

Hospital plans phone survey to gather information

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When you answer the phone, and a stranger's on the line asking questions, the temptation may be to hang up.
But Goodland Regional Medical Center officials hope when calls go out for information for the Rural Health Works survey, Sherman County residents will stay on the line.
Members of the health works steering committee are drafting questions for the telephone survey, Hospital Administrator Jay Jolly told hospital board members at the board's regular meeting, Monday, Jan. 24, and would like to get information from as many in the county as possible.

But the administrator acknowledged a phone survey may get a lot of hang-ups, especially if people don't know who needs the information.
"We need to get publicity out," Jolly said, "and let people know — please answer this one; it affects us locally."
The survey will probably be done sometime in the spring, Jolly said, and the idea is to figure out what is important to people in the county regarding health care.
The idea is to get feedback from people on what services are most important to them, he said, and where they like to go to use those services. There may be some services that people go elsewhere for that could be offered here, he said,

and services offered here that people don't really use.
The questions will be about all health care services, Jolly said, not just the hospital. Information will probably be sought about dentists, chiropractors and other health care providers, he said.
The project is to look at the economic impact of health care, he said, so it also involves jobs generated by health care and the economic impact.
"We're trying to do something positive for the county," Jolly said, "not just with health care but also economically."
There will be information about the project at the Sherman County Health Fair 8-11 a.m. Saturday at

the Goodland Activities Center, Jolly said.
Those involved in the project have been updating information from the economic impact study, he said, trying to nail the numbers down more specifically as to the number employed by health care facilities and the economic impact.
Hospitals interested in the program were asked to send representatives to a meeting Oct. 21 in Great Bend. Goodland's hospital was one of 10 represented, but nine of the 20 people present were from Goodland.
The project is a partnership between the Kansas Office of Local and Rural Health, the Kansas Hospital Association, the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services

and the Kansas Medical Society.
The project has partnered with the Kansas State University Research and Extension division through the local office. The university is providing the research and planning leadership.
The project is paid for by grants and will be done in phases. A health care economic impact study for each of the 105 Kansas counties was done in phase no. 1 and was released last February. Two Kansas cities, Goodland and Belleville, were chosen to pilot the process in phase no. 2.
This phase should help communities identify their health care needs; examine the social, economic and political realities that affect the delivery of health care;

determine desires and realistic goals for additions and strengthen the system to meet community needs; and develop an action plan to meet those goals.
A series of planning meetings between interested community leaders will be held over the next five to seven months. The second meeting for Goodland was held Tuesday, Jan. 18. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 15.
The planning process is expected to help the hospital and other health providers plan from a consumer-oriented perspective, and maintain services better targeted to the needs and expectations of the patients who will use them and use resources more effectively.

Goodland man arrested in Colorado on meth drug charges

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strate judge. Both men were acquitted for criminal trespassing but the court found Baumfalk guilty of disorderly conduct. He was sentenced to 29 days in jail, fines and court charges.
When the trial was finished, Baumfalk was arrested by Doug Murphy, coordinator of the drug task force, and taken to the Sherman County Bastille.
Two years later in the Thornton Kmart parking lot an affidavit report from Don Quick, district attorney for Adams County, said Baumfalk told officers they came to Colorado to see Zimbelman's mother who is in a nursing home

items used in the manufacture of methamphetamines," Lopez said.
The affidavit report said officers noticed several scabs and open sores on Zibelman's arms while in the store. He admitted to officers that he had a baggy of methamphetamine in his right coin pocket and upon his arrest, a bag 0.68 grams of a white powdery substance was found.
The report said officers performed a field test on the bag and got a presumptive positive for amphetamine.
Police placed Zimbelman under arrest and he gave them permission to search the car. Lopez said officers found a back pack in the seat behind where Baumfalk was sitting that Zimbelman said belonged to Baumfalk.
In the pack, Lopez said, there was a green vile containing 1.00 grams of a substance believed to be meth by officers on the scene who conducted a field test and got back a presumptive positive for amphetamine.
He said a 9 mm loaded Ruger gun was found in the backpack along with two baggies containing 488 loose sudoephedrine pills. The weapon, Lopez said, would not be grounds for the possession of a deadly weapon charge by itself but in conjunction with the methamphetamines, Baumfalk was charged on weapon possession.

The report said Baumfalk denied the bag belonged to him.
A shopping bag was found underneath the driver's seat of the car containing another 452 loose sudoephedrine pills.
"That's a good amount," Lopez said adding a meth team was not called out because the car did not contain a lab.
The report states Zimbelman said the pills in the bag belonged to him and he was hoping to trade them and the items in the shopping cart for methamphetamine.
Lopez said they found a few glass pipes similar to those used to smoke

the methamphetamines and the report listed two more cans of Coleman fuel were found in the trunk.
The affidavit said Zimbelman admitted he was addicted to methamphetamine and the baggy in his pocket was purchased at a truck stop in Kansas. He completed a written statement naming Baumfalk as the owner of the backpack.
Both men were arrested, Lopez said, and taken to the Adams County Detention Facility in Brighton, Colo., where they were held.
Baumfalk was charged with possession of a controlled substance a sixth degree felony, possession of

chemical supplies as a precursor to manufacture drugs a third degree felony and possession of a deadly weapon, a special offender sentence enhancement charge.
Zimbelman was charged with possession of chemical supplies for a controlled substance a third degree felony and possession of a controlled substance a sixth degree felony.
Baumfalk posted a \$5,000 security bond on the charges and was released on Saturday, Jan. 22. Zimbelman posted a \$5,000 security bond and was released on Thursday, Jan. 6.
Zimbelman will be up for a pre-

liminary hearing in Adams County Court on Friday, Feb. 18, in Adams County District court in Brighton.
In the preliminary hearing here last week for Baumfalk, Judge Jack Burr bound the case over on all counts. A pre-trial hearing will be held on Monday, April 18, where a date will be set for a trial.
Quick said Baumfalk will be up for arraignment in Adams County District Court at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 22.
Baumfalk had a preliminary hearing in Adams County Court, on Friday, Jan. 21, where the case was bound over and sent to district court.

Tickets on sale for dinner show

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tray the hapless bank robbers. Marion Armstrong is cast as a door-to-door cosmetic sales lady, and Jeff Deeds plays three different roles. Curtis Duncan plays a radio announcer whom the robbers hear announcing their descriptions for people to be on the lookout for them.
The dinner theater is the major fund raising event for the Goodland Arts Council each year. First National Bank and Kennedy & Coe sponsor the performances.
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