# Hospital plans phone survey to gather information

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News When you answer the phone, and a stranger's on the line asking questions, the temptation may be to hang

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

edged 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 positive for the county," Jolly said, important to them, he said, and where they like to go to use those economically." services. There may be some services that people go elsewhere for the project at the Sherman County

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 eco-

nomic 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

There will be information about

tatives 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 be-

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.

gram were asked to send represen-

Hospitals interested in the pro-

"not just with health care but also tween the Kansas Office of Local and Rural Health, the Kansas Hospital Association, the Kansas Board that could be offered here, he said, Health Fair 8-11 a.m. Saturday at of Emergency Medical Services affect the delivery of health care; more effectively.

But the administrator acknowl- and services offered here that the Goodland Activities Center, 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, where chosen to pilot the process in phase no. 2.

This phase should help communeeds; examine the social, eco-

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 consumeroriented perspective, and maintain nities identify their health care services better targeted to the needs and expectations of the patients nomic and political realities that who will use them and use resources

#### Goodland man arrested in Colorado on meth drug charges

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trate 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

When the trial was finished, Baumfalk was arrested by Doug Murphy, coordinator of the drug task force, and taken to the Sherman

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

After detaining Baumfalk, Lopez said officers went into the store to find Zimbelman and ask permission to search the car. Lopez said Zimbelman's shopping cart contained two cans of Coleman fuel, two cans of carburetor cleaner, two boxes of sudoephedrine and a siphon hose.

"The shopping cart was full of

County Bastille.

#### Tickets on sale fordinnershow

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tray the hapless bank robbers. Marion Armstrong is cast as a doorto-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

The dinner theater is the major fund raising event for the Goodland Arts Council each year. First National Bank and Kennedy sponsor the performances.

Again this year, a "second seating" option will be available for those who do not wish to attend the dinner. The second seating tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door before each performance.

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Sherman Present Ticket at Box Office items used in the manufacture of methamphetamines," Lopez said.

The affidavit report said officers noticed several scabs and open sores neath the driver's seat of the car 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

In the pack, Lopez said, there was a green vile containing 1.00 grams of a substance believed to be meth DOCTOR, from Page 1 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 Low Vision Clinic in Wichita and on weapon possession.

the bag belonged to him.

A shopping bag was found undercontaining 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.

port 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 pos-Lopez said they found a few glass session of a controlled substance a pipes similar to those used to smoke sixth degree felony, possession of

The report said Baumfalk denied the methamphetamines and the re- chemical supplies as a precursor to liminary hearing in Adams County 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 secureleased on Saturday, Jan. 22. Zimbelman posted a \$5,000 secu-Thursday, Jan. 6.

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. Ouick said Baumfalk will be up

for arraignment in Adams County rity bond on the charges and was District Court at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Baumfalk had a preliminary hearrity bond and was released on ingin Adams County Court, on Friday, Jan. 21, where the case was Zimbelman will be up for a pre- bound over and sent to district court.

### Army calls eye doctor back into service

He worked in an office in Atchison for about a year, then in 1981 became a resident at the Eastern Blind Rehabilitation Center at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in West Haven, Conn.

In 1982, Dr. White returned to Kansas and set up a practice in Wellington. From 1982 to 1983, he was a consultant for the Kansas from 1984 to 1985 he was the direc-

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Army's Combined Arms Staff and Driver said. "People would say, Services School and the Command and General Staff College, both taught at Fort Leavenworth. He decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Achievement Medal.

Dr. Driver said Dr. White came out to look at the practice before buying it last year. He said his former patients liked the new doctor.

"He's a great doctor," Dr. 'Boy he's really thorough.'

Dr. Driver said he is remaining optimistic about filling the empty optometrist spot in town.

"Everything's kind of up in the air," Dr. Driver said about getting a new optometrist. "We're very positive about getting someone to replace him, but we don't know when

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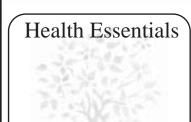


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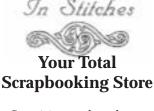
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