about every other week. Call the office at (785) 899-3025.

Three optometrists provide eye care: Dr. David F. Schnee, 601 East U.S. 24 at (785) 899-5501; Dr. Mark Wahlmeier and Dr. Danielle McAtee at Vision Source, 1102 Broadway Ave., (785) 899-3654; and Dr. Ryan Neuman at the Neuman Vision Care, 919 Main, at (785) 890-3937.

There are three chiropractic clinics: Clifton Porterfield at 2233 Caldwell, (785) 899-2500; Patrick Gleason of Gleason Chiropractic at 1015 Main, (785) 899-2225; and Brett Poling of Poling Chiropractic at 1109 Main, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon, (785) 728-7282.

Healthful Solutions, 524 E. Business U.S. 24, has massage therapy and exercise classes. The office is operated by Paige Harper, phone (785) 821-4442. Pam Sheldon does massage therapy on an appointment basis.

Angie Witman operates Meier Clinics, offering counseling services at (888) 725-4642 through Gleason Chiropractic at 1015 Main.

Jessica Freimuth offers massage therapy at Right Combination Dance Studio, 902 W. Business U.S. 24, phone (785) 890-3285.

The Sherman County Good Samaritan Society, 208 W. Second, offers 48 skilled-nursing beds and an Alzheimer's unit with 12 beds. The number is (785) 890-7517.

On West Eighth Street, Wheat Ridge Retirement Community offers assisted-living care with 50 rooms and 10 independent housing units in duplexes. Call (786) 899-0100.

The Sherman County Health Department, 1622 Broadway, provides immunizations, blood pressure checks and Women, Infants and Children nutrition care. Call (785) 890-4888.

Goodland Home Health, 655 E. 22nd, owned by Sue McCracken, a registered nurse, phone (785) 890-7658, and Good Samaritan Home Health Care, 820 S. Denison, St. Francis, at (866) 365-3588 provide home services.

Meals on Wheels delivers meals to people who can't get out at their homes, cooked by the hospital kitchen. Contact the hospital at (785) 890-3625.

Lincare, 1013 Main, supplies home oxygen and medical equipment. Call (785) 899-6848. Hearing aids and maintenance are available from Precision Hearing Service, 1208 Main, at (785) 899-3166.

Golden West Skills Center, 108 Aspen Road, offers a ResCare program for the mentally and physically handicapped and has group homes,

(785) 899-2322. Tammy Fogg, a registered nurse, is branch manager of ResCare Home Care of Northwest Kansas, a licensed home health agency. Call (785) 728-7198. The agency covers a five-county area.

High Plains Mental Health, 722 Main, has four staff therapists who handle patients in Sherman, Cheyenne and Wallace counties. Call (785) 899-5991. High Plains handles a 20-county area from its headquarters in Hays. Emergency help is available at (800) 432-0333.


The Thomas County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council has an office at 120 W. 11th, Goodland, and provides substance abuse counseling. Rex VanHorn and Chris Bencken are in Goodland on Tuesday and Wednesday. To make an appointment, call the Colby office at (785) 462-6111.

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clude Alcoholics Anonymous at (785) 890-3023 or (785) 399-2353, Al Anon at (785) 890-3023, Adult Children of Alcoholics at (785) 821-4277 or (785) 821-2862, Narcotics Anonymous at (785) 890-8369 and Emotions Anonymous, which meets at the hospital.

The Goodland Activities Center, 808 Main, is your complete activities center in Goodland. Play basketball, volleyball, racquetball or pool. The center has aerobics classes, a cardio room and a weight room. Youth sports include soccer, basketball, baseball, softball, football, tennis and wrestling, with classes in tumbling and taekwondo.

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