

January illnesses good for hospital's bottom line

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for. After that, she said, if patients need to be sent elsewhere, it's up to their preference. Sometimes when the hospital is on "divert," she said, no one else comes in who needs to be admitted.

Babies seemed to come when everyone was in with the flu, Jolly said.

Asked whether it has slowed down, Hickman said it is manageable now.

The hospital had 256 patient days in January, up from 199 in January

2005, a 19 percent jump. The average patient days per month in 2004 was 182 and in 2005 was 152, the totals being 2,179 for the year 2004 and 1,823 for 2005.

The average daily census for January was 17.68 patients, up from 14.06 in January 2005.

The hospital had six deliveries in January, up from five from January 2005, but was down in outpatient visits, 2,385 this year to 2,766 in 2005, and in Goodland Family Health Center visits, 1,921 this year to 2,061 last year.

The health center also was busy,

said manager Leandro de Guzma; there were 1,288 patients in January, up from 980 in January 2005. The clinic added six new patients, he said.

In dollars and cents, the hospital had a \$215,256 net gain for January on the balance sheet, up from last January's \$85,026 net gain. The hospital had \$1,849,602 in cash and investments at the end of January and \$2,902,067 in patient accounts receivable.

Total assets came to \$8,573,027, including \$11,337,667 in land and improvements, building and im-

provements and equipment, minus \$8,485,245 in accumulated depreciation. Current liabilities are \$1,023,789, and long-term debt is \$1,173,295.

The hospital's statement of revenue and expenses shows it had budgeted a \$174,800 net gain for 2005 and ended the year with \$239,618.

The hospital budgeted \$3,966,600 for salaries and wages and spent \$3,893,331.

Employee benefits were also under budget, as were lease expenses, utilities, insurance and interest.

Supplies, professional fees and purchased services were over.

Accounts payable increased for equipment bought at the end of the year, said Joyce Moore, head of the board's finance committee. It was up \$188,000, said Jim Precht, chief financial officer.

The Goodland Family Health Center's statement of revenue and expenses lists a \$14,589 net loss for January, an improvement over the \$86,312 net loss in 2005.

In other business:

- Hickman said the hospital will do a study this month to determine

whether patients are entering with infections that are being missed because they aren't related to their primary diagnosis.

The study is part of the hospital's efforts to get an accurate count on the number of patients who get infections while in the hospital and to reduce those.

- Jolly said Dr. David Younger recently attended a trauma course in Denver.
- The next meeting was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 27.

Police searching for unlucky robber

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short-cropped black hair and a black goatee. He has a tattoo behind his left ear and was wearing a gray sweatshirt and jeans.

"She was very nervous when we got there," Kroskey said, "but she calmed down and gave us a perfect description. She did very well."

"She said he showed her a revolver-type gun," Smee said, "but he didn't pull it out."

"We put an alert out statewide and in Colorado. The motel clerk saw the van head west on I-70, but he could have turned around or taken another road."

Smee said it was somewhat unusual for a robber to hit a motel because most of their income is from credit cards. He said a night deposit had been made.

"I don't know what made him think the motel was a good place," Smee said. "It could be

the gas stations were busy and he didn't want to take a chance at robbing those.

"Whatever it was, he shook up the clerk, but didn't get anything,"

Kroskey said when he and other officers arrived, the two convenience stores were crowded, and officers checked to see if the clerks at those places had seen anything. They didn't, he said.

"I asked the motel manager about the amount of cash," Kroskey said, "and she said nearly 90 to 95 percent of their daily income is credit cards and a few travelers checks."

"Randall gave us a great description, and we think he must have turned off I-70 and headed north or south."

Kroskey said the trooper, who was on a traffic stop four miles from the Colorado line, never saw the van.

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Antenna plant employs 40 after first year

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now employs 265 people.

The Hays plant is being recognized for its safety and health record, says the Kansas Department of Labor, which is giving the firm the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program award.

"Our agency believes it is important to recognize employers who are dedicated to make safe work places a priority, and Adronics/Elrob is deserving of this award," said Secretary Jim Garner.

He said Adronics/Elrob is the 39th small business to be recognized in Kansas.

To be eligible for the award, a firm must have a lost-work-day and illness rate below the national average for that type of business. They must have a written safety program with manager and employee involvement, work site analysis, hazard prevention and training.

The winner gets a one-year ex-

emption from U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration programmed inspections..

Karen Robinson Murphy, vice president of Adronics/Elrob, said the business started by her grandparents is in its third generation of family operation.

Restoration begins to save Christmas treasures

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said Lucas. For Christmas 2004, only about two-thirds of the display was in good enough shape to be put up.

Dechant, vice president of Bankwest, has been in charge of raising money for the restoration. Bankwest and First National Bank each donated \$5,000 and Western State Bank gave \$2,000. Mike Briney, treasurer of the Sherman County

Community Foundation, said about \$13,650 has been donated so far.

Dechant said he asked engineer Darin Neufeld to figure out how much it would take to restore the display.

Neufeld estimated it would take \$20,000 for the supplies alone.

They hope to replace the backs and use heavier and sturdier stands to hold up the pieces, Dechant said. The display has 100 pieces, so it would take at least 100 pieces of

plywood. The steel for the stands will be the most expensive. The rebuilding from the hurricanes has driven up the price, he said.

The bigger pieces fold up, and they need heavier hinges, he said. After the art has been worked on, the pieces will be sealed to protect the painting.

The scenes show the Holy Family's journey to Bethlehem for a census and Joseph and Mary finding no place to stay, a scene with

Jesus in the manger, angels appearing to the shepherds with the news, and the three wise men making the journey.

There are lots of sheep, camels and donkeys.


The project took over 2,000 hours to complete.

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- Outdoes
- Diagram of a surface
- Lowest male singing voice
- Hawaiian acknowledgment
- Military mailbox
- Winglike structure
- Showed old movie
- Seaport, abbr.
- Not sharp
- Small children
- ___ Paulo, city
- Neuro ___: supportting tissue
- Hymn
- Considered individually
- Island state (Brit.)
- Scottish girl
- Metrical foot — 2 short; 1 long
- School (abbr.)
- More abject
- Famous fable creator
- ___culator: math machine
- Cooper products
- Combustable heap
- Paper birds and flowers
- Chadic language
- American Adobo by Cindy ___
- Down with
- Between east and southeast
- Birds of prey
- Raincoats
- Conical buoy
- Conceal
- Sustained dull pain
- One of the humanities
- Chemise
- Impudence
- Garland
- Take hold of (Brit.)

CLUES DOWN

- An aggressive remark
- Ancient Greek City
- Take up a liquid or a gas
- Language of Bangkok
- Not nuts
- Master, slang
- Offends
- Washington river
- Police IDs
- Plume
- Of Salian Franks
- Hebrew for forever (?)
- Watering holes
- Very fast airplane
- ___bitt by Sinclair Lewis
- American Nurses Association
- Possesses
- Copycat
- Compassion or clemency
- Flows into Lake Chad
- Unit of work
- Baltic or Black
- ___sted F. Law, landscape architect
- Pounds per square inch
- Arms factory
- Time off
- Halloween utterance
- Thomas __, British composer, 1700
- Goes by
- Female parents
- Manila hemp
- Nelly __, Swed. dram. & poet
- “___mental Journey”
- Play parts
- High-spirited joy
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