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## Building for the Future

Rangely District Hospital has experienced many changes in the past several months. Last spring Board elections set the tone for the future. We are committed to ensuring the stability of the Hospital. In February Marty Estes was appointed to the Hospital Board. She brings to the Board years of professional experience and community involvement.

Important management changes have been made in the Clinic and the Hospital. The addition of Dr. Hinton, and the addition of new management and staff, have supported a 22% increase in Clinic visits. Additional management staff changes have included: Nick Goshe, promoted to COO, with the expected promotion to CEO in June; the recruitment of Mary Reese as DON, after several years' absence from Rangely District Hospital; and the return of Lois Pittman as IT and Clinic Manager. Jim Dillon, as Chief Financial Officer, has focused on billing and strengthened the business process. All of these management changes have served to strengthen the management staff at Rangely District Hospital for the future.

With all the many issues the Board has dealt with, we have made some difficult and controversial decisions, driven by close examination of costs to value. \$233,000 has been eliminated from operating costs and conservatively, \$125,000 of capital costs have been cancelled.

Looking ahead, the 2008 gain of \$335,000, along with grant monies, has been earmarked for improved lab equipment (increased internal testing), new bone density equipment (increased services), a new boiler (improved efficiency), and if all goes as planned, a state of the art, digital mammography equipment (improved services).

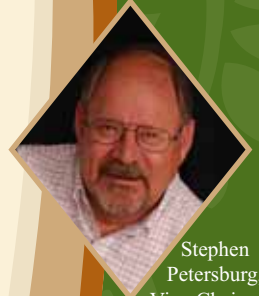
The Board of Directors and Hospital Management will continue to look for ways to improve services, add new services for the convenience of the community and examine where costs can be contained, while still providing the stability needed to face the future.

Again, as in past years, the 9 HealthFair will be held on April 25th in the EEC. Kelly Just, Laboratory Manager, is organizing the Fair. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Sincerely,  
Your Board of Directors



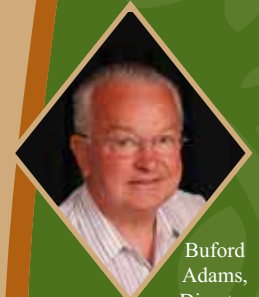
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