

Hospital, clinic offer health care

Decatur County has a 24 bed hospital, two nursing homes, an independent living facility, chiropractors, a dentist, optometrist, clinic and county health department to offer services to people.

Primary care doctors include Dr. Richard May, Dr. Elizabeth Sliter and Dr. Stelian Andrecu all who do family practice. The hospital also has one nurse practitioner, Jonna Inman.

The hospital operates a 24 hour emergency room manned by the doctors and nurse practitioner who all take turns.

The hospital offers acute care, skill bed, obstetrics, surgery, respiratory, physical therapy and radiology procedures including mammography and CT scans. The hospital also offers specialty clinics bringing in doctors so patients don't have to travel to get service.

The county has two nursing homes, Cedar Living Center, which is part of the hospital and the Good Samaritan Center.

Cedar Living Center has 36 beds and is attached to the hospital.

Good Sam has 47 beds and is located on E. Ash Street.

Wheat Ridge Terrace which is managed by the hospital is located on W. Ash and is a 12-unit independent living facility.

The county also has the Oberlin Medical Arts Clinic which is just west of the hospital. It has the same three doctors and nurse practitioner. The clinic is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Next door to it the Decatur County health department run by Administrator Marilyn Gamblin. The department offers immunizations for adults and children, family planning service, the federal Woman, Infant and Children program, child care licensing and regulation, maternal and infant programs and public health care. They also have a blood-pressure clinic once a month at Golden Ace Center.

On Main Street people can see an optometrist at Lifetime Eyecare Specialists, which is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The clinic offers vision and eye health testing, refractive surgery consulta-

tion and referral, treatment and management of eye diseases, pediatric care, low-vision care, glasses and contacts.

The county has one dentist, Dr. Gary Fredrickson who offers general dental care for kids through the elderly. They do basic fillings, extractions, cleanings, Zoom teeth whitening and porcelain veneer.

The office is open from 4:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

For chiropractic care, Oberlin has Fair Chiropractic Clinic with three trained doctors: Dr. Douglas Fair, Dr. Ryan Unger and Dr. Shannon Addleman. Hours at the clinic are from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Friday, and from 8 a.m. to noon on the first and third Saturday of the month.

Peterson Chiropractic and Acupuncture Clinic is located at 103 W. Commercial. Dr. R. L. Peterson of Norton is at the Oberlin location Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings.



JONNA INMAN, nurse practitioner, checked out a patient at the clinic in Oberlin.

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DR. RYAN UNGER worked on a patient at Fair Chiropractic Clinic in Oberlin.

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